

Transportation Safety Action Plan (TSAP) Project Advisory Committee Meeting #7 Summary

Tuesday, October 13, 2015 11:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**Location: Department of Safety Standards & Training, 4190 Aumsville Hwy Southeast,
Salem, OR 97317**

Committee Members Present

Michael Laverty (Chair), *Oregon Transportation Safety Committee*
*Jerome Cooper, *Oregon Transportation Safety Committee*
Troy Costales, *ODOT Safety Division Administrator*
Marian Owens, *Oregon Transportation Safety Committee*
Chris Henry, *City of Eugene & Governor's Advisory Committee on Motorcycles*
Victor Hoffer, *Oregon Transportation Safety Committee*
Jeff Lewis, *Oregon State Police*
Scott Kocher, *Oregon Walks*
Kimberly Daily, *Oregon Judicial Department*
Emily Acklund, *Association of Oregon Counties*
Chuck Hayes, *Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII*
David Jostad, *May Trucking*
Pam Barlow-Lind, *Confederated Tribes of Siletz, Cascades ACT*

Committee Members Absent

Craig Honeyman, *League of Oregon Cities*
Tyler Deke, *Bend Metropolitan Planning Organization*
Michael Tynan, *Oregon Health Authority*
Luis Ornelas, *Oregon Transportation Safety Committee*
Brian Ray, *Kittelson & Associates, Inc*

ODOT Project Staff Present

Erik Havig, *ODOT Planning Director*
Walt McAllister, *ODOT Safety Project
Manager*
Michael Rock, *ODOT Planner*
Nancy Murphy, *ODOT Principal Planner,
Project Manager*

Consultants Present

Beth Wemple, *Consultant Project Manager–
Cambridge Systematics*
Joe Fish, *Consultant Deputy Project Manager –
Cambridge Systematics*
Jeanne Lawson, *Facilitator–JLA Public
Involvement*
Kenya Williams, *JLA Public Involvement*

Members of Public & Others Present

Doug Bish, *ODOT Technical Services*
Nick Fortey, *Federal Highway Administration*
Joe Marek, *Director, Clackamas Safe Communities Program*
Sheila Lyons, *ODOT Active Transportation*
Daniel Houser, *AOC*
Paula Leslie, *Executive Director, BikePac of Oregon*

*Attended by phone

Key Meeting Outcomes

The purpose of the meeting was to confirm goal statements, provide guidance on preliminary policy statements and potential strategies, and introduce the emphasis area selection framework. The PAC:

- Reviewed and confirmed six Goal Statements with a recommendation to simplify the goal on Technology.
- Discussed and recommended revisions for Policy Statements and Strategies.

Meeting Summary

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chairperson Mike Laverty opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Jeanne Lawson provided a brief overview of the agenda, reminded the group of protocols and reviewed the goals for the meeting. There were no comments on the Meeting 6 summary.

Project Update

Beth Wemple provided the committee with a project update and informed the committee that extra meetings were added to the schedule possibly in March and May.

Draft Goal Statements, Preliminary Policies and Strategy Concepts

Beth provided an overview of the goal statements, and the associated policies and strategies. Afterwards, the committee offered independent comments on each goal statement and prioritized their concerns by placing suggestions next to the corresponding goal areas on the display wall. Next, the committee broke into small groups to discuss the comments on each display wall, identify gaps, and prioritize the comments for full committee discussion. For each goal area the full committee discussed:

- Is the Goal Statement generally right?
- Are these the right policies and topics for strategies?
- Is anything missing?

Outcomes:

- **By consensus, the group accepted the 6 goal areas statements, policies and strategies with the refinements that were discussed.**

Please view *Attachment A* for a more detailed overview of notes for each goal statement.

