

Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation
Thursday, October 27, 2016
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Meeting held at
Cascades West Center
1400 Queen Ave SE
Albany

Videoconference at
OCWCOG Offices
203 N. Main
Toledo

AGENDA

1. **5:00 Welcome and Agenda Review** **Chair Jaramillo**
2. **5:05 Approve Minutes from 8/30/16 meeting (Attachment 1)** **Chair Jaramillo**
ACTION: Approval of minutes
3. **5:10 Public Comments** **Chair Jaramillo**
This time is reserved for members of the public to comment on issues related to the CWACT's activities (limited to three minutes per comment).
4. **5:15 Connect OR VI Project Recommendations/Update** **Frannie Brindle**
A status update will be given by Region 2 Area Manager, Frannie Brindle.
5. **5:30 Distracted Driving/Safety (Attachment 2)** **Cassandra Soucy**
The Oregon Department of Transportation recently convened a Distract Driving Task Force to meet in the summer and fall of 2016 to come up with effective ways to change the culture of distracted driving. This will include possible legislation, enforcement, and new education and outreach campaigns. ODOT Communications Section Manager, Tom Fuller will provide a presentation the efforts.
6. **6:00 Freight Plan & Policy Update** **Erik Havig**
Erik Havig, Planning Section Manager with the Oregon Department of Transportation will provide an update on the amendments to the 2011 Oregon Freight Plan to ensure it is compliant with the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requirements. Also, a brief report on pinch point study and results within Area 4.
7. **6:30 October Meetings Debrief** **Chair Jaramillo**
Debrief on October Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) meetings, workshops and Listening Sessions with the Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization.

8. 6:40 **Super ACT Update** Frannie Brindle
Frannie Brindle, Region 2 Area Manager will update the ACT on Super ACT outcomes.
9. 6:50 **Area Manager's Report** Frannie Brindle
 - *Construction Updates*
 - *Planning Updates*
10. 7:00 **Adjournment**

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DRAFT MINUTES

Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACT) Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments, Albany August 30, 2016 – 5:00 pm

CWACT Members Present:

Dick Olsen, City of Albany
Dick Anderson, City of Lincoln City
Janet Steele, Linn County Private Sector
Ken Lorensen, City of Halsey,
Bob Elliott, City of Lebanon
Roger Nyquist, Linn County
Zack Baker, City of Corvallis
Frannie Brindle, ODOT Region 2
Annabelle Jaramillo, Benton County
Dean Sawyer, City of Newport
Robert Gambino, Depoe Bay
Doug Hunt, Lincoln County

Alternates Present:

Mary Steckel, City of Corvallis
Ron Irish, City of Albany

Ex-Officio:

Ali Bonakdar, CAMPO
Theresa Conley, AAMPO

Guests:

Jenna Berman, ODOT
Jackie Mikalonis, Regional Solutions
Chris Bailey, City of Albany
Josh Wheeler, Benton County
Savannah Crawford, ODOT
Jerry Wolcott, ODOT
Walt Richmond, Benton County Road Advisory
Amanda Salyer, ODOT Region2 Traffic
Don Driscoll, City of Millersburg
Roy Kinion, Lincoln County (via video)

OCWCOG Staff Present:

Phil Warnock
Tarah Campi
Emma Chavez

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1. Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m. by the Chair Annabelle Jaramillo.

Members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Minutes from the June 23, 2016 meeting

ACTION: By consensus, the June 23, 2016 meeting minutes were accepted as written.

3. Public Comment

Chris Bailey, Public Works Operations Director at the City of Albany announced that the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA) is managing a grant opportunity for public-use airports in Oregon through the Aviation System Action Program (ASAP). The CWACT includes four public-use airports that qualify to apply for this grant opportunity. Applications will be accepted September 12 through October 14. Chris noted that she is the designated aviation representative for the ACT and as such will be reviewing the applications. Frannie Brindle, ODOT Region 2 Manager noted that the CWACT will be involved in the review. However, that process is yet to be determined.

4. All Roads Transportation System (ARTS) Presentation

Amanda Salyer, ODOT Traffic Investigation Engineer gave a presentation on ARTS.

