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TransPort Technical Advisory Committee

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

ODOT Region 1

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Meeting Notes

In Attendance
Kate Freitag (ODOT), Phil Healy (Port of Portland), Tu Ho (Beaverton), Renee Hurtado (DKS), Stan Markuson (WSDOT), Jay McCoy (Gresham), Jerry McLaughlin (WSDOT), Dennis Mitchell (ODOT), Josh Naramore (Metro), Jim Peters (DKS Associates), Deena Platman (Metro), Nathaniel Price (FHWA), Lidwien Rahman (ODOT), Willie Rotich (PDOT), Jessica Tump (TriMet), Ron Weinman (Clackamas Co)

Needs Assessment Review
Using a poster session format, TransPort members provided feedback on five TSMO topic areas including regional traffic control, incident management routes, traffic signal timing, and traffic bottlenecks and communications network. Members floated between stations and marked up changes directly on the maps.

Next, Jim Peters facilitated a group review of the needs inventory for regional traffic control, travel information, and incident management needs.

Under regional traffic control, the group identified and discussed the following items:
- Added detection – safety elements too including loop operations/settings update; detect for variable speed and weather
- Ramp meter expansion on I-84 east of I-205
- Address bicycle and pedestrian needs, call out multimodal needs
- Distinguish detection needs
- ODOT engineer has to have control of signal timing = enhancement would be 24/hr traffic control. Need to have ability for all signal systems to communicate.
- Changeable message signs
- Sharing information between agencies
- Centralized v. distributed TMOC approach. Using virtual TMOC model today. Issues of equipment and staff sharing. Need more formalized agreements for funding and resources. Need to determine TMOC model.
- Automated enforcement of traffic laws, ex. HOV lanes.

Under traveler information, the group discussed"
- Need to push out information to public for events. What tools – Facebook, individualized traveler information
- Need to standardize process for distribution of traveler information (local entry tool).
- Need to fully develop infrastructure to support this
- Need to look at traveler information needs by mode

Under incident management, the group discussed:
- Adding a section for work zone protection
- Address policy/legislative issues such as towing of abandoned vehicles
- Need to better signage

The feedback received from the group will be incorporated in the needs inventory document.

Other Business
No discussion.