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## Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Council (ATSC) Meeting

January 15, 2025

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Hybrid Meeting

Access ATSC meeting recordings at <https://wtsc.wa.gov/safe-driving/active-transportation-safety-council/>.

**Quorum Present:**  Yes  No

### Summary Notes

Agenda Item:	<b>Group Introductions</b>	Lead: Pat Hughes, Facilitator
Extended introductions from the group were held. New members were welcomed.		
Follow-Up: N/A		

Agenda Item:	<b>Approval of Meeting Minutes</b>	Lead: Shelly Baldwin, WTSC
Minutes to be approved: November 20, 2024. Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. No corrections requested. Minutes will be posted on the website.		
Follow-Up: N/A		

Agenda Item:	<b>Friendly Points of Contact</b>	Lead: Pat Hughes, Facilitator
Members who have been on the council for some time will serve as friendly points of contact for new members. Friendly points of contact include Harold, David, Jon, Tony, Amy, and Kerri.		
Follow-Up: N/A		

Agenda Item:	<b>Updates</b>	Lead: Abby Williams, WTSC
2024 feedback summary		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There will continue to be both in-person and virtual meeting opportunities each year.</li><li>• Working to develop a template that provides guidance to the council when there is a guest speaker.</li><li>• The council is supportive of the work being done through fatal case reviews.</li><li>• The council appreciates receiving meeting materials in advance of the meeting.</li><li>• Meeting scheduling happens as far in advance as possible to avoid scheduling conflicts.</li></ul>		

Pilot to use light meters in investigating light levels

- Procurement is on hold due to statewide spending freeze

Follow-Up: N/A

Agenda Item:

**Legislative Tracking**

Lead: Mark McKechnie, WTSC

Updates:

- There was a previously drafted bill about including trails and shared use pathways in the broader definition of active transportation, especially as they interact with public roads.
- DOL submitted a report to the legislature on issues around driver education. Driver education isn't affordable to many students. There are driving school deserts around the state (no driving schools within 50+ miles of where students live). Classroom hours can be completed in increments of 2 hours, thus creating the need for many trips to/from a driving school. There also aren't enough drive instructors.
- The Governor's budget was submitted. Much of the funding that goes to active transportation is in the transportation budget.
- [HB 1008](#): A criteria for selecting projects is a history of vehicle and pedestrian-involved collisions at the location where the funds will be used.

Proposal to reduce the blood alcohol concentration per se limit from 0.08 to 0.05.

- [SB 5067](#): WTSC's agency request bill.
- [HB 1315](#): Recently introduced. The main effect is to lower the BAC limit, but there are some slight changes that make this bill different from the Senate bill.
- Consistently, half of traffic fatalities involve an impaired driver. Alcohol remains the number one impairing substance involved in fatal crashes with just over 60% of impaired drivers have alcohol in their system, either alone or in combination.
- 75% of countries that are home to 80% of the world's population already have BAC limits for driving of 0.05 or lower.
- Recent research shows that on average, compared to a sober driver, a driver at a BAC of 0.05 has double the risk of being involved in a collision.
- Utah is the only state in the U.S. with a BAC of 0.05.

A discussion around writing a letter of support and/or making a recommendation was held. ATSC's role is to make recommendations to the legislature to improve the safety of active transportation users. If the 0.05 bill is a bill that would improve that, it's within the ATSC's purview to support / recommend the bill. The Council discussed what a process looks like for making decisions like this, and members shared reasons why it may or may not be good to support the BAC change.

Consensus was reached to develop procedures on how ATSC might take a position on a bill and to present a draft letter for support of the BAC 0.05 bill for the membership to review at the February meeting.

Follow-Up:

- Jessie will flag important bills for ATSC to be aware of when Mark sends them out.
- Research and develop procedures for discussing / approving.
- Present a draft letter of support to review prior to February 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Email Pat, Jessie, and Shelly if you have concerns and didn't indicate affirmative support in pursuing work associated with the 0.05 bill.