The ARTS goal is to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes in the state highway system and local roads. ARTS is specifically related to safety projects, using Highway Safety Improvement funds. It utilizes part of the 2016-2018 STIP funds in addition to the 2019-2021 funds.

Region 2 received \$63 million for the 2017-2021 STIP. A project list was created and scoped for the 2017-2021 STIP. The 100% project list has now been submitted to the project delivery staff at the region and then will go to the OTC for approval.

The process: ODOT developed two lists for scoping; a Hotspot and a Systemic list. A consultant developed a project list which was reviewed by all constituents that proposed projects. Projects were then scoped last fall from the 150% list. The 100% list was then developed using new estimated costs and benefits. The Hotspot list has almost \$30 million worth of projects while Systemic came in at \$34 million.

Salyer went on to review additional project details, statistics and countermeasures. She reviewed Area 4 projects in detail. Salyer noted that the final 100% project list will be submitted to the OTC this fall. Some projects will be amended into the current 2016-2018 STIP and the rest will be adopted into 2019-2021 STIP.

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5. I-5 Albany Interchanges and Expansion: Santiam Highway to Viewcrest Drive

Jerry Wolcott, ODOT Region 2 Project Leader provided information on the I-5, Delaney Road to Albany project.

Wolcott advised that the project is designed to increase capacity, primarily on I-5 in the Albany area between South Jefferson and Santiam Highway. It has been part of the Albany and Millersburg I-5 corridor refinement plans, the City of Albany's Transportation System Plan and the bulk of the work was done during the 2009-2015 Environmental Assessment (EA). However, FHWA concluded that an EA was not needed and the project could be phased as long as each phase had independent utility.

Public involvement included public meetings, open houses, emails, phone calls, and letters to the project team. All public input has been documents and archived on the project website. A Steering Committee, Stakeholder Team and Project Development Team were also established.

ODOT received \$2 million to begin design work. The plan is to conduct design work until 2019 and deliver a package that matches the funding received for that area. Wolcott reviewed design elements noting that the first design phase will examine auxiliary lanes, ramp extensions, and necessary sound walls.

Phase 1 Design Includes:

- SB on ramp at Knox Butte
- Extend NW on ramp at Knox Butte
- Add NB and SB Auxiliary lanes between Knox Butte and Santiam
- Mainline bridges – Cox Creek
- Sound wall(s) – depending upon noise triggers
 - Airport Road
 - Knox Butte (NE quad)

Wolcott noted that the six possible subsequent phases are interchangeable depending on funding availability. Phase 1 design is expected to be completed in early 2019.

ODOT has recently received \$3 million from FAST ACT for a study and design of a third lane from Delaney Road to Albany. This does not include construction. ODOT will be coordinating with Area 3 on project design and focus. Updates will be given to ACTs and MPOs accordingly.

6. Hwy 20 Albany to Corvallis Safety Study Update

Terry Cole, ODOT Region 2 Planning & Policy Unit Manager provided an update on the Highway 20 Safety Study, Corvallis City Limits to Springhill Road.

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Cole noted that the goal of the project is to look at low cost systemic and hot-spot safety improvements along Hwy 20. The study has included review of background documents, data collection and an existing safety conditions analysis. Both a Technical Advisory Committee and Stakeholder Advisory Committee were established for this project. Public involvement was conducted through Public Open House events at the Children's Farm Home. Through this work, DKS has developed safety improvement recommendations and countermeasures.

Recommended improvements include the following:

- Improvements to signs, signals, and pavement markings
- Center two-way, left-turn lane from Merloy Avenue south to Conifer Boulevard
- Install center TWLTL between Scenic Drive and Blossom Lane
- Improvements to Granger Avenue and Independence Highway Intersections
- Potential roadway network connections between Merloy Avenue and Conifer Boulevard
- Potential roadway network connections east of Scenic Drive
- Shared Use Path from Corvallis to Albany: \$7,000,000
- Improvements to Us20: \$3,000,000
 - Shoulder widening, particularly east of Independence Highway
 - Intersection improvements (signing) at Granger Avenue and independence Highway

Cole noted that the highest ranked recommendations through community feedback are those also ODOT is recommending. Those recommendations are:

1. Granger Avenue and Independence Highway Connector Road and Intersection Improvements
2. Center TWLTL between Conifer Boulevard and Merloy Avenue
3. System-wide Improvements to Signs, Signals, and Pavement Markings

The Study is anticipated to be finalized in September of 2016.

