

APPROVED
March 20, 2024

Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Council
January 17, 2024
Virtual/Hybrid Meeting

Summary Minutes

1) Opening

- Affirm quorum (minimum of 11) with 20 voting members present
- Approve November 2023 minutes
- Annual Report delivered – “just keeps getting better”
- Announcement: WSDOT is the first active transportation plan ever to win the People's Choice Award! <https://wsdotblog.blogspot.com/2022/11/state-active-transportation-plan.html>

2) Update on bills being developed to update and expand the use of automated traffic safety cameras. Sponsored now by House and Senate Transportation. Summary includes:

- \$ must be used for traffic safety purposes
- provides suggestions to provide complete streets and non-motorized activity (crosswalks, law enforcement related, etc.).
- Not a mandate, discretionary for cities and counties to choose to participate
- Provides option for public employee, non-officers to review the tickets
- <https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=2384&Initiative=false&Year=2023> is the House bill on safety cameras

3) Update on Helsinki information trade mission discussing traffic safety strategies. Perspectives shared by Shelly Baldwin Mark McKechnie, Dongho Chang.

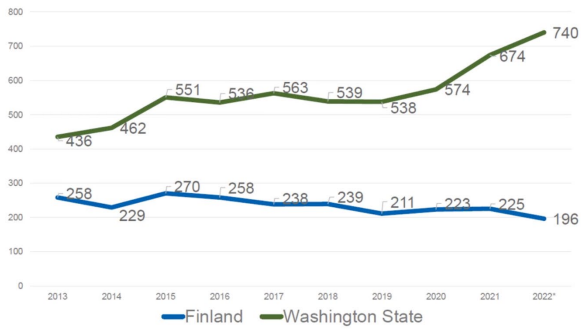
Observations are that the culture is helpful and hospitable, to walkers and rollers, with amenities, transportation that is built around people, and a focus focus on young people to bring them into the transit culture. With similar population numbers to WA state, the statistics show Finland is doing something right to reduce traffic deaths.

Policy Matters

Finland has implemented policies and practices to make their roads safer, including widespread use of speed safety cameras and 0.05 BAC.

They have achieved dramatically lower numbers and rates of traffic deaths compared to Washington.

Finland and Washington State



Estimates for 2023
 Washington State 31.7.2023 417
 Finland 180**



Speed cameras reduce speeds and save lives

Finland had speed cameras installed on 1,800+ roadway miles from 1997-2007

- Estimated reduction in injury crashes: 4-14%
- Estimated reduction in fatal crashes: 18-32%

“Automatic enforcement was concluded as one of the largest and most effective road safety measures in recent years in Finland.”

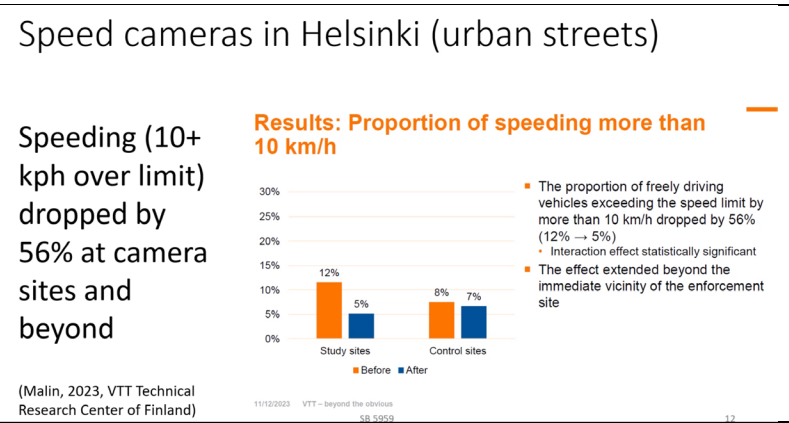
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Speed cameras on urban/suburban connectors around Helsinki (Ring Road)

	Before cameras installed	After cameras installed
Percent of drivers exceeding posted speeds by 10 kph or more	6 to 20 percent	1 to 5 percent

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Speeding (10+ kph over limit) dropped by 56% at camera sites and beyond



4) November Fatality Review – Staci Hoff, WTSC Staff

Topic: 12 Pedestrian Fatalities in Yakima County 2021-2022

Summary of Considerations

The Fatal Case Review Study Team is referring the following actions to the CJATSC for discussion by all members and consideration for further research, applicability, and evidence base to develop Study Teams, white papers, policy, and recommendations of the CJATSC to prevent death and serious injury among active transportation users.

- Influencing Policy and Legislation
 - The CJATSC may consider the following as an official recommendation to include in the CJATSC 2024 Annual Report: “Support tribal communities with innovative data collection approaches, such as the Yakama Tribe’s use of AIWaysion Mobile Unit for Sensing Traffic (MUST), to capture comprehensive road use and traffic information to justify and measure active transportation user infrastructure improvements on tribal roads.”
- Changing Organizational Practices
- Fostering Coalitions and Networks
- Educating Providers
- Promoting Community Education
- Strengthen Individual Knowledge and Skills

2024 Plan:

1. Feb: Young drivers 16-20 (7 cases from 2022)
2. May: State Routes / Posted Speed < 40 MPH (2022 14 cases, will select half)
3. Aug: Bicycles (2023 has already produced 15 cases)
4. Nov: City of Kent (geographic focus: primary hot spots in underserved community; 8 pedestrian deaths in 2022)

5) Speeding in School Zones Report – Presentation by Staci Hoff, WTSC

Info available on WTSC website here: <https://wtsc.wa.gov/dashboards/school-zone-speed-survey/>

6) Launch 2024 Study Teams

- Transit & Crossing Study Team and Human Factors Study Teams will begin to meet February 21

Attending Committee Members: Shelly Baldwin, Washington Traffic Safety Commission; Barb Chamberlain, Active Transportation Division-WSDOT; Charlotte Claybrooke, Active Transportation-WSDOT; Chris Comeau, TranspoGroup, Inc.; Jennifer Dieguez, WA Dept of Health; Eric Edwards, Richland Police; Sgt. Theresa Fuller, Spokane PD; Tony Gomez, King County; Cara Jockmunsen, DOL; David Jones; Venu Nemani, SDOT; Kitty Klitzke, Spokane City Council; Jon Pascal, Kirkland City Council; Weston Perkins-Clark, EMT/Safe Kids Coordinator Clark and Cowlitz Counties; Dr. Amy Person, WA Dept of Health; Bob Scarfo, Governor’s Council

on Aging; Portia Shields, Yakama Nation; Harold Taniguchi, Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs; Carrie Wilhelme, City of Tacoma Public Works; Kerri Wilson, Intercity Transit.

Facilitator: Patricia Hughes, Trillium Leadership Consulting

Attending Guests:

- Dongho Chang, WSDOT
- Sara Wood, Target Zero
- Ryan Packer, reporter for The Urbanist
- Staci Hoff, WTSC
- Julie Otto, WTSC
- Mark McKechnie, WTSC
- Bernie Shah, WTSC