Agenda Item:	<b>Safer Rural Roads Forum</b>	Lead: Tony Bledsoe, WTSC
<p>The National Center for Rural Road Safety held the <a href="#">Safer Rural Roads Forum</a> in Bozeman, MT, in December 2024. The conference was about how to grow new patterns of thought and behavior, explore the Safe System Approach (SSA) on rural roads, and create actionable strategies to share. Attendees were tasked with identifying what the implementation of each SSA realm looks like in a rural community, as well as barriers and resources involved. A key takeaway was that active transportation users were mentioned in every realm of the SSA.</p> <p>Q: What should ATSC be thinking about right now? A: Tony was surprised at how the group went back to core socioeconomic needs and creating jobs and opportunities (i.e., impaired driving as a product of a deeper issue).</p>		
Follow-Up:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invite Tony to a future meeting.</li></ul>		

Agenda Item:	<b>Telematics Data Overview</b>	Lead: Dr. Staci Hoff, WTSC
<p><i>Refer to presentation (A1):</i> Traffic Safety Insights from Telematics Data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lots of information and data is available on the WTSC website.</li><li>• Is it possible to know how they distinguish drivers and passengers, and whether they can detect transit use vs. biking vs. walking?</li><li>• Contact Dr. Hoff at <a href="mailto:shoff@wtsc.wa.gov">shoff@wtsc.wa.gov</a> if you're interested in receiving Kepler maps.</li></ul>		
Follow-Up:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invite Dr. Hoff to a future meeting.</li></ul>		

Agenda Item:	<b>Measuring ATSC Success</b>	Lead: Pat Hughes, Facilitator; Jessie Knudsen, WTSC
<p>ATSC members reviewed a proposed set of measures to review at year-end. Additional discussion focused on ways to get the word out externally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How do we get the word out externally? How do we share what people should be thinking and caring about? Could we put something out in a creative way that makes people think within their own networks, such as a "factoid of the quarter"?</li><li>• Who are we and what are our goals?</li><li>• Measuring success could include reviews, recommendations, work groups, etc.</li><li>• Inputs, outputs, and outcomes.</li></ul>		

Follow-Up:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Executive Committee to fine-tune how we measure success.</li></ul>

Agenda Item:	<b>ATSC Meeting Notices</b>	Lead: Pat Hughes, Facilitator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>July ATSC meeting on July 9, due to July 15 <a href="#">Washington Traffic Safety Summit</a> in Spokane</li><li>September in-person meeting to be held Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> from 10-2:30, location TBA</li><li>WA Bikes advocacy Feb. 11-12 (no summit this year)</li></ul>		
Follow-Up: N/A		

Agenda Item:	<b>Closing</b>	Lead: Pat Hughes, Facilitator
Thanks for being here today! Special thanks to our new members for joining.		
Follow-Up: N/A		

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**Present Council Members:** Alan Adolf, Yakima Valley Conference of Governments; Shelly Baldwin, Washington Traffic Safety Commission Acting Director; Barb Chamberlain, WSDOT Active Transportation Division; Charlotte Claybrooke, WSDOT Active Transportation Division; Jennifer Dieguez, WA Dept. of Health; Dr. Annemarie Dooley, Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility; Eric Edwards, Richland Police Department; Sgt. Teresa Fuller, Spokane Police Department; Tony Gomez, Seattle & King County Public Health; Cara Jockumsen, WA Dept. of Licensing; David Jones; Kitty Klitzke, City of Spokane; Dr. Steve Mooney, UW Dept. of Epidemiology; Venu Nemani, Seattle Dept. of Transportation; Jon Pascal, Kirkland City Council; Dr. Amy Person, Benton-Franklin Health District; Harold Taniguchi, Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs

**External ATSC Facilitator:** Patricia Hughes, Trillium Leadership Consulting

**ATSC Program Manager:** Jessie Knudsen, WTSC Program Manager

**ATSC Program Support:** Abby Williams, WTSC Program Specialist

**WTSC Staff:** Tony Bledsoe, Program Manager; Christina Fremont, Fatal Case Review Coordinator; Dr. Staci Hoff, Research Director; Mark McKechnie, External Relations Director

**Guests:** Sara Hallstead, Seattle & King County Public Health; Celese Toyofuku, Seattle & King County Public Health