

Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Council

September 11, 2024

9 AM - 2:00 PM

Virtual/Hybrid Meeting in Tacoma, WA

Summary Notes

1. Welcome, Tacoma City Councilmember Kristina Walker welcomes ATSC and shares info about active transportation safety projects in Tacoma.

- Affirm quorum - A quorum was met.
- Approve minutes - The July 2024 ATSC minutes were unanimously approved as presented in the September meeting packet.
- During the approval process, Charlotte Claybrooke posed a question related to how information is recorded in the minutes. Specifically, how do members of the council who did not participate in the fatal case review (FCR) provide input and subject matter expertise on the summary of observations from FCR to ensure that feedback is captured as a matter of public record? Christina Fremont addressed this request by agreeing to include a new section to the FCR summary reports.
- Introductions

2. Fatality Case Review, Christina Fremont

- What is a Fatal Case Review?
 - A comprehensive deep dive into the factors of a fatal crash or sample of multiple crashes with similar factors.
 - Identifying and reporting observations, modifiable risks, and protective factors using the Safe System Approach and Spectrum of Prevention framework.
 - ATSC conducts in order to aggregate data in a snapshot, hamper assumptions made through aggregated data, identify modifiable risk factors, better understand the investigative process, and identify patterns that emerge over time and experience.
 - Who does what?
 - FCR coordinator
 - Meeting logistics
 - New member orientation
 - Consult with ATSC, research and data teams.
 - Gather case materials.
 - Review, prepare and disseminate case materials.
 - Facilitate FCR.
 - FCR summaries and annual report content.
 - FCR Study Team/ATSC Participants

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- Maintain confidentiality.
 - Attend FCRs on a regular basis.
 - Review case materials in advance.
 - Ask questions, make observations, share SME and identify opportunities.
 - Identify elements to track over time,
 - Review and approve draft summary report.
 - Share knowledge and insight with peers and council.
 - ATSC
 - Determine scope of reviews.
 - Read FCR Summary Report.
 - Educate, as needed, based on SME.
 - Determine feasibility of considerations referred from FCR.
 - Track and implement follow-up.
 - Review and approve annual reports of ATSC FCRs.
- Questions
 - Charlotte suggests addition of a “rule” providing review and suggested changes to the actions to consider part of the document. **Christina will address this request.**
 - Harold - How are the locations/jurisdictions for the FCRs selected? **It’s up the council and dependent on availability of materials.**
 - Tony - Does WTSC conduct other FCRs outside of ATSC? **Yes.**
- Fatality Review – Bicycles - Christina Fremont
 - Observations Referred for Consideration
 - Research laws, public education programs and law enforcement training regarding classified electronic-assisted vehicles to ID gaps and determine additional actions for consideration to improve user knowledge and safety, collision investigations and data collection.,
 - Research current speed management policies, specifically for arterials and identify how to improve policies to reduce speed and remove barriers that impact ability to implement improvements.
- Discussion
 - Charlotte - Would like to see something about improving intersections for bicyclists. Suggests a note about investments in bicycle network for separated facilities. **Mark M. from FCR team, re: the FCR crashes that took place at intersections, the team did not identify design elements of the intersections as significant factors in the crashes that occurred with the exception of one, Y-shaped intersection.**

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- Christina - How best do we capture comments on the report of the FCR team? How do we capture ideas from member who did not participate after the FCR? **At the end of the report, add a section called "Council input" for those who did not participate in the FCR to add their SME.**
- How is speeding measured? In fatality cases, generally LE will investigate using black box, scans, etc.
- How do we better turn these observations into topics of study for the council?
- Tony G., are we tracking helmet usage of cyclists in FCRs? **Yes, when it is reported. It's noted that the FCR Team would like to track this more effectively, possibly through better LE use of forms and reporting.**
- Barb - Do we have the level of info that would tell us if the helmet was a factor in the actual injury that caused the fatality? **No. Christina is working to include autopsy reports.**
- Barb - Are there equity statements in here that we can consider as a council as part of our framework? **Change Summary of Considerations section to the section of the FCR report that includes council feedback. Christina to make changes to format of reports.**
- Kitty - Should we look into whether there should be sound requirements for e-bikes the way we do for cars? Lighting education for cyclists, educational campaign seasonality.
- David - We should start tracking vehicle type – **we currently do by weight, not height.** Following up on adjudication.
- Teresa - It's critical that we get someone from the adjudication phase on the FCR team. Capture data about how long it takes to get tox reports back.
- Jennifer - Tracking medical health history in FCR?