Goal 1 – Safety Culture

Committee Discussion:

- The committee discussed combining Goal Area 1 and Goal Area 5 but agreed to let these goal areas stand on their own.
- A committee member suggested that program maintenance should be included in the policies and strategies.
- The committee discussed including a variety of stakeholders. The committee also recommended adding construction and operations to Strategy 1.1.1
- The committee agreed that this goal area needed more focus on education and youth
- A committee member suggested for Strategy 1.3.1 that a gap analysis is needed to evaluate gaps related to high-risk behavior.
- Gold Star Strategy – community-based positive reinforcement was suggested by a committee member as a strategy.
- A committee member commented that the evaluation of effectiveness is needed in order to measure if safety culture is being achieved.

Goal 2 - Infrastructure

Committee Discussion:

- A committee member commented about the word system facilities and suggested using another word. There was also a discussion about the word systems and if it referred to transportation/safety exclusively or other related systems such as communications. The committee agreed that facilities in the Plan would refer to communal facilities rather than individual facilities. A project team member asked the committee if the goal of the Plan was to improve the safety of the system versus focusing on specifics.
- A committee member suggested that the team consider identifying best practices for separation to address user conflict for all modes. Another committee member commented that looking at best practices of the time would be a better solution than specifying separation as a solution since strategies change over time. The committee suggested addressing conflict as an option that would encompass separation and other strategies.
- The committee suggested examining data sharing across all agencies for all modal data. The committee discussed the best Goal Area location for data and decided to send this area to the project team for further discussion.
- A committee member suggest that level of service and volume to capacity ratio should be considered since it is important to the pedestrian advocacy groups. The committee discussed the fact that level of service and volume to capacity ratio are mobility measures instead of safety measures. A focus on level of service and volume to capacity ratio has the potential to undermine safety as a priority.

Goal 3 – Safe and Livable Communities

Committee Discussion:

- The committee was asked should the focus be fatalities and serious injuries instead of reducing crashes.
- The committee agreed that more clarification of enforcement of motor vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle traffic laws was needed.
- The committee recommended removing the term saturation and suggested using the word emphasis.
- A recommendation was also made to change the wording to include funding for volunteers.
- The committee recommended to increase the importance on communities and decrease the emphasis on crashes.

Goal 4 - Technology

Committee Discussion:

- The committee agreed with this goal but expressed a need for simplified language.
- The committee suggested including language related to leveraging technology across agencies in order to capitalize on resources.
- The committee discussed how to measure the return on investment (ROI) and if money is being spent on the right technology.
- A committee member suggested that stronger language is needed related to mandating technology/safety features.
- A committee member inquired how new technology will be funded followed by another committee member commenting that there is a need to reestablish older effective technology such as the law enforcement Air Program that was defunded. The committee also discussed the need to continue funding for old technology and the importance of focusing on low technology for example in the trucking industry. Mandates should not be mandatory since mandating new technology may not be economically feasible and may not be adopted resulting in business closures.
- A committee member commented that privacy should be a concern related to technology.
- A committee member suggested that the word accident should not appear in the Plan.
- A public member asked if this goal area was the correct place for data. The committee decided to revisit data since it was also include with other goal areas.

Goal 5 – Collaborate and Communicate

Outcomes:

- The committee acknowledged that although the committee had not placed much emphasis on this goal, it was of primary interest during the initial stakeholder outreach, so should be included.

- The committee agreed that goal 5 should not be combined with goal 1.

Goal 6 – Strategic Investments

Committee Discussion:

- The committee suggested adding operate and maintain to Strategy 6.1.3.
- Health was recommended as an addition to Policy 6.3 and it was also suggested to revise the strategy to include health care providers.

Review EA Selection Criteria Technical Memorandum and Background Narrative #2

Beth provided an overview of the purpose of the Emphasis Area technical memorandum.

