

Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Council Meeting

August 17, 2022

10 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Intro and welcome, Shelly Baldwin, WTSC Director

- Review and Approve minutes from July 2022 – no comments

Membership Updates, Jessie Knudsen, WTSC Program Manager

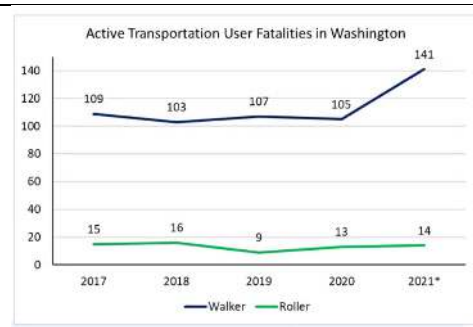
- Weston Perkins-Clark, EMT/Safe Kids Coordinator Cowlitz and Clark Counties, in SW WA will join us in September

“Overview and Data Q&A on Hit and Run and Near Miss” - Guest Speaker Sgt Bishop, Kent Police Department

Patterns/trends:

- Primarily bikes/cars
- Underreported statistic includes transient bumps by bikers
- Near misses: often we arrive and no one is there, no victim
- Hard to report them, have to track down the officer to give a statement
- Understaffing is a big issue
- Walker roller grant highway 99 update by Sara Wood – pacific highway south, video training out to more agencies

2021 traffic safety data – Max Roberts, Research Associate WTSC



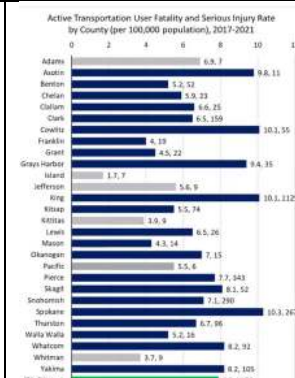
- 141 walker fatalities in 2021
- Possibly most since 1970's
- 34.3% increase from 2020
- 23.4% of all traffic fatalities (n=663) were active transportation users in 2021

OF THE 155 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION USER FATALITIES IN 2021...

- 4% (n=6) involved an Alcohol-Impaired Driver (PRELIMINARY)
 - 2.5% in 2020
- 3% (n=5) involved a Drug-Positive Driver (PRELIMINARY)
 - 9% in 2020
- 15% (n=23) involved a Distracted Driver
 - 14% in 2020
- 6% (n=9) involved a Speeding Driver
 - 4% in 2020
- Most occurred in November (13%, n=18) and December (13, n=18)
 - Most occurred in October (15%) in 2020
- 1 in 5 (20%) occurred on Sundays
 - 1 in 4 (24%) occurred on Saturdays in 2020
- Just over half (55%) occurred between 6pm and 3am
 - ~60% occurred between 6pm and 3am in 2020
- 1 in 3 (33%) occurred on a city street
 - 43% occurred on a city street in 2020



- 74% of all active transportation user fatalities in 2021 occurred in King, Pierce, Spokane, Snohomish, and Yakima Counties
- 32% of all active transportation user fatalities in 2021 occurred in King County



- Spokane, King, and Cowlitz counties all saw an average of 10+ active transportation user fatalities or serious injuries per 100,000 population from 2017-2021
- Washington State average was 7.9 active transportation user fatalities or serious injuries per 100,000 population

* Counties with <5 fatalities and serious injuries are suppressed (Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Garfield, Kittitas, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, San Juan, Skamania, Stovacek, Waiilatpu)

Counties with <=5 fatalities and serious injuries are represented by grey (Adams, Island, Jefferson, Kittitas, Pacific, Whitman)

Discussion on Reimagining Safety Paper

- Tightened and added a table to identify which domain
- Send comments directly to Barb and Jessie ASAP
- Will send to legislature as part of Annual Report
- Reminder to all study teams going forward – use the report as a lens thru which to consider your work

Charter Updates

- Discussion / Q&A
- Remove Robert's Rules from Charter
- All members are recommended to take OPMA training – currently under construction
- Push the vote to September – lack of quorum at the end of the meeting

Announcements:

- Week without driving.org
- Driving speed within school walk – fall and spring – have slots for schools to opt in
- Attend: Bike, Walk, Roll Summit
- Speed and Land Use group will be organized soon – talk to George
- State Policy Statement – if interested, pls contact Barb
- Data shows huge uptick in accidents in the fall – can we make public announcements to remind folks, the weather...

General Public Comments, Shelly Baldwin

- Karen Messmer: question about understanding reports of “was the pedestrian in the crosswalk”
- Could look at how crosswalk data is gathered and spoken about in future meetings

Attending Committee Members: Alex Alston, WA Bikes; Shelly Baldwin, Washington Traffic Safety Commission; Max Cantu, Snohomish County Medical Examiner's Office; Barb Chamberlain, Active Transportation Division-WSDOT; Charlotte Claybrooke, Active Will Hitchcock, DOH; ~~David Jones~~; Jessie Knudsen, WTSC Program Manager; Venu Nemani, Portia Shields, Yakama Nation; Harold Taniguchi, Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs; George Watland, Feet First; Kerri Wilson, Intercity Transit; Kirsten York, Community Action Councils of Lewis, Mason, and Thurston Counties; Anna Zivarts, Disability Rights WA / Disability Mobility Initiative

WTSC Staff: Jessie Knudsen, Max Roberts, Mark McKechnie, Sara Woods, Staci Hoff

Facilitator: Patricia Hughes, Trillium Leadership Consulting

Guests:

- Eveline Roy, Target Zero Manager, Region 12
- Liz Kaster sitting in for Josh Diekmann, City of Tacoma
- Sgt. Jason Bishop, Kent Police Department, Guest Speaker
- Karen Messmer – volunteer Thurston County
- Marcia Masters, Target Zero Manager, Region 9
- Ryan Peters, Regional Program Manager, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
- Jon Snyder, Policy Advisor, Governor's Office
- Ryan Packer