3. Annual Report Draft for discussion/review/edits:

- Executive Summary:
 - Pg. 4, note that there is an action that doesn't have anything on status or legislation. Needs more info.
 - Pg. 4 - Add word "impact" to bullet #5 before the word "officers"
 - Pg. 5 – remove reference to (race car drivers)
- Traffic Safety Data Appendix A:
 - Data Pg. 1, third bullet, "nearly one in four" has an incorrect percentage associated with it. Change to "25%")

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- Pg. with map color coding, make clear what the grey means in the key. **Jessie will confirm with Max**
- FCR Appendix B:
 - Are all FCR documents linked to the report? **Yes, to provide context.** Next version will include links to the FCR which are posted on the WTSC website/ATSC page.
 - Mark M. - Add a note/disclaimer about the new coordinator position and acknowledge that the format, process, etc. is being refined so changes may be seen throughout the document over time.
 - Charlotte – e-bikes are talked about in the ped fatalities report and there was no info about how those e-bikes were a factor. Clarify why this was brought to the attention of the group/update Ped report. **Christina will address this.**
 - For next annual report, we will not include detailed FCR summaries. Keep the standard format with the new “what was reported for consideration to the ATSC.”
 - **Christina will specify** that the comment relating to pedestrian was observed “darting out” was based on official LE report.
 - Note that the AIAN (American Indians and Alaska Natives) aspect of fatal case reviews will be added. **Christina will update to note process for selecting cases that include AIAN victims.**
- Human Factors Appendix C:
 - Pg 3. Under engagement, last sentence, revise syntax and write out acronym.
- Improving Safety for Peds/Bikes Accessing Traffic Appendix D:
 - Red text asking about data, the source is the VRU Plan. Keep the text, give attribution.
- Progress Made Appendix E:
 - Jon - attach dates to actions, some say 2023, others do not. Over time we need to keep historical context.
 - Write out all acronyms.
 - Edited to add: Action needed around access to shared use trails and private development connections. Barb will send.
- Operations and Charter Amendments Appendix F:
 - Update Safe System infographic.

4. Statewide survey questions

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- New questions selected:
 1. How important are traffic deaths of people walking or riding?
 - Scale very, not, etc.
 2. In the past 12 months, have you or someone in your immediate family been struck by a car while walking, biking or rolling?
 - Yes/No

- 5. Measuring ATSC Success
 - How do we know we're being successful?
 - Feel sense of being in a brave space, free to try out ideas, stir it up.
 - More discussion time as an entire council.

- 6. Suggested topics for 2025?
 - Get attention, "buzz" that is measurable around or goals. Media, community, advocacy, legislature, funding, implementation and logistics.
 - Members of the council communicate their needs to Christina related to the continued process of improving FCRs. Visitor.
 - Continue to be consensus driven in recommendations.
 - "Inside Out," human behavior tie-ins to current media.
 - Influencers.
 - Crashes on arterials, near destination.
 - Crashes related to intersections.
 - Gaps in data.
 - Safety education, all age audiences.

Attending Committee Members: Barb Chamberlain, Active Transportation Division-WSDOT; Charlotte Claybrooke, Active Transportation-WSDOT; Jennifer Dieguez, WA Dept. of Health; Sgt. Teresa Fuller, Spokane Police Department; Tony Gomez, King County; Cara Jockumsen, WA Department of Licensing; David Jones; Kitty Klitzke, City of Spokane; Jon Pascal, Kirkland City Council/Association of WA Cities; Dr. Amy Person, WA Dept. of Health; Bob Scarfo, Land & Life; Portia Shields, Yakama Nation; Harold Taniguchi, Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs; Carrie Wilhelme, City of Tacoma; Kerri Wilson, Intercity Transit

ATSC Program Manager: Jessie Knudsen

WTSC Staff: Christina Fremont, Mark McKechnie

Facilitator: Patricia Hughes, Trillium Leadership Consulting