Committee discussion:

- A committee member suggested adding a column specifically for drugs due to the recent legalization of marijuana instead of pairing drugs in columns with alcohol.
- The committee was asked if an emphasis areas was not selected doesn't it mean that the area will not be considered. A committed member commented that there must be a link to the plan based on federal regulations (MAP 21). If an emphasis areas is not seen then it cannot be considered. Important areas needed to be referenced in this plan if not then for five year, no attention with be focus on that area from a federal funding perspective.
- The committee was asked to provide feedback to Beth and Joe about anything they did not see that they would like to see.

Public Comments

Mike Laverty opened the discussion for public comment. One visitor commented that safety in school zones should always be emphasized.

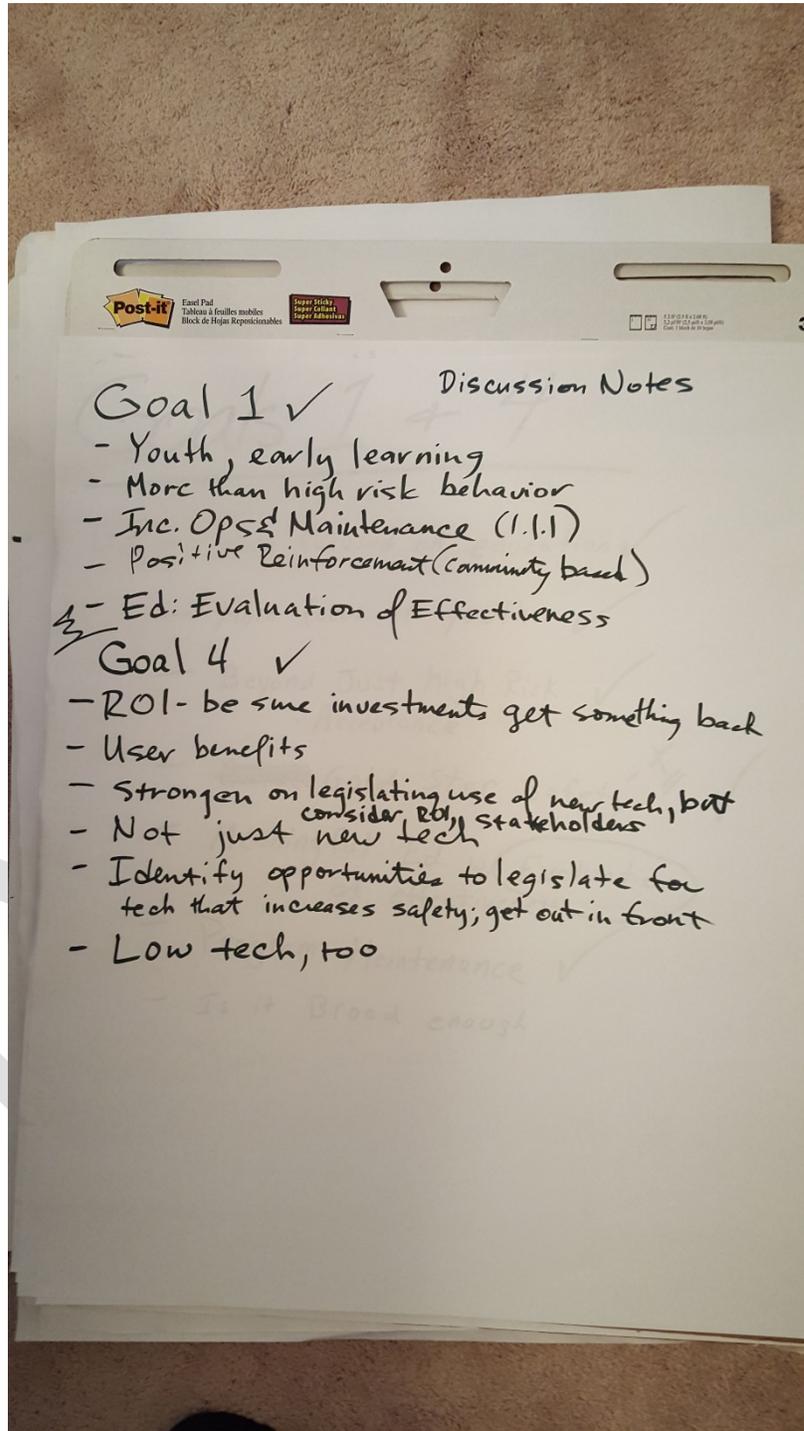
Next Step

During the next meeting the committee will review policy statements, review preliminary strategy statements, discuss/narrow potential emphasis areas, review upcoming public outreach and TSAP update outline. The committee was encouraged to send additional comments to the project management before the next meeting.

