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Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Council (ATSC) Meeting

March 19, 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:	Welcome	Lead: Pat Hughes, Facilitator
Extended introductions from the group were held. New members were welcomed. Share your name, role, and day activity.		
"When you know who's here, you can do better work together." - Pat Hughes		
Follow-Up: N/A		

Agenda Item:	Approval of Meeting Minutes	Lead: Jessie Knudsen, WTSC
Minutes to be approved: February 19, 2025. Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. One amendment was noted:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include the comment about the fatal case review report indicating that it appears there were 0 fatalities or serious injuries on roads with 25mph speeds or less, as speed is an important factor.		
Minutes will be revised and distributed to the council for further review prior to the next meeting. Minutes will be posted to the website once approved at a later date.		
Follow-Up:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes will be revised as noted above.		

Agenda Item:	Timely Legislative Items	Lead: Mark McKechnie, WTSC
Mark provided an overview of and updates on the following bills:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SB 5067 (0.05 bill): This bill died and didn't advance from the Senate. Around 3-4 votes short.• HB 1878• SB 5705• SB 5238• SB 1596		

- [SB 5374](#): For this group, it includes tribal representation in the Cooper Jones ATSC membership.
- [HB 1423](#)
- [SB 5595](#): This is one of the bills ATSC supports.
- [HB 1822](#)
- [SB 5581](#)

Status of the 3 bills ATSC supports:

- [SB 5067](#) (Reduce 0.05 BAC bill): Died.
- [SB 5595](#) (Shared Streets bill): Passed the Senate.
- [HB 1228](#) (Tox lab bill): Didn't advance.

Are there any other bills that ATSC should be supporting?

- [HB 1878](#) (improving young driver safety bill) - Fiscal cutoff to get it out of Senate Transportation is April 8th. Floor cutoff is April 16th.

Any comments in favor of this bill?

- A member mentioned the data about the disparity around young drivers who've taken drivers education or not is compelling.
- A member discussed equitable access around driver education and said that supporting it would be advantageous.
- A member shared their personal experience of paying for 2 drivers ed courses. Supporting this bill would go along nicely with the Shared Streets bill in educating road users.
- A member is currently in driver education. When this person was in school, there was no driver education for students with disabilities. Is this type of education open to students with varying disabilities (cognitive, physical, etc.)? Specialized equipment is needed. Schools don't offer driver education to students with disabilities, and they'd have to go through DVR at DSHS.

Decision: Consensus vote to direct staff to write a letter of support for the HB 1878 law change. Kitty and Annemarie will serve as the signees for this letter.

What does it mean to sign on behalf of ATSC?

- ATSC makes recommendations as part of their legislatively mandated duties.
- WTSC likes to have a specific ATSC member sign each letter. Not everyone is able to lobby.
- Designated ATSC members will serve as the ATSC signees.

Follow-Up:

- Shelly and Jessie will draft a letter of support for HB 1878. Kitty and Annemarie will serve as the signees.

Agenda Item:	Fatal Case Review	Lead: Christina Fremont, WTSC

Refer to presentation: *Fatal Case Review – 2023 Pedestrian Fatalities in the City of Spokane and Spokane Valley*

Pat: Are we hearing possibilities for where you want to learn more or have avenues for participation?

Discussion / Comments:

- Q: There are some places in statute around driver education requirements for driving safely around active transportation users and requirements on traffic court sessions. How are the laws being complied with? What is happening in both traffic court and driver education?
 - HB 1129 2011 added requirements for active transportation safety education in traffic school drivers are sent to by traffic court.
 - <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=46.83.090>
 - HB 2564 2008 added requirement for this in driver's ed <https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=46.82.420>
- Should a question from the DOL when renewing licenses ask whether or not you've been involved in a fatal crash?
- "Expect the unexpected" might be good to use in our messaging.

Follow-Up:

- Shelly will look into whether or not there's room in the budget to add a law enforcement training video.
- Clarification on original Cooper Jones Act of 1998 requested.

Agenda Item:	Telematics Part II	Lead: Dr. Staci Hoff, WTSC
<p>Dr. Staci Hoff is the Research Director at WTSC and provides data support to ATSC. She attended the meeting in January for an overview of telematics data. Today is a deep dive on telematics.</p> <p>WTSC's Data Collaborations webpage contains data reports.</p> <p>Refer to presentation: <i>Vulnerable Road User Insights from Telematics Data</i></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any way to overlay the data with the fatal crash data to retroactively say where, for example, fatal crash review cases occurred?		
Follow-Up: N/A		

Agenda Item:	Closing	Lead: Pat Hughes
Announcements:		

- [Washington Traffic Safety Summit](#)
 - July 15-17 in Spokane, WA
 - All ATSC members are encouraged to attend, as your work in the Safe System Approach is important.

Follow-Up Actions:

- Draft an ATSC letter of support for HB 1878. Kitty and Annemarie will serve as signees of the letter.

Follow-Up: N/A

Invited 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; **Sgt. Teresa Fuller**, Spokane Police Department; **Jesse Gilpatrick**, Center for Independence; **Will Habel**, Clallam County; **David Jones**; **Kitty Klitzke**, City of Spokane; **William Lemke**, Retired Public Employees Council, Judge (Ret.); **Karen Messmer**, Olympia Safe Streets Campaign; **Dr. Steve Mooney**, UW Dept. of Epidemiology; **Jon Pascal**, Kirkland City Council; **Weston Perkins-Clark**, EMT/Safe Kids Coordinator; **Dr. Amy Person**, Benton-Franklin Health District; **Portia Shields**, Yakama Nation; **Harold Taniguchi**, Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs; **Carrie Wilhelme**, City of Tacoma

ATSC Program Manager: **Jessie Knudsen**, Washington Traffic Safety Commission

ATSC Program Support: **Abby Williams**, Washington Traffic Safety Commission

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

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