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Technical Assistance Opportunity

The Kiewit Center at Oregon State University, in cooperation with the ODOT Traffic Safety Office, is providing a technical assistance opportunity for local jurisdictions in Oregon. The objective of the program is to review and evaluate the traffic control devices, design elements and potential safety problems on major roads in selected local jurisdictions in Oregon, including counties and smaller cities. We recognize that many jurisdictions do not have access to professional traffic engineering assistance to assure their traffic control devices meet MUTCD requirements. To that, a team of professional traffic engineers will come to your jurisdiction to evaluate your traffic control device applications. Jurisdictions who have participated previously may apply for a follow-up study.

They will drive your roads and streets for 1-2 days to determine compliance of your signs with the MUTCD, use of accepted design standards and practices, and presence of potential safety hazards. **There is no cost** to the local jurisdiction for this assistance. We would anticipate having one or more local jurisdiction personnel ride with us on the initial evaluation and review drive.

This program was initiated with two eastern Oregon counties in 2007 with good success. Since that time, 34 local jurisdictions have participated. An evaluation team of at least three traffic engineers will include Rob Burchfield (traffic engineering consultant), Ed Fischer (retired, ODOT Traffic Engineer), Tom Lancaster (traffic engineering consultant), Rick Nys (traffic engineering consultant), or Robert Layton (Professor, OSU). Four to six of these projects have been undertaken in each year.

A summary report has been prepared to demonstrate typical conditions and results of the evaluation. The sample report is posted online, <http://cce.oregonstate.edu/traffic-safety-workshops>.

Please reply online to let Robert Layton or Nancy Brickman know of your interest in participating in this program at <http://cce.oregonstate.edu/tech-assist>, or at the letterhead address.