

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TrAC)** 

## AGENDA

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Public Meeting Session

**REMOTE OPTION Teams Meeting:** <u>Click here to join the meeting</u> **Phone:** +1 (945)-468-5504 **Phone Conference ID:** 394 158 97#

#### **IN PERSON OPTION**

Goodpasture Room – Public Works Customer Service Center 3050 N. Delta Hwy, Eugene

Introductions / Agenda Review / Rollcall – Chair, Robin Mayall, 10 min.

🗆 Ken Kohl	John Marshall	Brian Martsfield
🗆 Robin Mayall	Clancee McDowell	

- II. General Public Comment, **10 min.**
- III. Discuss Nominations / Appointments for 2025 Chair and Vice Chair, Safe Lane Coalition, and LaneACT representative – *Cassidy Mills*, 10 min. (no attachments)
- IV. Review Year-End 2024 Report and discuss 2025 work plan Cassidy Mills, 20 min. (attachments included)

*Provide feedback to staff on the Year-End 2024 Report and discuss items to add to the work plan for 2025.* 

V. Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) Overview – *Becky Taylor,* **25** min. (attachments included)

*Staff will introduce the project to prepare the TrAC for input and a future public hearing.* 

- VI. Other Updates *All*, **15 min.** 
  - Liaison reports
    - LaneACT John Marshall
  - Info share

Additional attachments:

• TrAC 12 Month Calendar



## Lane County Transportation Advisory Committee (TrAC) Year-End Report: **2024**

#### **Overview**

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TrAC) is an advisory committee to the Lane County Board of Commissioners, which meets every other month. It acts as a forum for public input on Lane County's transportation system and serves as a liaison group representing community transportation concerns to the Board and representing Board decisions to the community. The TrAC bylaws charge the committee with input and recommendations on the County's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The TrAC also conducts public hearings and develops recommendations to the Board on project designs pursuant to Lane Manual.

#### **2024 Accomplishments**

- Reviewed, commented, and conducted a public hearing (March 27, 2024) on the Blue River Drive Design Concept
  - o Conducted a public hearing on the staff recommendation
  - Made a final recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners
- Provided input around project priorities; and reviewed, commented, and conducted a public hearing (September 25, 2024) on the Lane County Road and Bridge Projects to be incorporated into the Lane County Capital Improvement Plan FY 2025/2026-2029/2030
  - Conducted a public hearing on the staff recommendation
  - Made a final recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners
- Provided a letter of recommendation for the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) Grant application (May 22, 2024)
- Members served as liaisons and supported the work of two organizations; and provided status updates to the larger TrAC:
  - o The Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LaneACT)
  - Safe Lane Transportation Coalition
- Continued education for committee members
  - TrAC members received presentations and provided input on the following topics:
    - Transportation funding mechanisms in preparation for the 2025 legislative session
    - Lane County's Code Chapter 15
    - Road Maintenance's response to January's winter storm
- All meetings were held as hybrid, providing TrAC members, staff, and the public the opportunity to attend virtually or in person. The July meeting was slated to be a road tour, however the tour was canceled due to attendance.



• The attendance report of members is included below. The November meeting was canceled.

2024 Attendance	Robin Mayall District #2	Clancee McDowell #1	Gwen Jaspers District #3	Brian Martsfield District #4	John Marshall District #5	Collina Beard* At-Large	Ken Kohl~ At-Large
	excused					excused	
January	absence	~	х	х	х	absence	х
			excused			unexcused	
March	х	х	absence	х	х	absence	х
		excused		excused			
May	х	absence	х	absence	х	x	х
	excused	excused		excused	excused		
July	absence	absence	х	absence	absence	*	х
					excused		
September	х	х	х	х	absence	*	х
November							

~started Feb 21, 2024

\*resigned at May meeting



DEPARTMENT:	Public Works
PRESENTED BY:	Becky Taylor, Senior Transportation Planner
AGENDA ITEM:	Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) Update

#### I. ACTION

Staff will introduce the TSAP project to prepare the TrAC for a future public hearing.

#### II. BACKGROUND

Lane County secured grant funding from the Federal Highway Administration's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program to update the Lane County TSAP. The existing TSAP is out of date as it was based on crash data from 2015. Best practices recommend updating TSAPs every five years to utilize current crash data. In addition to using the latest crash data, the updated TSAP will provide some location-specific roadway engineering projects to address identified safety issues. The budget allows us to develop up to 10 projects with design concepts.

The TrAC is responsible for holding public hearings on design concepts. We anticipate those occurring in July. Between now and then, we will be evaluating the safety problems, developing solutions to those problems, and meeting with affected communities for input. Based on that analysis and input, we will develop project recommendations for the TrAC to consider.

The TrAC's role is to hold a public hearing and then make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The BCC makes the final decision on design concepts. The design concepts identify what is to be built at a conceptual level. Additional funding will then need to be secured to detail those concepts into engineering drawings and to cover construction costs. The updated TSAP will make us eligible to apply for SS4A implementation funding.

#### III. RECOMMENDATION / NEXT STEPS

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to provide updates on the TSAP process. The TrAC public hearing is tentatively scheduled for the July 23, 2025.