7. CWACT STIP 100% Project List

Frannie Brindle, Region 2 Manager provided an update of the STIP 100% project list.

The Super ACT will be meeting on Friday, September 9th in Salem. The CWACT recommended three projects for funding. There are two pots of funding; 2018-2021 STIP Non-Highway Enhance funds at \$10.6 million for the Region, and STIP Region 2 Leverage funds at \$17.3 million. Leverage funds were provided by the OTC to Region 2 to use for projects that could add to fix-it, safety, or leverage projects.

The three projects recommended by the CWACT:

- Benton County: Chapel Drive Bikeway Improvements - \$805,000

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- Scoping estimates came in higher than expected. The County are increasing their match for a total project cost of \$1,314,000. This project is selected for the Straw Proposal.
- City of Newport: US 101 NW 25th-NE 36th St. Sidewalk Improvements - \$655,736
 - Scoping estimate was over \$4 million. Decided to change the request to fund PE for design and right of way work. City has agreed and will bring their match down to \$59,720.05 for a total project cost of \$581,500.
- City of Depoe Bay: US 101 South of Bridge Streetscape \$750,000
 - It was recommended that this project be address by Leverage Funding.

8. Area Manager's Report

- OTC Meeting – Thursday, September 15th at Embarcadero
 - 1:00 – 3:00 pm Tour – Legislative Committee & Staff
 - 3:15 – 4:45 pm Round Table
 - 5:00 -7:00 pm Public Haring

Will be looking at coastal issues including the Yaquina Bridge, Spencer Creek Bridge, and seismic events. Coastal communities are invited to attend the event. COG staff will assist with talking points. So far those include; Transit on 101, Resiliency on 101 during seismic event, and Goal 18 was added during the meeting. Brindle requested for additional talking point ideas to be emailed to herself of CWACT staff.

- October 24th Listening Committee at Linn-Benton Community College
 - Two hour tour with lunch included and hearing afterwards.
- November 18th OTC Meeting
 - CWACT biennial report will be due and presented by ODOT staff and CWACT Chair.
- NE Devils Lake Road
 - Project is complete.
- US 20 Pioneer Mountain Eddyville
 - Road closed for 10 hours per night Sunday through Thursday from 7:00 pm to 5:30 am. Please visit the PME website and Trip check for the latest closure information. The project is still on track to open in October. Open House "Plan of the Grade" is planned for October 1st.

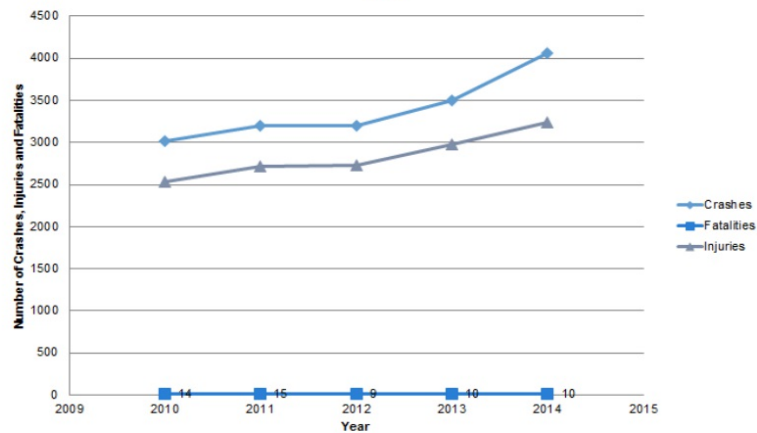
9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

DISTRACTED DRIVING IN OREGON

SEPTEMBER 2016

All Distraction Categories for Crashes, Fatalities and Injuries in Oregon from 2010-2014



REASONS FOR ANSWERING PHONES WHILE DRIVING

1. *Aggregate from 2010-2014



2.

