

TransPort

TransPort Meeting summary - **DRAFT**

April 8, 2020

Online, 1:10 -2:10 p.m.

Attendees:

A.J. O'Connor	TriMet
Alison Tanaka	City of Portland
Bikram Raghubansh	Clackamas County
Caleb Winter	Metro
Dennis Mitchell	DKS
Dominique Huffman	City of Wilsonville
Galen McGill	ODOT
Jim Gelhar	City of Gresham
John Fasana	Washington County
Kate Freitag, Chair	ODOT
Mark Haines	City of Portland
Matt Dorado	Washington County
Pamela Blackhorse	Metro
Pamela O'Brien	DKS
Rick Buen	Multnomah County
Scott Turnoy	ODOT
Shaun Quayle	Washington County
Tammy Lee	PORTAL
Tina Nguyen	City of Beaverton
Tu Ho	DKS
Will Farley	Lake Oswego
Willie Rotich	City of Portland
Walle Brown	Metro

Introductions and announcements

Chair Freitag called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m. She noted that they had a quorum.

Chair Freitag began the meeting with announcements. She asked what operations issues committee members had encountered and what solutions they had developed. Caleb Winter referenced his email April 6 regarding funding opportunities. Ted Leybold encouraged all agencies applying for a federal BUILD Grant and seeking regional support to contact Grace Cho at Metro, Grace.Cho@oregonmetro.gov.

Applicants should also contact Chair Freitag to learn more about ODOT's process for supporting applications. The City of Portland and partners state that they will apply for an ITS related project.

Chair Freitag commented on interest from several TransPort members concerning economic stimulus for transportation after hearing United States Legislature would prepare a "Phase 4" bill. However, the update from April 3 mentions that the bill will be focused on aid and not stimulus. Caleb Winter said Tyler Frisbee of Metro is the regional liaison to federal bills. She will update TransPort and the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT) concerning the stimulus package that is currently off the agenda. The region's priorities remain the Get Moving 2020 transportation funding measure and reflect community support.

Shaun Quayle suggested they consider an outline for when the stimulus package is back on the table. The outline would likely include signal controller replacement, battery backups, delivery of data communications needs projects already identified, and projects added to recent ITS plans. Shaun asked who would lead on stimulus. Chair Freitag said ODOT would be supportive of a coordination effort regarding stimulus funding but that resourcing decisions for project leadership would need to be made at a higher level.

'Round the Table Updates

TransPort devoted round table updates to operations changes in the region and actions to protect residents from the spread of the novel coronavirus.

It was noted that traffic volume is down from 40-60%, as observed at various count stations across the region. However, some agencies are finding it hard to pull volume data remotely. -Clackamas and Washington County, City of Portland, and the Oregon department of Transportation (ODOT).

ODOT and City of Portland noted that capital projects and utility work is going faster with fewer cars on the road, allowing for modified/accelerated construction permits and contractors to use more right-of-way.

TriMet transit service has been reduced significantly as of April 5 due to Oregon's Stay Home, Save Lives Executive Order. They have seen up to an 83% reduction in ridership.

ODOT has posted variable message signs (VMS) along freeways with messages to stay home and social distance.

The committee noted that pedestrian push buttons are being assessed to change the signal plan to recall (automatically calling a pedestrian phase each signal change). Some committee members noted that their agency intersections cannot be reprogrammed at this time. Additionally, they noted that, if signals are set to recall, work would likely start in pedestrian districts starting with an equity focus. Clackamas County used passive detection (radar) with some Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFBs). Once a pedestrian is detected the RRFB provides audio feedback.

Washington County noted that field technicians are working split shifts, or one week in the field and one week at home. Only one person is in a service vehicle at a time.

Committee members stated that they had run into Work From Home (WFH) issues with networks for the first few weeks. Departments that had Virtual Private Network (VPN) access made the transition immediately. Additionally, Clackamas County noted that SynchroGreen is performing well and Traffic

cameras are is being monitored during construction activities. TransSuite web services are available but harder to run remotely.

Federally funded projects continue to move forward, including:

- TriMet's ATCMTD Next Generation Transit Signal Priority,
- City of Portland's Central Signal System upgrade or replacement,
- City of Beaverton, Washington Square Adaptive RFP is going out soon from ODOT,
- City of Portland's North Going ITS is slightly delayed due to coronavirus but will start in two to three weeks, and N/NE Columbia PS&E will be ready soon after replying to liaison comments,

Planning projects also continue, including Clackamas Connections ICM.

Tammy Lee gave a PORTAL update for PSU/TREC. She stated that they are not having issues with PORTAL regarding network congestion or use. However, they have had a higher demand from requests for data. Further, she mentioned that they had hired a new graduate student, started running traffic monitoring scripts on data and are completing updates to launch an upgraded version of the Bike Ped Portal.

TransPort Vice Chair (Action)

Chair Freitag called TransPort to nominate and vote for a Vice Chair. Chair Freitag read the committee bylaws and asked the incumbent, A.J. O'Connor, Director of ITS at TriMet, if he would agree to be nominated again. She also asked for additional nominations.

With no further nominations, Chair Freitag called for a vote from voting members of TransPort. TriMet abstained from the vote. Of the 6 member agencies voting, the vote was unanimous for A.J. O'Connor to serve as Vice Chair. Chair Freitag thanked A.J. O'Connor for his continued service. The term is through April 2021.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chair Freitag adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m. The next TransPort meeting will be held online, May 13, 2020, 1:10 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.