#### IV. FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Becky Taylor, Senior Transportation Planner, at 541-682-6932 or becky.taylor@lanecountyor.gov

#### V. ATTACHMENTS

Summary of Existing Safety Conditions



### SUMMARY OF EXISTING SAFETY CONDITIONS

The Lane County Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) will serve as a guide for investing in transportation safety through a Safe System Approach to reach the goal of eliminating fatalities and serious injuries on County roadways. As part of this plan, crash records from the last five years of available data (2018 to 2022) were reviewed and analyzed for rural roadways outside the Eugene-Springfield urban growth boundaries. Notable crash trends and safety emphasis areas are described below and will be used to focus the County's resources on roadways with the highest risk of fatal and serious injury crashes.

#### COUNTYWIDE CRASH TRENDS

On Lane County rural roadways, there were 1,644 crashes reported between 2018 and 2022, which is an average of 329 crashes per year. The total number of crashes per year has decreased since 2018. However, the number and proportion of high severity (fatal and serious injury) crashes has increased. In 2018, roughly 1 in 10 crashes resulted in a fatal or serious injury. In 2022, that proportion was closer to 1 in 6 crashes.

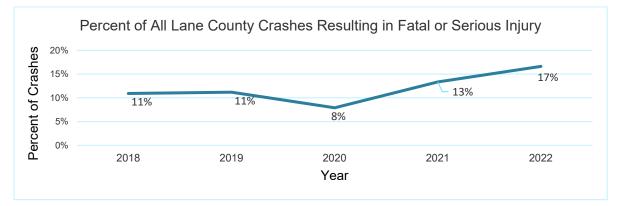


FIGURE 1: PERCENT OF CRASHES RESULTING IN A FATAL OR SERIOUS INJURY BY YEAR

#### WHERE ARE PEOPLE BEING SERIOUSLY INJURED AND KILLED?

We are in the process of developing a High Injury Network (HIN), which identifies the roadways and intersections where the highest density of fatal and serious injury crashes are occurring in Lane County. A few of the corridors that we have highlighted so far include:

- Territorial Highway, north of Veneta
- Clear Lake Road, west of Eugene
- River Road, north of Eugene
- Coburg Road, north of the McKenzie River
- Jasper Road, Jasper-Lowell Road, and Pengra Road, between Springfield and Lowell

#### WHY ARE MORE PEOPLE BEING SERIOUSLY INJURED AND KILLED?

While there are many factors that influence the outcome of a crash, statewide and national safety trends over the last five years show a clear increase in risky behaviors on the roadway. Risky behaviors include speeding, drug and/or alcohol impairment, distraction, drowsiness, and aggressive driving. Not only do these behaviors increase the likelihood of a crash occurring, but they are also associated with more severe injuries when a crash does occur.

#### WHAT PATTERNS AND TRENDS ARE LINKED TO THESE FATAL AND SERIOUS INJURY CRASHES?

After studying Lane County crash data, we found certain crash patterns are common when there are high-severity outcomes. We also compared these trends to crash data in Oregon to highlight the factors that are more common in Lane County than statewide (Figure 2).

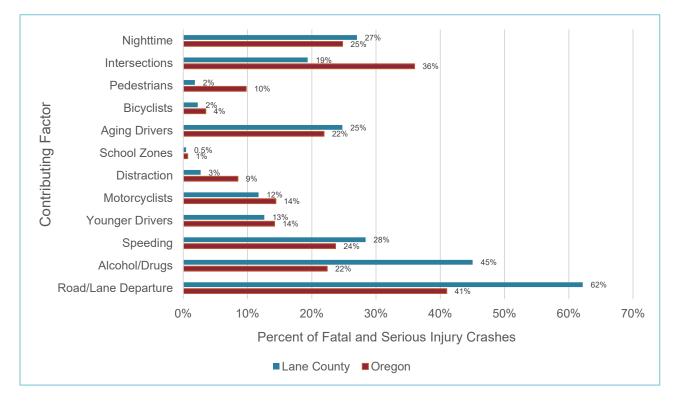


FIGURE 2: LANE COUNTY EMPHASIS AREAS RELATIVE TO STATEWIDE CRASH STATISTICS

The TSAP will address safety for all modes of travel and on all roadway types. The above crash analysis will be combined with input from project partners and the community to select six emphasis areas that will guide the framework of the TSAP and the County's investment in safety strategies and projects. The potential emphasis areas include:

- Drivers leaving their lane or the roadway
- Drug and alcohol impairment
- Speeding
- Intersections
- Nighttime conditions

- Aging drivers
- Younger drivers
- School zones
- Vulnerable road users (bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorcyclists)





# Lane County Transportation Advisory Committee (TrAC)

Tentative 12-Month Calendar & Agenda Items

January 22, 2025 <ul> <li>Nominations / Appointments: 2025 Chair / Vice Chair LaneACT representative</li> <li>2024 Year-End Report / 2025 Next Steps</li> <li>Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) Project Overview</li> </ul>	March 26, 2025 <ul> <li>TSAP Project Update: Existing Conditions Analysis</li> <li>Bylaws Update</li> <li>Transportation Funding Update</li> </ul>	May 28, 2025 • Territorial Highway update • TSAP Project Update: Projects & Strategies (Intro to Design Concepts)
July 23, 2025 • Public Hearing TSAP Project Update: Design Concepts • Capital Improvement Program update	September 24, 2025 • Public Hearing: FY26-FY30 Capital Improvement Program • TSAP Project Update: Draft Plan	November TBD, 2025
January 28, 2026 • Nominations / Appointments: 2026 Chair / Vice Chair LaneACT representative • 2025 Year-End Report / 2026 Next Steps	March 26, 2025	May 28, 2025 • CIP update