

M E M O R A N D U M

To: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**
From: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Subject: **OCTOBER 16, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

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Oregon Department of Transportation
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Nick Arnis
Thomas Stump (Absent)
Collin Stephens (Absent)
David Howe
Cory Darling
Denice Blake
George Kolb (Absent)
Joel McCarroll
Harold Anderson
Erik Huffman
Michael Toney (Absent)
Rex Wolf

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Robin Lewis

City of Bend

Guests

Bill Padgham
Mike Lovely
Kent Garliepp
Sami Fournier
Casey Bergh
Kim Curley
Charity Sturgeon
Jovi Anderson

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COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions:** Chair, Nick Arnis welcomed members and guests, introductions were made. The group welcomed CDD representative Colin Stevens
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Arnis called for a vote on the September 19, 2012 minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes.
- 3) **Agenda Review:** Mr. Arnis asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. None given.
- 4) **Proposal for fewer TSAC meetings.** Nick Arnis

Mr. Arnis asked the TSAC members to consider reducing the number of TSAC meetings from monthly to quarterly. Meetings could be called to create a forum to address a serious crash or other safety issue that might arise and need more immediate attention from the TSAC group. Each meeting could be a little bit longer and enable each subject to be discussed more thoroughly and topics could be limited to focus on higher priority items. The scheduling of meetings could match the budget season better. The TSAC members all consented to go to quarterly meetings. This will enable TSAC to focus on the crash study and countermeasure implementation program.

5) Arterial & Collector Safety Update

Mr. Arnis explained the status of the Arterial Collector Traffic Safety Project and how the team is using the data collected to understand the cause and effect of the highest crash locations. He introduced Robin Lewis to give an update on the progress of the team. Robin reported on the countermeasures that have been created for engineering fixes as well as the need for enforcement and education programs to enable crash reduction. Next steps will be to perform additional outreach, talk to the city council budget committee, and place information on the city's website.

Implementing engineering fixes should be coordinated with the city's CIP program and may allow other program projects to implement some safety aspects (stormwater project on 3rd Street (3rd Street pedestrian crossings), Franklin Avenue stormwater project and Walgreens private project.

Identify for TSAC and Council where pedestrians are hit within community (5-lane and multi-lane crossings); update engineering standards. Work with police and fire to identify resources and how to best reduce the impact of crashes on their reduced resources.

6) Police Enforcement Update and Information Items

The police request TSAC to write a letter of support for a Safe Communities Grant. This will provide automated speed signs (your speed is) with a controller and data record keeping provisions.

7) Information Items

Updates:

- Nick Arnis reported he is hoping to work with the Neighborhood Chairs on Thursday with the CSR's involving traffic issues. He has worked with the sub-committee of Kent Garliepp, Rex Wolf, Harold Anderson and Jim Gattey on this issue.
- Galveston RFP is being reviewed internally. This RFP seeks consulting services to create a more defined concept plan for Galveston Streetscape project (Deschutes River to 14th Street). The consultant would start with the sketches developed by the Galveston Task Force this past year.
- ODOT SPIS update will be forthcoming.
- Quiet Zone. It is noted that there are no current crashes occurring in the city at railroad/roadway interfaces. There are no auto, truck, bus or pedestrian crashes occurring at railroad gate crossing locations in Bend. Projects of this sort could divert safety funds from being allocated to actual crash locations.

Audience requests:

- Request was made for additional k-12 education materials for safety.
- There is a failure to yield issue at the OMD bus stop/ped crossing on Bond Street near Theatre Drive.
- Low clearance on Brosterhaus RR undercrossing. This grade separated crossing might be getting hit by overheight trucks and could benefit from advance low clearance signs earlier along route.
- Bond Street in OMD has debris within bike lane. As well, there is a dangerous series of stormwater grates in the bike lane that force bicyclists out of the bike lane into the travel lane.

- 3rd Street, northbound the bike lane ends at Cleveland with no warning.

Items for next month agenda:

Staff to bring back the Arterial and Collector Safety Program final executive summary and outreach program descriptions. There will be a discussion and decision on the agenda. Staff will ask TSAC to recommend implementing the list of projects and program elements. Next steps would be for staff to take the recommendation from TSAC to the MPO, BPAC, and the NART as well as City Council.

Adjourn 9:45 AM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 20, 2012, 8:15 AM, City Hall Council Chambers.
(meeting in Nov was cancelled)