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STATE OF WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

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TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION QUARTERLY MEETING

QUORUM PRESENT: YES

NO

Date:	January 19, 2023
Chair:	Brandi Peetz, Association of Washington Cities
Call to Order:	10 a.m.
Adjourn:	11:52 a.m.

Agenda Item:	Approval of Meeting Minutes	Lead: All Commissioners
Minutes to be approved: October 22, 2022, minutes approved as distributed.		
Changes Needed:		

Agenda Item:	PUBLIC COMMENT	Lead:
Abigail Potter, WA Trucking Association		
<p>Commented on legislation not yet introduced -- Share the Road, which deals with large trucks and busses and makes Share the Road education mandatory. This training is not currently included in driver training curriculum. Share the Road has been around since 1986. In 2022 there were over 4,925 crashes involving commercial motor vehicles. WSP makes the at-fault determination in those crashes, and, over the last five years, 78 percent of the crashes were assigned to the passenger vehicle or motorcycle, 57 percent were assigned injury, and 52 percent was assigned to property damage. All crashes were assigned to a motor vehicle or motorcycle.</p> <p>The goal of this legislation is to make Share the Road education mandatory in driver curriculum. Six of the top 10 violations assigned to passenger vehicles are things that could be resolved with education, such as following too close, improper lane changes, improper turns, failure to not provide enough space in front. Talking about truck blind spots, wide turns, and stopping distances is all very important education to provide to drivers.</p> <p>The WTA wants to commend the WTSC's effort to lower the BAC. WTA strongly supports this legislation. Many oppose, but WTA has been on the record to support lowering the BAC. Alcohol participates in over 30 percent of fatal crashes. Highways are our workplace. We do not want to be involved in those crashes. Any way we can reduce alcohol impaired incidents is important. Lowering</p>		

the BAC previously had a tremendous affect and we have knowledge it can reduce impaired driving going forward. Utah is a clear example.

WTA is also supportive of work zone speed cameras. Enforcement is difficult in work zones. The top three violations are distracted driving, speed, and following too close. It is important to protect our construction workers who are working on our roads.

WTA strongly opposes the motorcycle lane splitting legislation and does not think this bill will help reduce crashes. The priority of all legislation should be whether it will reduce crashes.

Topics for Future Meetings	Proposed Date/Month	Lead

Meeting Attendees	
Commissioners:	Members of the Public:
Brandi Peetz, AWC, Chair	Dina Swires, WSDOT
Roger Millar, WSDOT	Dongho Chang, WSDOT
Sue Birch, HCA	Sarah Mariani, HCA
George Steele, Judiciary	Haiping Zhang, DOL
Debbie Driver (GOV)	Jennifer Dieguez, DOH
	Evelyn Roy, TZM
	Gurman Kaur, TZM
Commissioner Designees:	Rebecca Lis, TZM
Capt. James Prouty, WSP	Sara Wood, TZM
Lt. Courtney Stewart, WSP	Tara Tsehlana, TZM
Deborah Bell, WA Association of Counties	Carr Lanham, TZM
Kristen Peterson, DOH	Marsha Masters, TZM
WTSC Staff:	Stacey McShane, TZM
Shelly Baldwin	Bob Thompson, Statewide LEL
Pam Pannkuk	Cesi Velez, Statewide CPS Coordinator
Geri Nelson	Gregory Foster, @CannObserv
Mandie Dell	TVW Streaming
Mark McKechnie	Nancy Pullen-Seufert
Rainboe Sims-Jones	Marshall Elizer, WSDOT
Bernie Shah	Jaclyn Numata
Edica Esqueda	Emmanuel James
Mark Medalen	Jennifer Halverson Kuehn
Jessie Knudsen	Ryan Packer, The Urbanist
Janine Koffel	Sheriff Drew Hyer
Anthony Bledsoe	Abigail Potter, WA Trucking
Penny Rarick	
Staci Hoff	
Max Roberts	

Terry Ponton	
Dawn Hernandez	