PERCEPTIONS OF DISTRACTED DRIVING

Nearly 1,600 Oregonians participated in a 2016 survey of distracted driving behaviors and the following results were found:



84% feel uncomfortable with a driver who is distracted

44% admitted to driving distracted with passengers

75% admitted to driving distracted alone

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FREQUENCY OF DISTRACTED DRIVING

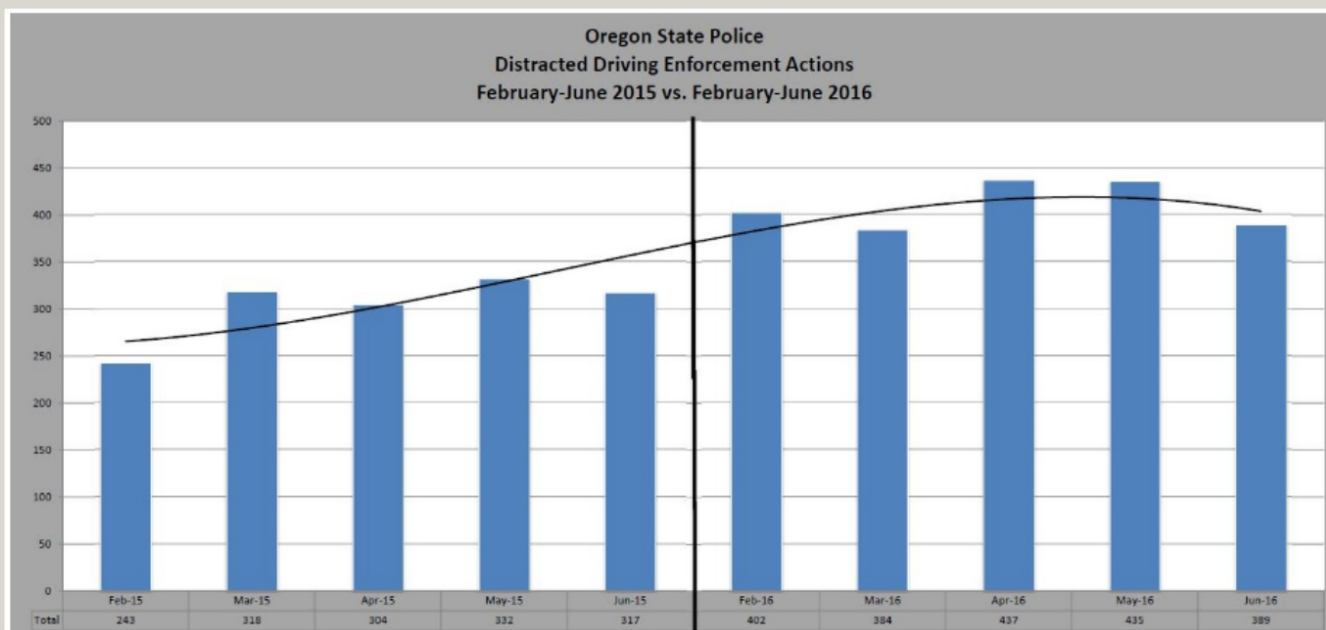
On average in Oregon, over the five-year period 2010-2014...

- A distracted driver crash occurs every **2.5 hours**.
- A person is injured in a distracted driver crash every **3 hours**.
- A distracted driver crash involving a cell phone occurs more than **5 times a week**.
- Almost **5 people** are injured **each week** in a distracted driver crash involving a cell phone.
- Almost **1,500 people a month** are convicted of using a cell phone while driving.

4.



ENFORCEMENT OF DISTRACTED DRIVING



*In February 2016, 40 unmarked patrol vehicles were added to the field, which has resulted in an increase in distracted driving detection, education, and enforcement actions (35.20% increase over 2015 during Feb-Jun).

**Enforcement Action = Citations and Warnings issued.

5.

