

Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Council (ATSC) Meeting

November 20, 2024

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

Summary Notes

1. Welcome, Pat Hughes

- Group Introductions
- Affirm Quorum: A quorum was met.
- Approve Minutes: Minutes to be approved: September 11, 2024. Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. A couple of minor edits were requested; minutes will be approved post-edits and posted to the website.

2. Annual Report, Pat Hughes

- Kudos to everyone on the Annual Report. It was interesting to see the work of others, especially that of crosswalks and roundabouts. Roundabouts and their various configurations can be confusing, so it would be helpful to have a standardized approach so active transportation users know how to operate them. The people at WSDOT did the work of working through gaps in how crosswalks are defined. This language can be put forth to the legislature for consideration.
- An error was noted. Edit to be made on Annual Report: "A trend that was observed was a lack of roadway infrastructure maintenance and revision resulting in outdated roadway designs that were ill-equipped to support the surrounding developments and ATU use. Examples include arterials that intersect densely populated communities that have evolved from commercial to residential use over time and bus stops located along multi-lane roadways that don't offer crosswalks)."
- Thanks to study groups, reviewers, and editors.
- Suggestions:
 - The ATSC might be interested in hearing from Tony Bledsoe, WTSC Program Manager, about rural transportation safety.
 - An observation of fatal case reviews was noted as it relates to young drivers. Would it be worth taking a closer look at "family having more influence on young drivers"
- The Washington Traffic Safety Summit will be July 15-17 in Spokane, WA. More details to come.

3. Fatal Case Review Items, Christina Fremont and Staci Hoff, WTSC; ATSC Topics for 2025, Pat Hughes

- State Routes and Speed Fatal Case Review (FCR) update:
 - Continuation of discussion of notes format from last meeting. Christina removed last section of “summary of considerations” and added a section called “additional discussion” of things that were triggered by the review.
 - Since so many people have participated in these reviews for years, patterns are being seen.
 - In bold, the note of “These are not the official recommendations of the council or WTSC” is made on the notes. When the FCR notes go to the council, the council decides where to take action and/or put something in the Annual Report.
 - In the future, time will be carved out for larger discussion / input / observation that will result in an update to the notes.
- Active Transportation User (ATU) Dashboards:
 - As Dr. Hoff moves through the data, we’ll highlight what is seen, what the trends are, and move it into the next section for FCR topics for next year.
- There will be three FCRs in 2025, one of which will be bicycle focused. It’s a great idea to invite guest speakers to meetings who would be related to FCR topics.
- Lots of discussion about FCR topics for 2025 while looking through data dashboards.
- Ideas:
 - Intersections, expand to pedestrian action
 - South King County or King County ped/bike fatalities
 - Speed
 - Parallel routes for bicycles
 - Geographic areas
 - Intersections, mid-block crossings
 - Crossing at non-intersections
 - Crossing at night / dusk/dawn
 - Posted speed above 25mph in urban/suburban areas and population centers
 - Young driver ATU considerations
 - Minor crashes on arterials
 - Safety education
 - Vehicle size
 - Counties with disproportionate bike and ped data
 - Helmet
 - SR-7 in Pierce County continues to be a problem
 - Pacific Highway South / Highway 99
 - Spokane
 - Vehicle types (electric, etc.)
 - Which kinds of conditions or locations are most likely to help point ATSC to specific recommendations?
- Reminder to look at the data dashboard dots as real people, not just dots.
- [Spokesman Review article on Spokane’s most dangerous intersections](#).
- On FCR cover sheet (and MAXQDA over time), Christina is tracking when a speed analysis occurs or not. This will help to note patterns seen in cases and to understand when officers choose to conduct these analyses or not.

- SSA would tell us we need to understand speed because safe speeds is one of the core principles.
- FCR Topics and Schedule for 2025:
 - 1- Bikes
 - 2- Geographical focus City of Spokane/Spokane Valley with secondary filters
 - 3- S. King County (not Kent), roads with more than two lanes, mid-block/intersection balance, night, 30-40 mph, age group filters
- February: City of Spokane / Spokane Valley
- May: South King County
- August: Bikes

4. Update – Pilot to Use Lighting Study, Briana Weisgerber, WSDOT

- *Refer to Street Lighting and Safety Proviso Update slides.*
- Discussion:
 - Where do we go from here? What does Briana suggest based on her role in this regarding specific efforts the council should do to move this along?
 - Bring back technical assistance
 - Can training be provided that emphasizes pedestrian safety?
 - Have a landing page to collect all information that exists on lighting. Should WSDOT or WTSC do this?
 - The report to the legislature is due January 1st. Review comments are due to Briana early the week of November 25th.

5. Closing

- Looking ahead to 2025:
 - Jan. Meeting: Request Tony Bledsoe's attendance. New member extended introductions. Abby will provide an update on the light meter training procurement.
 - In 2025, ATSC will go back to monthly meetings. Each meeting will be 2 hours long. If targeted topics or recommendations are noted, ad-hoc groups will be formed.
 - Pat and Christina will confirm the FCR group for next year.
- Feedback: What went well in 2024?
 - Thank you, Pat, for creating an environment of openness at these meetings. It's easy for someone to speak up if they don't understand something or disagree.
 - The group has a spirit of trying to make things better and getting work done. There's a deep commitment among members to get things done.
 - The amount of expertise in the room is great. Excited that everyone's comments and input are captured. Glad Spokane was chosen as a topic for FCRs next year.

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- Loved meeting in-person in September. At least one in-person meeting annually would be nice, as the value from them is great. If you didn't read through the new [Target Zero Plan](#) in depth, you should. The existence of this group has shifted the content in that document. It's important as the underpinning for how federal dollars are used within the state.
- Thanks, everyone, for all the efforts this year. There was great attendance at these meetings. Great group diversity. The commitment is great and means a lot. Thanks for positivity.
- Great year. Lots of learning. Grateful to be with people who have lots of knowledge and look for collaboration while they continue doing this work.
- Abby will be sending out an end-of-year survey via email soon.
- Thanks for a great year!

Present Committee Members: Barb Chamberlain, WSDOT Active Transportation Division; Charlotte Claybrooke, WSDOT Active Transportation Division; Jennifer Dieguez, WA Dept. of Health; 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; Venu Nemani, SDOT; Jon Pascal, Kirkland City Council; Dr. Amy Person, Benton-Franklin Health District; Bob Scarfo, Land and Life; Portia Shields, Yakama Nation; Harold Taniguchi, Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs; Carrie Wilhelme, City of Tacoma; Kerri Wilson, Intercity Transit

Facilitator: Patricia Hughes, Trillium Leadership Consulting

ATSC Program Manager: Jessie Knudsen, WTSC

WTSC Staff: Wade Alonzo, Program Director; Christina Fremont, Fatal Case Review Coordinator; Dr. Staci Hoff, Research Director; Mark McKechnie, External Relations Director; Erin Vroman, Program Specialist; Abby Williams, Program Specialist

Guests: Sara Hallstead, Kent Police Dept.; Michael Houston, Toole Design; Rebecca Lis, Seattle & King County Public Health; Sarah Ott, WSDOT; Amy Shaffer; Briana Weisgerber, WSDOT