

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDORSING THE ) RESOLUTION NO. 05-3586  
FORMATION OF THE OREGON )  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ) Introduced by Councilor Rex Burkholder  
CONSORTIUM (OMPOC)

WHEREAS, metropolitan transportation planning is required by federal regulation in urban areas of greater than 50,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, whereas federal statute recognizes Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) as the designated body to conduct such planning within urban areas that meet the federal threshold; and

WHEREAS, Oregon has six designated metropolitan areas where MPOs conduct regional transportation planning, including the Portland metropolitan region, the Eugene-Springfield region, the Salem-Keizer region, the Rogue Valley area, the Corvallis area and the Bend area; and

WHEREAS, these MPOs have common transportation needs and interests that span their jurisdictions, independent of relative differences in size and location; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon MPOs can benefit from a coordinated approach to meeting their common needs and interests; and

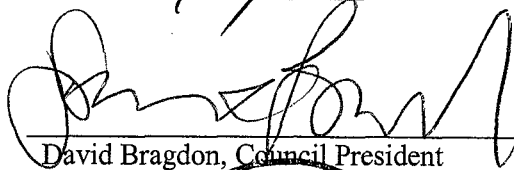
WHEREAS, the Oregon MPOs have conducted three exploratory meetings to determine the scope of common interests and purposes and benefits of a coordinated effort; and

WHEREAS, the MPO board participants at these exploratory meetings have proposed that an Oregon MPO Consortium be formalized to continue this level of coordination; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) endorse the formation of the Oregon MPO Consortium, including:

- 1. Operation according to the bylaws contained in Exhibit "A"; and
- 2. Representation of Metro and JPACT by Councilor Rex Burkholder and alternate representation, respectively, by Councilor Rod Park.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005.

  
David Bragdon, Council President

Approved as to Form:

  
Daniel B. Cooper, Metro Attorney



**EXHIBIT 'A'**

**Oregon MPO Consortium (OMPOC)**

**BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I**

This ~~committee~~ body shall be known as the Oregon MPO Consortium (OMPOC).

**ARTICLE II**

**MISSION**

It is the mission of OMPOC to work in partnership to advance interests common to Oregon's designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) on matters of statewide significance.

**ARTICLE III**

**PURPOSE**

Section 1. The purpose of OMPOC is as follows:

- a. To provide a forum for Oregon's MPOs to address common needs, issues and solutions to transportation and land use challenges facing Oregon's metropolitan ~~areas~~ regions and surrounding areas.
- b. To provide recommendations for individual action ~~by~~ of Oregon MPOs on issues of common interest.
- c. To advocate for Oregon MPO policy, regulatory and funding interests at the state and federal level.

Section 2. In accordance with these purposes, the principal duties of OMPOC are as follows:

- a. Meet quarterly, or as needed, to conduct OMPOC business.
- b. Develop an annual work plan to guide OMPOC discussions.
- c. Periodically adopt OMPOC positions on common policy, regulatory or funding issues such as federal planning requirements, state rulemaking and state legislation.
- d. Participate in cooperative regional organizations as advocates for common Oregon MPO interests.
- e. Discuss emerging trends and policy options and practices for addressing common MPO issues in ~~Oregon~~ metropolitan regions and surrounding areas.

**ARTICLE IV  
CONSORTIUM MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Membership.

- a. The Consortium will be made up of representatives from Oregon's designated MPOs.
- b. Each MPO will appoint two voting representatives to participate in each meeting of the Consortium
- c. Alternates may be appointed to serve in a voting capacity in the absence of the regular members; alternates may attend and participate in all OMPOC discussions and deliberations.

Section 2. Appointment of Members and Alternates

- a. Members and alternates from the designated Oregon MPOs shall be current voting members of the respective MPO policy boards.
- b. Voting at Consortium meetings is limited to elected and appointed officials of respective MPO policy boards.
- c. MPO staff and MPO member-agency staff are not eligible for appointment as members or alternates to OMPOC.
- d. MPO Directors shall serve as non-voting ex-officio members of the Consortium.
- e. Members shall serve as liaisons to their respective MPO boards and be responsible for communication between the Consortium and their boards.

