

Department of Licensing Motorcycle Safety Advisory Board



Washington Motorcycle Safety Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

6:00 pm – 7:50 pm

Motorcycle Training, Inc., 2125 Robertson Dr., Richland, WA 99354

Present: Members - Jessica Dally (Chair), Tina Tyler, Jonathan Rundle, Ron Fryer, Eric Ludlow, (WSP)

DOL Staff - Andrea Nygard, Hector Rodriguez, Julie Knittle, Brady Horenstein

A. Opening remarks from board members and DOL

Andrea Nygard shared an overview of the Washington Motorcycle Safety Program: what the program's vision and goals are, what they do, and how they support motorcycle safety.

Jessica Dally shared an overview of the advisory board and what the board is in place to accomplish.

B. Review and approval of minutes from June 2016

The minutes from the June 2016 meeting were approved.

C. Schedule Advisory Board meetings through December 2017

It was decided that the 2017 meetings will be held in the following locations:

- March 2017 - Bremerton
- June 2017 - Walla Walla
- September 2017 - Ellensburg
- December 2017 - Seattle

D. WAC Development Update

Andrea Nygard shared the Motorcycle Safety Program has filed the CR-101. The program has done public notification through the stakeholder, instructor, and contractor listserv. There is a workgroup of 8 people representing contractors, instructors, mentor instructors, chief

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instructors, and the advisory board. They are working together through 3 workgroup meetings. Our schedule has WMSP putting out draft WAC rules towards the end of the year, before we hold a public meeting. The WAC's that we're working on are based on the NHTSA evaluation done in 2002. The NHTSA recommendation was specifically around the training program. The instructor certification process, instructor certification requirements, and also some of the operations with training.

E. Work Session

1. Target Zero Plan

Brady Horenstein said that there is an updated Target Zero Plan. The motorcycle chapter has new graphs, charts, and information on where we stand in terms of motorcycle safety. This will go into print in the next few months.

2. Strategic Plan Document

Brady Horenstein revisited the advisory board's mission statement. The motorcycle safety education advisory board will work to create a culture in Washington where all motorcycle riders will understand the importance of and participate in new rider and refresher training courses.

Suggestions of goals to set could be:

- Focus on training.
- Getting more people to the meetings.
- Request grant funding for motorcycle safety.
- Send out a newsletter.

3. How the Advisory Board makes suggestions to the Department of Licensing

Jessica Dally proposed putting a process in place before making suggestions to the DOL. Some examples are:

- Doing additional research.
- Has it been done before?
- What are the costs involved?

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Julie Knittle suggested that some criteria included in the process will be helpful when the board makes recommendations to the DOL. Some examples are:

- What is the cost?
- What are you trying to accomplish?
- Has it been done before?
- Was it successful?
- How does it tie to Target Zero?

F. California Lane Sharing Guidelines

Ron Fryer shared the guidelines developed by the California Highway Patrol. The California Highway Patrol's recommendations:

- Travel at a speed no more than 10 mph faster than other traffic.
- Lane splitting is not available when traffic flow is 30mph or faster.
- Lane splitting between lanes 1 and 2, which are the left lanes.
- It is not guaranteed to keep you safe.
- Lane splitting should not be performed by inexperienced riders.

ABATE will be proposing a bill for lane filtering. If the bill gets approved, how are we going to make lane splitting safer or keep motorcycle deaths down?

Julie Knittle recommended that we not focus on coming up with guidelines until a law has passed. The Department of Licensing will go on record opposing any legislation that goes in this direction.

G. Public Forum

A member of the public recommended outreach to non-English speaking people.

A member of the public asked the board to consider looking at getting the rider to the meetings.

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H. Comments from the Board

Ron Fryer suggested that a mandatory training be required for new riders.

No other comments from the board.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be December 6, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

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