

RTO Subcommittee of TPAC
Wednesday, January 13, 2010
3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Metro Regional Center, Council Chambers

Committee Members Present:

Dan Kaempff - Chair	Metro
Dan Bower	Portland Bureau of Transportation
Adriana Britton	TriMet
Jennifer Campos	City of Vancouver
Sandra Doubleday	City of Gresham
Susan Drake	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
Adrian Esteban	Community Representative
Karen Frost	Westside Transportation Alliance
Derek Hofbauer	Community Representative
Jen Massa	City of Wilsonville SMART
Alison Wiley (conference call)	Oregon Department of Transportation
Carla Wood	Oregon Department of Energy

Committee Members Excused:

Gregg Leion	Washington County
Lori Mastrantonio-Meuser	Clackamas County
Keith North	Community Representative

Metro Staff:

Pamela Blackhorse	Metro
Pam Peck	Metro
Deena Platman	Metro

Guests:

Lynne Nutrie	Community Member
Judith Gray	TriMet
Glen Hammer	ODOT
Chi Nguyen	ERAC
Jessica Roberts	Alta Planning
Audrey Shuffield	VPSI
Beth Wheeler	ERAC

I. CALL TO ORDER, DECLARATION OF QUORUM AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Kaempff declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3: 05 p.m.

II. MEETING SUMMARY FROM DECEMBER 2009 MEETING

Chair Kaempff asked if there were any changes to the December 9, 2009 meeting summary. Subcommittee members asked for changes to the guest roster and language on pages three and four. Ms. Frost motioned to approve the summary with changes. Mr. Esteban seconded the motion. The December 8, 2009 RTO Subcommittee meeting summary was unanimously approved with the changes as stated above.

III. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

IV. TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS (TSMO)/ODOT TRIPCHECK DATA PORTAL

Ms. Platman introduced Mr. Glen Hammer who provided information and a presentation on the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Trip Check software. He pointed out that the site was designed to provide street-level data for agencies and eventually for commercial businesses at no cost. He stated that agencies would have access and the ability to input all types of street-level data using maps and tables, as well as up-to-date traffic press releases.

The Subcommittee questioned if the program had the capacity to provide detour information to commuters and whether it would tie into reader boards on major corridors. They asked if there were a way to aggregate transportation data that would be needed by users and if it would provide information for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Mr. Hammer pointed out that the program would provide detour information that would eventually be made available on reader signs. He pointed out that information for biking and walking was not available, but agreed that it should be a consideration for the program developers. Additionally, Ms. Platman stated that they would create a training session on how to utilize the program as a tool and establish it within an agency.

V. TRIMET AND SMART FY 2011 WORK PLANS

Chair Kaempff introduced Ms. Massa of Wilsonville SMART and Ms. Britton of TriMet and asked them to present information on their 2011 workplan and budget. Ms. Massa provided handouts and gave a brief overview of the SMART Program 2009/2010 accomplishments. She stated that collaboration with City of Wilsonville staff, regional partners and stake holders were key in implementing outreach strategies, adding routes to increase ridership, opening new transit stations and redesigning bus routes to meet trains within a 10-minute time period.

She said the main goals for FY 2011 were to reduce drive-alone trips, increase ridership and strengthen communication, education and outreach through New Resident kits and an employer quarterly newsletter. She pointed out that they had added Jeff Owen to their staff as a Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator who would be meeting with partners and stake-holders to promote regional campaigns such as Safe Routes to Schools. Additionally, they will explore vanpool options for connection to the MAX Green Line, create a commuter club through the Drive Less, Save More (DLSM) site and provide an emergency ride home program.

Further, Ms. Massa stated that they would work to support the Tonquin Trail and the grand opening for Graham Oaks Nature Park in fall 2010. Additionally, they are creating new bike and walk maps and developing a bike locker survey, hosting a bike rodeo and safety clinic and creating an art tile program for pedestrian and bike improvements.

Chair Kaempff asked Ms. Britton to present information on the TriMet 2011 budget and workplan. Ms. Britton stated that their outreach program has been refined for employers and colleges, stating that Portland State University (PSU) and employers generate the most trips. She pointed out that TriMet offers programs for colleges that are term-based and that any college could participate. She provided statistics on numbers of businesses contacted by TriMet employer programs.

Further, Ms. Britton stated that TriMet would provide geo-map services, surveys, outreach and information in 2011. Currently, they have added the University of Oregon to the program and will expand their bike parking facilities in June 2010. Additionally, they will add bike lockers to transit centers and continue to develop their social marketing on Facebook and twitter.

VI. REGIONAL TRAVEL OPTIONS (RTO) FY 2011 BUDGET AND WORKPLAN

Chair Dan Kaempff briefly reviewed the Subcommittee's suggestions from the December 8, 2009 meeting for the FY 2011 Budget and Workplan. He detailed changes which responded to the Subcommittee's feedback.

The Subcommittee asked if additional funding was anticipated for TMA Booster Grants and if additional TMAs would be coming on board. They asked for clarification on the RTO Grants Program in terms of the current budget and allocation for the next two years and what the impetus was for a TMA policy study.

Chair Kaempff stated that neither new TMAs nor an increase to the TMA Booster Grant program was planned. He confirmed the next RTO Grant Program covered fiscal years 2012 and 2013. Finally, he stated that the TMA policy study would look at changes that occurred in the region since the original TMA policy was written 10 years ago and suggest improvements.

Ms. Peck stated that, with the addition of the TSMO study, RTO staff would need a policy study to explore other national public/private partnerships. Additionally, she stated that performance-based booster grants would need to be restructured. Chair Kaempff added that Travel Options grants would be in place by July 1, 2011. Therefore, the Subcommittee would need to make decisions in September or November of this year.

Action Taken:

Chair Kaempff asked for a motion to approve the RTO FY 2011 Budget and Workplan.

Ms. Massa made a motion to approve the Budget and Workplan. Mr. Hofbauer seconded the motion. The Subcommittee unanimously approved the RTO FY 2011 Budget and Workplan with no abstentions.

VII. PROGRAM UPDATES

- Ms. Peck stated that Ms. Katie Edlin would be starting work with RTO this month as a Marketing Program Assistant.
- Ms. Wood stated the Department of Energy was in the process of making changes to the administrative rules covering the Business Energy Tax Credit program. Rules would be finalized during the upcoming legislative session.

- Ms. Frost announced that the RTO bike rack grant had been changed and that WTA would be partnering with the City of Tigard placing 35 bike racks in downtown Tigard retail locations. Bike survey forms will be displayed in retail locations for cyclists to comment on bike rack use. There will be an online survey also.
- Mr. Hofbauer stated that Bellingham Washington had finished their evaluation of their TravelSmart™ project, which resulted in a 13% reduction in auto trips.

VIII. ADJOURN

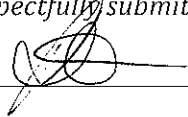
There being no further business, Chair Kaempff adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting packet materials

Document Type	Date	Description	Document Nbr.
Agenda	011310	Agenda for January 13, 2010	011310-rto01
Summary	011310	Meeting summary, January 13, 2010	011310-rto02
Document	011310	SMART Options Employer and Community Outreach Plan FY 2010	011310-rto03
Document	011310	RTO Program FY 2010-2011 work plan	011310-rto04
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Meeting summary respectfully submitted by,

Pamela Blackhorse



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