



**TransPort Technical Advisory Committee**

Thursday, January 21, 2010

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

ODOT Region 1

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**Meeting Notes**

**In Attendance**

Jen Bachman (DKS), Amica Bose (City of Hillsboro), Diego Franca (KAI), Jim Gelhar (Gresham), Bob Hart (SW RTC), Eric Hathaway (Kittelson), Phil Healy (Port of Portland), Tu Ho (Beaverton), Jabra Khasho (City of Beaverton), Peter Koonce (City of Portland), Stan Markuson (WSDOT), Galen McGill (ODOT), Dennis Mitchell (ODOT), Adrian Pearmine (IBI), Jim Peters (DKS), Deena Platman (Metro), Nathaniel Price (FHWA), Shaun Quayle (Kittelson), Willie Rotich (PDOT), Massoud Saberian (Lake Oswego), Bryan Schoen (IBI), Stacy Shetler (Washington Co), Kristin Tufte (PSU), Jessica Tump (TriMet), Tom Urbanik (KAI), Ron Weinman (Clackamas Co), Caleb Winter (Metro)

**Announcements**

Shaun Quayle announced that Kittelson Associates is hosting an Arterial Performance Measurement workshop on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Deena Platman will forward the invitation to TransPort members.

Kristin Tufte announced that OTREC has announced its research grant program. The focus for this round of research grant funding is on livability. There are no abstracts but proposals are due April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Galen McGill announced that the Northwest Transportation Conference is scheduled for February 9 – 11, 2010. ITS will be featured on 2/10/10. Several TransPort members are presenting at the conference.

Nathaniel Price announced that FHWA is hosting a Traffic Incident Management workshop for operators and responders on March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Hwy 217 Interchange Management Study**

Jennifer Bachman with DKS Associates gave a presentation on ODOT's efforts to develop lower cost, nearer term management solutions to address safety and congestion on Hwy 217. Phase 1 of the study looked at all solutions and narrowed down to just a few to advance. Phase 1 has wrapped up and Phase 2 is now underway to further study "best in class" solutions including active traffic management, ramp management, and hwy improvements to support incident management. A copy of the presentation is attached to this summary.

TransPort members questions included:

- Are there examples of successful ramp closures? A. Yes, in Texas and Washington DC.
- Why not active lane management – shoulder use? A. Only a two lane facility with sub-standard shoulders.
- What was considered incident management? A. Looked at expanded incident response but raised personnel issues. Missing shoulders for clearance.
- No pricing? A. Region is advancing a congestion pricing pilot project – deferred to that work. No HOV lane was considered due to ODOT policy of not converting existing lanes from general purpose to restricted purpose.

### **VAST TSMO Plan Update**

Bob Hart with SW Regional Transportation Council kicked off the presentation on his organizations efforts to develop a TSMO plan for the urbanized Clark County area. VAST is holding a visioning workshop on February 16<sup>th</sup>, with many TransPort members invited to participate. Adrian Pearmine ran through a presentation on the goals, scope and timeline of the project. A copy of the informational flyer is attached to this summary.

### **MTIP 2011-2013 Programming**

Deena Platman led a discussion of programming \$6 million in MTIP funding dedicated to TSMO. Members reviewed a handout a draft resolution exhibit which laid out an amended programming schedule from 2009-2013. Portland requested that a PE phase be added for the Active Corridor Management project in 2011 and programming for construction move to 2012. Ms. Platman will work with Portland staff to revise the table and bring back a recommendation for approval at the February meeting.

### **ARRA II & MTIP 2013-14**

Deena Platman provided a status update on potential funding sources. The Jobs for Main Street Act includes a provision for a second round of funding for transportation projects. The Act has passed the House but has yet to be taken up by the Senate. There is no timeline yet for when this will happen however, it is expected that any action will lead to quick turnaround for project development. TransPort members representing infrastructure agencies have been meeting to develop a set of TSMO projects

Metro will begin its 2014-2015 MTIP allocation process this spring. JPACT will set policy direction and priority investment areas in order to be more strategic with funding. The process will be collaborative rather than competitive. Coordinating committees will develop a proposed list of projects based on the JPACT policy framework. Rather than a program allocation for TSMO, TransPort will be asked to develop a request and work through the coordinating committees.

TransPort members raised concern about the change to program funding as harmful to the ability to fund the TSMO plan.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.