

# *TransPort / Summary DRAFT*

TransPort, Subcommittee of Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC)  
Thursday August 10, 2022, 1 to 2:30 pm, online

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**Attendees:**

AJ O'Connor	TriMet
Anastasia Roeszler	WSP
Basem Elazzabi	Coral sales
Bikram Raghubansh	City of Portland
Brad Hoek	ODOT
Caleb Winter	Metro
Carl Olson	Clackamas County
Dennis Mitchell	DKS
Jason Shaddix	ODOT
Jim Gelhar	City of Gresham
John Fasana	Washington County
Justin Guinan	ODOT
Kara Hall	Fehr & Peers
Kate Freitag, Chair	ODOT
Katherine Bell	ODOT
Kiel Ova	Traffic Technology Services
Matthew Flodin	Metro
McKenzie Traetow	Oregon State University
Mike Burkhart	ODOT
Nick Fortey	FHWA
Pamela O'Brien	FKD
Patrick Marnell	Q-Free
Shaun Quayle	Inrix
Scott Langer	WSDOT
Scott Turnoy	ODOT
Summer Blackhorse	Metro
Tammy Lee	PSU/PORTAL
Tina Nguyen	City of Beaverton
Will Farley	City of Lake Oswego

## **Introductions and Announcements**

Chair Kate Freitag called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. She asked the committee for announcements and project updates. Caleb Winter with Metro asked who from the committee would be attending the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) World Congress and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) meeting.

## **'round the Table Updates**

- Caleb covered safety and the Transportation Systems Management Operations (TSMO) goal, Free From Harm. He covered the increase in crashes during the pandemic in 2020, noting that more than 6,500 people were struck and killed while walking, an average of eighteen per day - a 45% increase from 2019.
- Justin Guinan with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) announced that the Metro-region Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Coalition's annual conference would be Wednesday, September 22 in Salem, Oregon. He encouraged the committee to send training requests.
- Tammy Lee with PORTAL announced that they are working on the second TriMet visual. The first TriMet visual ready and they are working the C-Tran visual. Additionally, they are working on a scoping effort with ODOT on ITS and ATR stations and including two separate views on the stations page. They will be removing menu options that are not being used to a different section.
- Bikram Raghubansh with the City of Portland encouraged the committee to review a change request and provide updates for Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture. He covered the ongoing fiber installation for the NE Columbia project and noted that they will begin phase two. Additionally, he stated that the Airport Way project is out for bid and that the Barbur Blvd ITS project was adding fiber in downtown Portland. Bikram noted that the Division project will be evaluating their Transit Service Provider (TSP) system next week, and that Central Signal System and Q-free have Kinetic Signals installed. Training will be scheduled soon. Finally, he noted that they are working on an Intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for hardware and software maintenance.
- Mike Burkart with ODOT announced that the Cooperative Telecommunications Infrastructure Consortium (CTIC) will be held September 21.
- Chair Freitag with ODOT, noted that Jason Shaddix will be the interim Systems and ITS manger. She also announced that the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) is moving forward as is the highway 212/224 project. They are working on TSMO ATC conversions.
- AJ O'Connor with TriMet will be doing a second round of bus testing on TSPs to evaluate all the remaining PBOT controllers. They will perform an entire run east through downtown. He noted that the new line 2 Route will start September 18.
- Caleb is working with Katie Bell and Scott Turnoy of ODOT to being the policy coordination process and will meet on August 24.
- John Fasana with Washington County is moving forward with the Durham adaptive project and has the adaptive piece completed and signals running. They will meet with City of Tigard, Washington County and Q-Free to work on Adaptive implementation. Further, they are working on the overheight system for Graham's Ferry Rd and a contractor for final installation. Finally, their IGA is complete for their ATC controller.
- Nick Fortey with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) discussed a press announcement for ATCMTD grants. He stated that ODOT had received an FTA grant and should receive notification soon for the \$800K Enhanced Mobility Innovation (EMI) grant.
- Scott Turnoy with ODOT discussed the Region One meeting on Great Streets funding that could tie in with TSMO grants. Funding focuses on active transportation and accessibility and includes a

wide range of improvements. The process has started, and they are looking for pre-applications, which will be due in October. Applicants must submit a full proposal by February 2023. They will determine which projects to fund by fall 2023.

- Shaun Quayle talked about the ITE conference and noted that they will be pulling together information about industry tradeoff between the public and private sector. Shaun briefly discussed Safe Streets for All (SA4A), covered federal implementation and cautioned the committee about submitting applications not up to federal standards.