REFERENCES

1. Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Crash Analysis & Reporting - http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TDATA/pages/car/CAR_Publications.aspx
2. ODOT, Distracted Driving Attitudes and Behaviors Survey: Bend, OR (2015) - https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/docs/ts_pdfs/Bend_Distracted_Driving_2015_FinalReport.pdf
3. Southern Oregon University. Distracted Driving: An Epidemic, A Study of Distracted Driving Attitudes, Behaviors and Barriers Preventing Change (2016). https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Documents/Distracted_Driving_An_Epidemic.pdf
4. ODOT, Crash Analysis & Reporting
5. Oregon State Police

DISTRACTED DRIVER TASK FORCE

“...to significantly reduce fatal and serious injury-crashes by changing the cultural norms around distracted driving.”



34 Members



**20+
Organizations**



**4
Sub-Committees**



LEGISLATION & POLICY



Develop and propose sustainable, evidence-based legislation to reduce distracted driving



Encourage workplaces to adopt and enculturate distracted driving policies for employees

EDUCATION & COMMUNICATION



Create a sustainable broad-based continual campaign to communicate distracted driving risks



Partner with organizations, schools and communities to educate and inform Oregonians



Promote healthy driving behaviors for all Oregonians



DATA & REPORTING



Inform all policy, enforcement and educational recommendations with evidence



Understand the existing data and identify potential research opportunities to engage in



Research techniques and strategies to improve reporting of distracted driving

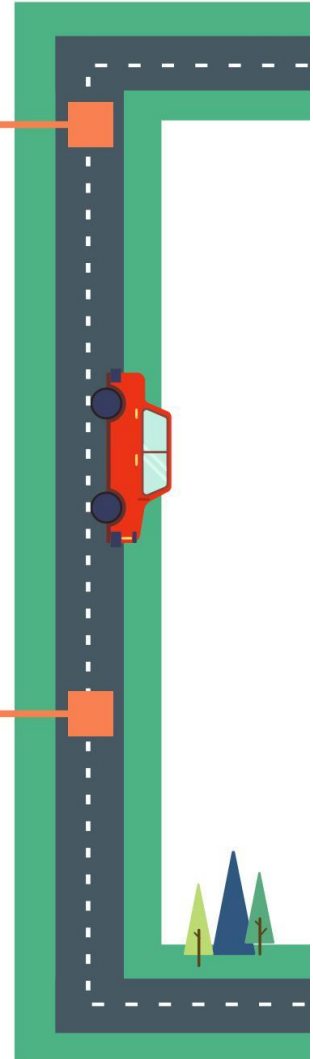
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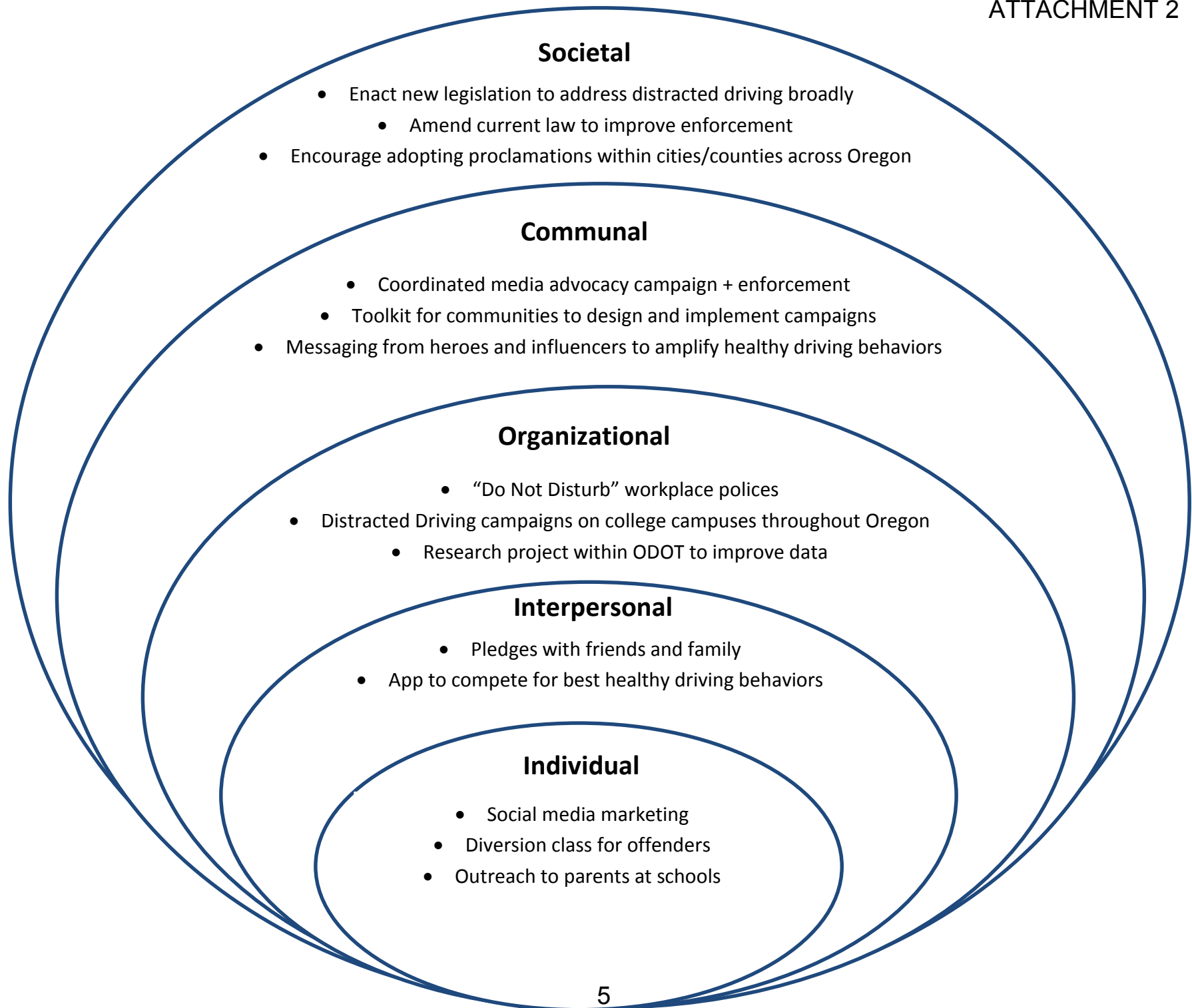


