

Minutes edited post-March ATSC meeting.

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## Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Council (ATSC) Meeting

February 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:	<b>Group Introductions</b>	Lead: Pat Hughes, Facilitator
What do you enjoy about February?		
Follow-Up: N/A		

Agenda Item:	<b>Approval of Meeting Minutes</b>	Lead: Shelly Baldwin, WTSC
Minutes to be approved: January 15, 2025. Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting. No corrections requested. Minutes will be posted on the website.		
Follow-Up: N/A		

Agenda Item:	<b>ATSC Process Issue #1: Advocacy</b>	Lead: Pat Hughes
<p>An ATSC Advocacy Process draft was created and shared with the Executive Committee and council members. Members were provided an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed advocacy process.</p> <p>Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Three-tiered approach is good.</li><li>• Tier three wording suggestion – “ATSC can express positions on other traffic safety-related bills and concepts from other agencies.”</li><li>• Tier two C – Has there been consideration of when we put something out that we have a disclaimer? Maybe the recommendation is the weight of which we’ve considered an issue.</li></ul> <p><u>Application Case #1: Blood Alcohol Content 0.05 issue</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Background information and case for support shared by Shelly Baldwin and Mark McKechnie.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Effect is increasing education, prevention, and deterrence</li></ul></li></ul>		

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- Educating young drivers who are less experienced at drinking and driving – alcohol impacts many things, including attention and judgment
- Lab tests or physical observations of increased alcohol consumption – people are too impaired to drive safely at 0.05.
- History of 0.05 goes back 90 years.
- David Jones will speak on behalf of this bill the ATSC supports.

Clarify who it goes to. Can the ASTC be signed in “pro” as an organization?

Decision: Consensus vote to direct staff to write letter of support for the law change.

Application Case #2: Toxicology testing opened up to sources other than WSP

[HB 1228](#) – Mike Thomas, Spokane Police Department

Toxicology testing opened up to sources other than WSP (both sides of state). Mike Thomas spoke, a discussion was held to get to consensus, and questions were asked and answered.

Decision: Consensus vote to direct staff to write letter of support for the law change.

Follow-Up:

- Draft a letter of support
- Circulate the letter to council members via email for feedback / comment
- Mark and Shelly will take it from there

Agenda Item:	Legislative Update	Lead: Jessie Knudsen
<p><a href="#">SB 5067</a>: Concerning impaired driving Planning to do an executive session.</p> <p>There are a couple other bills that also lower the BAC to 0.05. These will face committee cut-offs soon.</p> <p>Companion <a href="#">HB 1878</a> / <a href="#">SB 5695</a>: Improving young driver safety Put together based on findings and recommendations from a report Department of Licensing put together in 2024 in response to a bill the legislature passed two years ago.</p> <p><a href="#">SB 5595</a>: Establishing shared streets Allows cities to reduce speed limit to 10mph in areas designated as ATUs having the right-of-way.</p> <p><a href="#">SB 5581</a>: Implementing safe system approach strategies for active transportation infrastructure</p> <p>Follow-Up: N/A</p>		

Agenda Item:	Fatal Case Review report	Lead: Dr. Staci Hoff
Refer to presentation: <i>Fatal Case Review: 2022-2023 Pedestrian Fatalities in the City of Kent</i>		

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Discussion / Comments:

- There were zero fatalities or serious injuries on roads with a posted speed limit of 25 mph or less. Speed is an important factor.

Follow-Up: N/A

Agenda Item: **Washington Operation Lifesaver (WAOL)**

Lead: Lora Foster, Rail Operations Coordinator, WSOT Rail, Freight, & Ports Division

Refer to presentation: *Washington Operation Lifesaver*

<https://www.utc.wa.gov/operationlifesaver/about-us>

Follow-Up: N/A

Agenda Item: **SB 5595 Advocacy Process**

Lead: Venu Nenami, SDOT

The council reviewed [SB 5595, Establishing shared streets](#).

Decision: A third letter of support with consensus vote.

Follow-Up:

- Draft a letter of support
- Send out to council members via email
- Please forward fact sheets to WTSC if you have them on any of the bills

Agenda Item: **Closing**

Lead: Pat Hughes

- Announcements
- Actions – three letters of support to review soon
- Thank you!

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**Present 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; 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; Dr. Steve Mooney, UW Dept. of Epidemiology; Venu Nemani, Seattle Dept. of Transportation; Jon Pascal, Kirkland City Council; Dr. Amy Person,

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Benton-Franklin Health District; Portia Shields, Yakama Nation; Harold Taniguchi, Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs; Carrie Wilhelme, City of Tacoma; Kerri Wilson, Intercity Transit

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

**ATSC Program Manager:** Jessie Knudsen, WTSC Program Manager

**ATSC Program Support:** Abby Williams, WTSC Program Specialist

**WTSC Staff:** Dr. Staci Hoff, Research Director; Mark McKechnie, External Relations Director

**Guests:** Lora Foster, WSDOT; Karen Messmer, President, Olympia Safe Streets Campaign; Dr. John Milton, WSDOT; Mike Thomas, Spokane Police Department; Geoff Wagner, YVCOG