Closing Comments & Meeting Wrap Up

Chairperson Mike Laverty thanked the committee and praised everyone for the hard work that is being accomplished. The next meeting will be November 10th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Salem at the Chemeketa Center for Business & Industry.

Attachment A



Goals 1 + 4

- G1 - More focused on education ✓
- More focus on youth ✓
- Beyond Just high Risk ✓
 - Acceptance
- ~~Carroll~~ Gold Star Safety ^{-X/11} ✓
- Meaningful Ed. w/ Evaluation of effectiveness
- Program Maintenance ✓
- Is it Broad enough

- G4 - Leverage Tech programs
across developers/Implementers
- ROI Concept/Validation ^{stakeholders}
 - Improve efficiency/effectiveness of system
 - Enhance perspective of the User / Desirability / Acceptance
 - Tech. Resource (equip) for Small Comm. / others
 - Tech For Behavior change
 - Privacy Concerns

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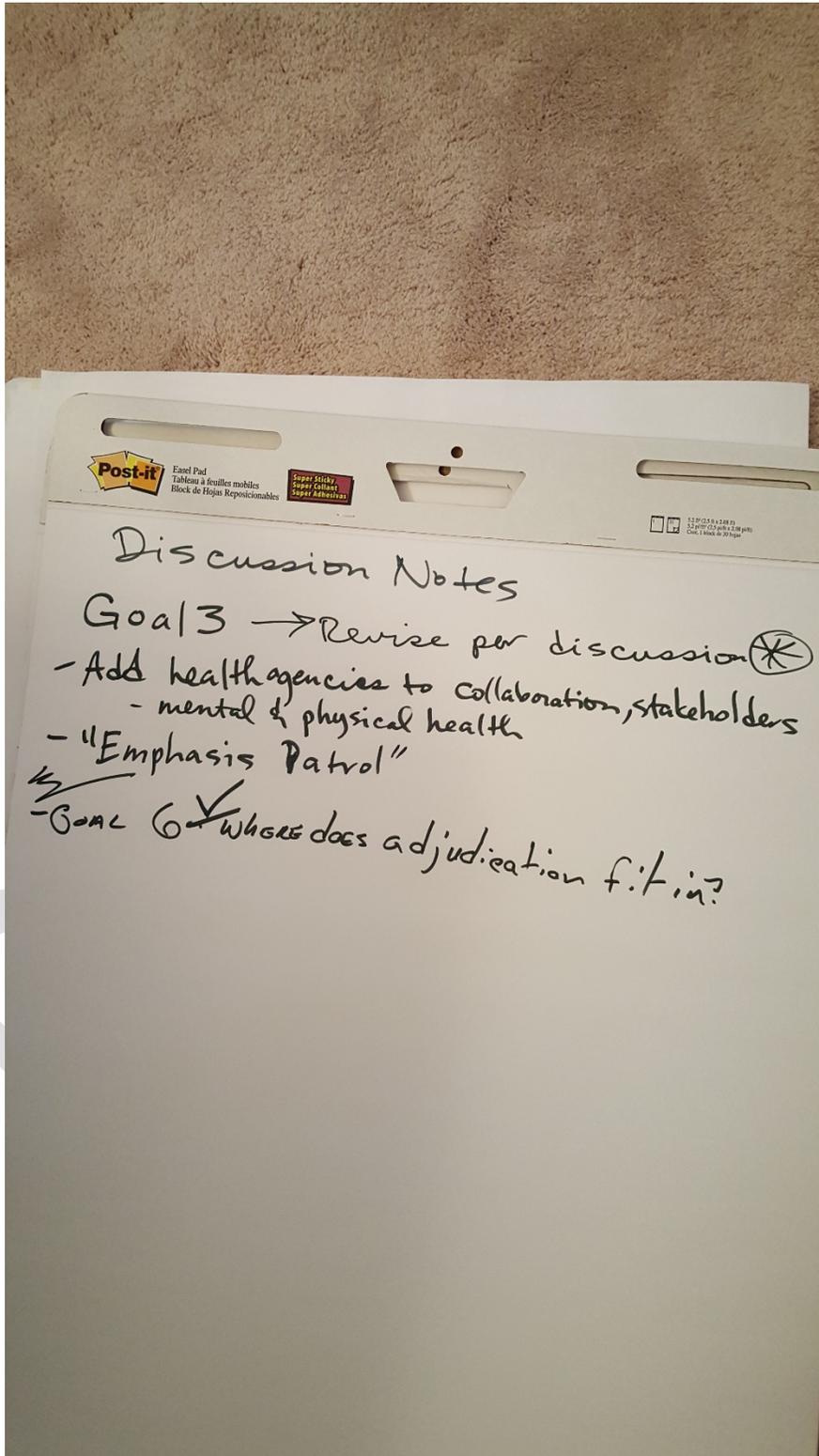
Discussion Notes