Develop alternatives to fines through diversion programs promoting behavior change



Expand continuing education options for law enforcement regarding distracted driving





Local Organizations/Government

- Clackamas County Sheriff's Office & Oregon Impact – Mik and Nero Comic
<http://www.clackamas.us/sheriff/documents/miknerodistracteddriving.pdf>
- Oregon Department of Transportation, Distracted Driving Task Force
<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/COMM/Pages/Distracted-Driving.aspx>
- Oregon Department of Transportation, Safe & Courteous Driving – Distracted Driving
http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/Pages/SafeandCourteousDriving.aspx#Distracted_Driving
- Oregon Impact – Prevention and Educational Tools
<http://www.oregonimpact.org/prevention-education-tools>
- Washington County – Distracted Driving
<http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TrafficSafety/DrivingSafety/distracted-driving-topics.cfm>

National Organizations/Government

- AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety – Distracted Driving
<https://www.aaafoundation.org/distracted-driving>
- AT&T – It Can Wait
<http://www.itcanwait.com/all>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Distracted Driving
http://www.cdc.gov/Motorvehiclesafety/Distracted_Driving/index.html
- Decide to Drive – Tools and Downloads
<http://www.decidetodrive.org/get-informed/tools-downloads/>
- Distraction.gov – Resources for Community Groups
<http://www.distraction.gov/take-action/community-groups.html>
- Governors Highway Safety Association – Distracted Driving Laws
http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/cellphone_laws.html
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
<http://www.nhtsa.gov/>
- National Safety Council – Distracted Driving
<http://www.nsc.org/learn/NSC-Initiatives/Pages/distracted-driving.aspx>

Personal Applications

- AT&T Drive Mode/Safely Go - <http://www.itcanwait.com/apps-and-tools>
- Cell Control - <https://www.cellcontrol.com>
- Drive Mode - <https://drivemode.com/>
- Driversiti - <http://www.driversiti.com/#welcome>
- Drive Safe Mode - <http://drivesafemode.com/>
- Lifesaver - <http://lifesaver-app.com/>
- Safe Drive - <http://www.getsafedrive.com/>