

Discussion of 2005 Emerging Technology Issues/Possible Recommendations:

UNDERGROUND TRANSMISSION LINES:

Initial question: Is any legislation necessary? If yes:

- Relevant statute is 56-46.1, which sets forth the factors to be considered (I HAVE COPIES OF THIS SECTION, IF NEEDED FOR REFERENCE)
- Possible amendment: define "cost" (SCC must consider cost of & need for proposed facility, but there is no definition of "cost.")
 - What should cost include, other than direct costs?

EVENT DATA RECORDERS AND OTHER RECORDING DEVICES:

Initial question: Is any legislation necessary? If yes:

- Several possible issues to be considered:
 1. Should vehicle manufacturers and sellers be required to disclose the presence of an EDR or other recording device in vehicle?
 2. Who owns the recorded data?
 3. Who should have access to the data? Possible ideas:
 - People who have written permission of the vehicle owner?
 - Mechanics during ordinary servicing/repairs
 - Emergency medical response providers
 4. Should insurance companies have access to the data without written permission? Should there be a threshold -- i.e., only access (w/o permission) if damages estimated to exceed \$10,000 or accident involved serious bodily injury or death?
 5. Should accident research companies have access to the data?
 6. Should there be a process for others to petition a court for access to data?
 7. What should be the penalty for unauthorized access or unauthorized use of the data?

USE OF WIRELESS DEVICES WHILE DRIVING

Initial question: Is any legislation necessary? If yes:

- Several possible issues to be considered:
 1. Should restrictions apply to all drivers, or just those with provisional driver's licenses? (I HAVE COPIES OF PROVISIONAL LICENSE STATUTE, IF NEEDED FOR REFERENCE)
 2. Should restrictions apply to use of wireless devices generally, or should restrictions just require hands-free use?
 3. Are there any other approaches besides prohibitions that would address issue. For example, would it work to impose an additional fine on someone involved in an accident who was using a cell phone?
 4. Should wireless companies be required to provide information to consumers about the hazards of using wireless devices while driving, and how to mitigate these risks?