**ARTICLE V  
MEETINGS, CONDUCT OF MEETINGS, QUORUM**

- a. Regular meetings of OMPOC will be held at least annually at a time and place established by the ~~committee~~Consortium at the prior meeting. A meeting host will be specified for each meeting. Additional or emergency meetings may be called by the ~~chairperson~~Chair or a majority of the membership. An annual meeting schedule will be established as part of developing the annual work plan.
- b. A majority of the voting members (or designated alternates) of OMPOC shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. The act of a majority of those present at meetings at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the OMPOC. No formal ~~committee~~Consortium actions may be taken in the absence of a quorum.
- c. Subcommittees to develop recommendations for OMPOC ~~can~~may be appointed by the Chair in consultation with the Consortium on purpose, composition and duration. ~~The Chair will consult on subcommittee membership and charge with the full membership at a regularly scheduled meeting. Subcommittee members can include OMPOC members, alternates, other Oregon MPO board members and/or outside experts and MPO staff.~~
- d. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

- e. OMPOC may establish other rules of procedure as deemed necessary for the conduct of business.
- f. Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on all issues presented at regular and special meetings of the ~~Committee~~Consortium. In the absence of the member, the alternate shall be entitled to one (1) vote.
- h. The ~~Committee~~Consortium shall follow Oregon public meeting law and make its meeting summaries, reports and findings available to the public.
- i. Meeting hosts shall provide staff, as necessary, to record the actions of OMPOC and to handle ~~committee~~Consortium business, correspondence and public information related to hosted meetings.

## ARTICLE VI OFFICERS AND DUTIES

- a. The ~~chair~~Chair and ~~vice-chairperson~~Vice-Chair of OMPOC shall be elected by the membership for one calendar year of service. Elections for ~~chair~~Chair positions shall be conducted at the first meeting of a calendar year.
- b. The ~~chair~~Chair shall preside at all meetings he/she attends and shall be responsible for the expeditious conduct of the ~~Committee~~Consortium's business.
- c. The ~~chair~~Chair shall ~~convene a pre-meeting teleconference to~~ is responsible for establishing the agenda for OMPOC meetings in consultation with Consortium members.
- d. In the absence of the ~~chair~~Chair, the ~~vice-chair~~Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the ~~chairperson~~Chair.

## ARTICLE VII ROLE OF MPO STAFF

- a. Oregon MPO Directors and Program Managers shall constitute the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to OMPOC. The Consortium will take into consideration the alternatives and recommendations of the TAC in the conduct of its business.
- b. Oregon MPO staff shall serve as staff to OMPOC, as needed, to provide necessary support for ~~committee~~Consortium activities.

## ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

- a. These bylaws may be amended or repealed only by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of OMPOC.
- b. Written notice, including proposed changes, must be delivered to all members and alternates at least 30 days prior to any proposed action to amend or repeal bylaws.

## STAFF REPORT

### IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-3586, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENDORING THE FORMATION OF THE OREGON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION CONSORTIUM (OMPOC)

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Date: April 29, 2005

Prepared by: Tom Kloster

## BACKGROUND

The attached resolution and exhibit contain proposed bylaws for the Oregon MPO Consortium, a new alliance of Oregon's six Metropolitan Planning Organizations. The Consortium has convened three "summits" since June 2004, and is now prepared to formalize the organization. The attached bylaws would establish operating requirements for the group and processes for communication between the Consortium and member MPOs.

The bylaws call for each MPO to designate two Consortium members and two alternates. JPACT will be asked to nominate delegates at their May meeting in conjunction with review of the proposed bylaws. Metro will recommend that the delegates include one Metro Council representative and one local government representative, with each selecting an alternate. Under the bylaws, the delegates are responsible for reporting to JPACT on Consortium matters, and consulting with JPACT on key issues before adopting a position with the Consortium.

Comments on the bylaws will be forwarded to the Consortium for consideration at their May 26, 2005 meeting in Salem. At their March meeting, the Consortium reviewed the draft bylaws, and are expected to approve them with amendments at the May meeting.

Metro will host an Oregon MPO Consortium website where meeting notices, summaries and background documents on Consortium activities will be posted. The website is expected to be online this Spring.

## ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition** There is no known opposition.
2. **Legal Antecedents**
2. **Anticipated Effects** The proposed Oregon MPO Consortium is expected to improve Metro's presence on legislative and regulatory matters at the state level by building alliances with the other six MPOs.
3. **Budget Impacts** Metro has proposed to maintain a modest web presence for the Oregon MPO Consortium that will reside on Metro's existing web server and require minimal maintenance.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of Resolution No. 05-XXXX, for the purpose of endorsing the formation of the Oregon MPO Consortium, and appointing Metro Council and JPACT delegates to the new organization.