Goal 2

- Communications infrastructure
- "Communal" System = Infrastructure for this plan
- Separate bike facilities → explore best practices; context sensitivity → address user safety & conflict
- Continue work on alt. mode capacity, level of stress analysis methods (v. $\frac{1}{2}$, LOS)
f Don't trade-off safety for LOS
- Safety equity - all modes
- Economy, health & safety

Goal 5

- Baseline re: "increase awareness"

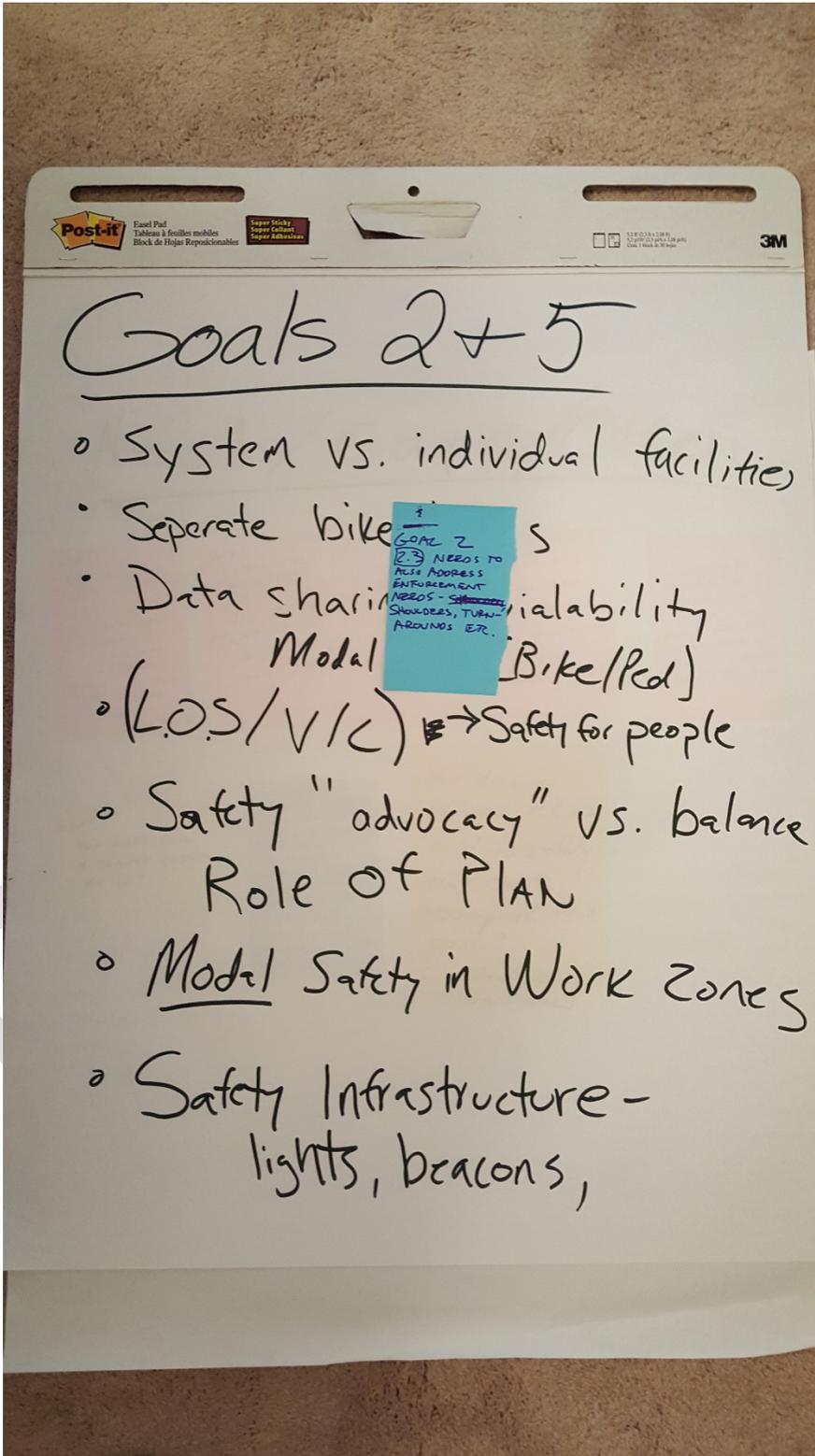


