

TCOC Minutes

WSDOT Kent Maintenance Facility

January 14, 2014

Ernst Stahn from the WSDOT Safety Office called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. There was a quorum present. Introductions were made.

Introductions: Dave Conley L&I will take Steve Heist's position, Michelle Bemis, Sue Smith, Judy Gale Local 440, Semilla Sanchez, Rob Carrington Eric Tofte, Debra Kellard, Mike Roberts, Michael Flanagan, Rich Bunker, Steve Hapalla, John Bair, Robin Smith, Dan Ferreira, Lou Flores (L&I).

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting Oct. 8, 2013, as revised to include: Minutes correction regarding ATSSA instructor course: 11/10 Feedback to Rich, 12/10 Feedback back for Rich, 12/15 Vote by email. (As this didn't happen, vote was taken during 1-14 meeting)

Steve Haapala – Discussion of non compliant devices. Robin Smith: the issue of renting of non compliant devices and on non WSDOT jobs, how can there be oversight to make companies compliant? Steve Haapala: WSDOT can only enforce compliance on their jobs. Up to the individual agencies to review and inspect for proper devices. Discussion about risk management being best business contacts to encourage compliance and who has authority/ability to enforce. Use a public website to publish the information on proper device usage. Possibly do a presentation on what is right and what is wrong at a safety conference. Outreach program with documents and materials that can be displayed at safety conferences. Who will put it together and how will we fund this option.

Michael Flannigan suggested a subcommittee for reach out to other government agencies, Robin Smith, Michael Flannigan, Mike Roberts, Steve Haapala, with a

report back at the next meeting. Suggestion of power point, posters, pamphlets. Robin will chair subcommittee.

TCOC certification Gradation – Steve Haapala – Option of looking for TCS’s with freeway experience. There is a concern about focus of current training. Proposal of a General Special Provision of a TCS on Freeway jobs, having documented 500 hours on a freeway. Discussion by Robin Smith about the Utah program of an 8 hour class for traffic technicians hands on class. Possible certifications for city county work as opposed to heavy highway work.

ATTSA Application: Review of the TTT Program. Edits to Rich Bunker and updates of the program.

Motion to Approve the Program as presented and edited by email. Seconded by M. Flannagen. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to approve entire Program. Second M. Flannagan. Passed by voice vote.

Roundtable: Steve Haapala talked about doing away with the spotter language in the spec. book. Discussion about the flagger and spotter positions on the job. This may change the TCS program a bit due to language about the Spotter.

Rich Bunker – thanked TCOC for the approval of ATTSA program.

Robin Smith – WAC 296 155 305 – Update and get rid of non compliant buffer chart. Laborers are supplying buffer data cards with the correct chart. L&I would consider cracking a rule open for worker safety.

Motion to Petition to L&I to submit to L&I about WAC 296 155 305 revisions. Sue Smith seconded. Discussion TCOC should be the submitter. Who will draft this for submittal. R. Smith will initiate this draft. Draft will be sent out electronically.

Michael. Flanagan – looking for employees

Semilla Sanchez– talked about traffic and slowing in their work zones by posting reduced speed limits (warning signs)

Ernst Stahn - Will review the attendance list

David Conley – L&I

Next meeting April 8, 2014

Adjourned at 2:30 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Peter Lahmann, NW Laborers Training

For Robin Smith