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U.S. 30 Safety Working Group rescheduled for Monday in St. Helens

A working group of state and local officials, business leaders and citizens convened to develop recommendations for improving safety along a 56-mile section of U.S. 30 will hold its first meeting Dec. 6 in St. Helens.

Following a continued series of crashes along U.S. 30 throughout Columbia County, ODOT conducted a review of the type, frequency, severity and location of crashes in the corridor. The findings indicated that U.S. 30, between Scappoose and St. Helens, has experienced 15 percent more crashes than other similar roadways in Oregon.

In response to these findings, ODOT will designate a Safety Corridor along U.S. 30 between Scappoose and St. Helens; conduct a road safety audit; and designate safety funds for one or more future safety projects.

The 17-member Safety Corridor Working Group, co-chaired by State Sen. Betsy Johnson and Columbia County Commissioner Earl Fisher, will provide input and perspective about transportation safety solutions along the highway between Cornelius Pass Road and the Columbia/Clatsop County line. The group originally was scheduled to hold its first meeting Nov. 22, but was delayed by weather.

The meeting will take place **6 - 8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 6, at the Columbia County Learning Center, 375 South 18th Street, St. Helens.**

The working group plans to meet four times in the next six months.

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