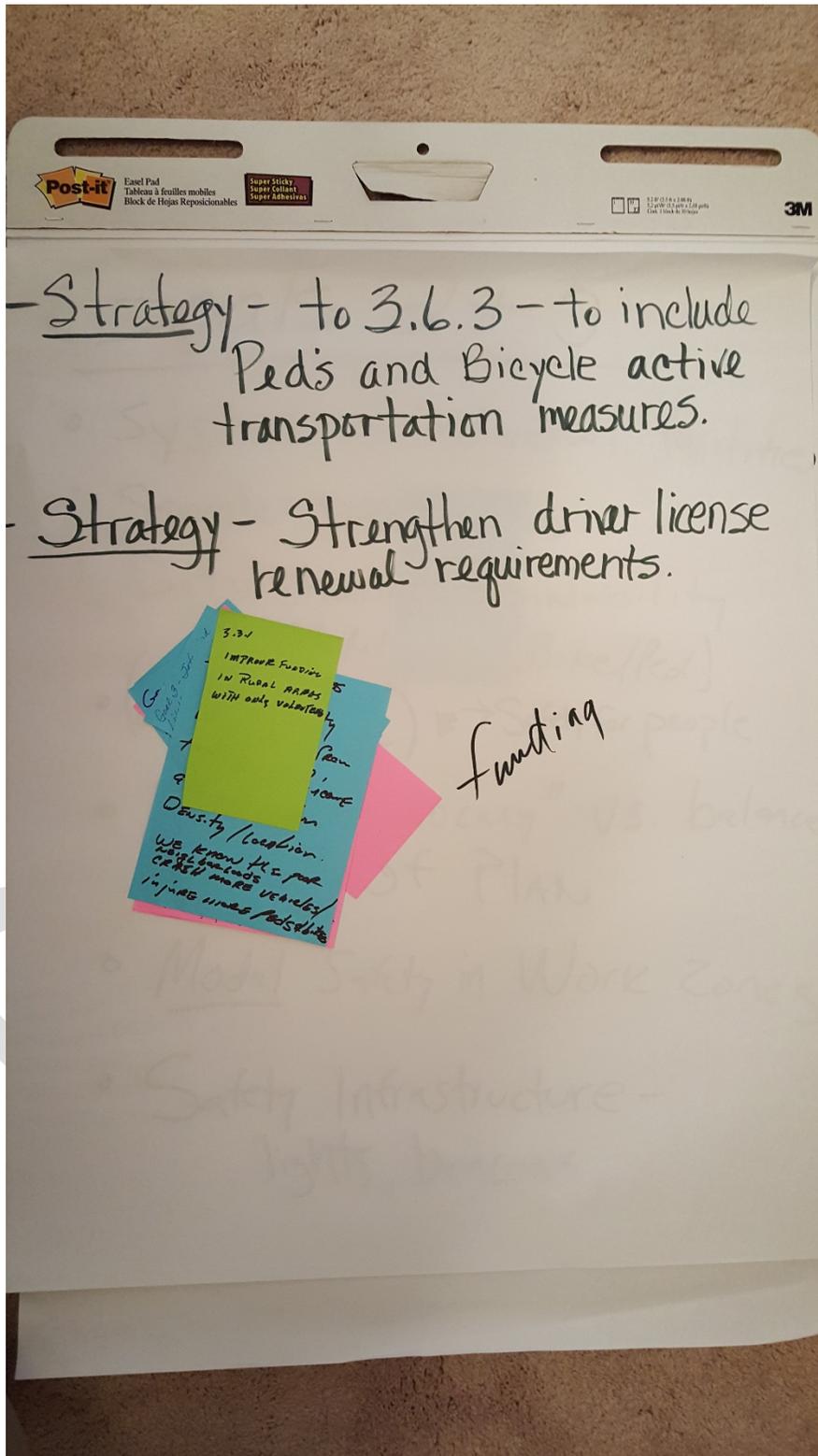
Goals 3 & 6

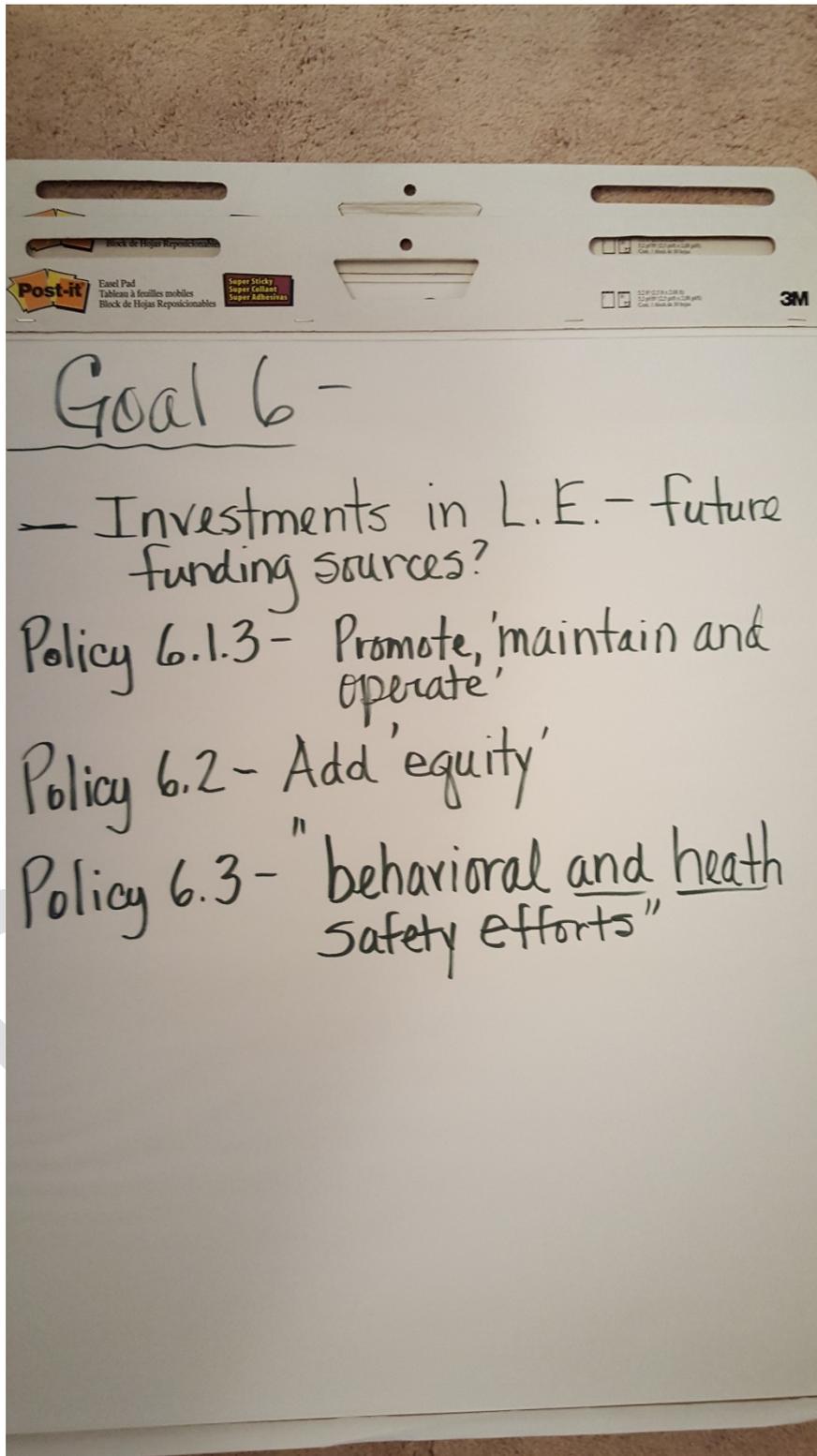
- Goal 3 - Goal - 'Crash frequency'
 - Fataals, Serious injury?

Include 'Health' 3.1
(Mental Health,
Physical Health)

- 3.1.5 - Include traffic (crash-causing)
Laws
- 3.2 'Checkpoints' - Leg. Help needed.
'Saturated' to 'Saturation'
- 3.3.1 - Include funding for Volunteers
 - Additional impact (3.2)
- 3.6 - Re-exam mobility measures -
Safety of people







Need/Gaps/Other

GAP?
SOFT SIDE OF HIGH SAFETY

- training
- enforcement
- judicial
- engineers
- engineers
- drivers
- car seats
- migrants
- analysts
- data providers

GAP?
- WHERE DOES ENFORCEMENT FIT?
(NET TIME \$, IS... MEANING THIS ACTUAL TIME ON THE ROAD)

GAP -

- DISTRACTIONS
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENFORCEMENT
- DATA ACCESS, I.E. SEARCH WARRANTS
- CERTIFICATION

REALIGNMENT?
DATA AS A FOCUS AREA
POSSIBLY ADD TO A STRATEGY
STYLE OF AREA TOO.

GAP?
- FLEXIBLE FUNDING, AS MATTER THE SOURCE, TO ALLOW \$ FOR THE PRIORITY AREA OR PROBLEM - TIME PROBLEM I.D. MOST

GAP?
HOW DOES RAIL & TRANSIT SAFETY FIT IN?

Much of what is proposed is already being done in Oregon. Perhaps its time to look outside USA borders to see what is being done in other countries with better (less) fatality rates than ours & adopt their practices.

How do we address activities so/d as safety that don't accomplish that goal?
(i.e. Badly done Photo Radar)