### **Federal Competitive Grant Opportunity Discussion**

Caleb Winter with Metro discussed SS4A and the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Programs. Applications are due September 14. The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) will release a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) soon. Caleb noted that aside from the application, letters of support will not be requested. However, for those including supporting materials, it will be important to identify the relevance of each supporting document.

Caleb discussed SMART grants. He noted that State, tribal, transit agency, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), or a combination of two or more listed are eligible to apply. Eligible projects should demonstrate options such as coordinated automation, connected vehicles, sensors, systems integration, delivery and logistics, innovative aviation, smart grid, and traffic signals.

Although Caleb has yet to hear of anyone who will be submitting, he stated that there is regional support from available from Metro for those that do. Shaun Quayle with INRIX called out that SS4A would have a minimum 20% match, whereas SMART grants do not have a match. Chair Freitag provided a link to the SMART program overview and fee. She advised that while the State cannot apply for this opportunity, Metro, cities, or Transit agencies can. ODOT will provide additional information, if needed.

Caleb briefly discussed federal funding through Rebuilding American through Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE), FTA New Starts and Small Starts, Mega Grants and INFRA Grants. Dates for each opportunity have yet to be determined. He also reviewed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (IIJA/BIL) additional notice of funding below.

### **Metro 2021 TSMO Strategy Project Solicitation Process - continued**

Caleb Winter with Metro reviewed and provided information on additional elements for Metro's upcoming project solicitation. Chapter five of the regionally-adopted 2021 TSMO Strategy focuses efforts on 21 Actions that are strategic in meeting the TSMO goals, objectives, and performance measures for Region 1. He discussed the timeline for Metro TSMO Program resources for 2022-24 and 2025-27.

Caleb has drafted a project solicitation guide that he will send out for review. He covered the TransPort bylaws regarding the recommended funding that shows an update to criteria to TSMO candidate projects, how program funds will be allocated. He noted that TransPort recommends directing funds to eligible agencies, universities, or public/private partnerships led by a public agency.

Further, Caleb covered the proposed elements for solicitation, noting that the two Regional Flexible Funds Allocation (RFFA) posed a risk to sub-allocate for six of the ten years of the 2021 TSMO Strategy implementation. Caleb stated that there are two steps – one based on collaboration of foundational projects and the second being competition with transparent project development. He also discussed the Letter of Interest (LOI), eligibility that improves inclusivity, and the funding match. Further, he covered eligibility to use Metro FTA funds and the process timeline in which projects advertise, provide LOI, file an application, evaluate, prioritize, and recommend a project for funding.

Caleb also noted that the timeline had been adjusted. He briefly covered the TSMO strategic Plan, action by priority level and the timing for planning, listening, accountability, data needs and concepts, capabilities, and infrastructure for the next ten years.

Bikram asked for clarification on the timeline for applications and IGA. Caleb noted that they could be worked on during the July through September period. Bikram noted that some IGAs can take six to 12 months. Caleb stated that he will meet with Ken Lobeck to discuss timeline and coordinate with ODOT.

Caleb covered the draft 2021 TSMO Strategy Project Solicitation guide and discussed TSMO opportunities, LOI, project eligibility, references, the application checklist, selection criteria and the application format. He asked the committee for their thoughts around developing a reviewer team, format and selection criteria and highlighted use cases.

Caleb called attention equity and the barriers that keep some from traveling. He discussed steps to consider before applying and noted that the LOI did not need to be formal but could be in email format. The LOI should include a brief description and purpose of the project, describe the connections the project has with the 2021 TSMO Strategy, and how the project will connect to equity and be integrated. He also talked about anticipated budget needs, matching funds and who the lead contact would be. Caleb reminded the committee that LOI is due September 19, 2022, with evaluation beginning October 12, 2022.

Bikram asked if they would have opportunities to clarify and update applications. Caleb asked that he refer to the letters section in application guide and reminded the committee that they are not encouraging projects that are off topic.

Caleb discussed the reviewer's and solicitation criteria, stating that there will be a team put together from agencies who are not applying, agencies with a regional perspective, and community-based organizations that will help with the equity piece. The reviewer's team would be made up of four community and nonprofit members and two agency members. Applications will be reviewed on pass/fail. However, the equity piece can receive up to fifty points for the integration of racial equity into a project.

Chair Freitag noted that Jabra Kasho had asked for examples of applications that integrate equity. Caleb will find some examples and send them out to the committee along with the project solicitation guide. He would like comments on the guide back by next Wednesday, August 17 and plans to have the completed solicitation package released by Friday, August 19.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Chair Freitag adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m. The next meeting will be held online on September 14, 2022.