

TransPort / draft summary

TransPort, Subcommittee of Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC)

Thursday April 12, 2023, 1 to 3 pm online

Attendees:

AJ O'Connor, Vice Chair	TriMet
Alison Tanaka	City of Portland
Bassem Elazzabi	PSU/TREC
Bikram Raghubansh	City of Portland
Cadell Chand	Washington County
Caleb Winter	Metro
Carl Olson	Clackamas County
Christopher DeLorta	HDR
Danielle Maillard	Oregon Walks
Dennis Mitchell	DKS
Eric Hesse	City of Portland
Hau Hagedorn	PSU/TREC
Jabra Kasho	City of Beaverton
Jim Gelhar	City of Gresham
Joe Kirkland	Washington County
Joe Marek	Clackamas County
John Fasana	Washington County
Kate Freitag, Chair	ODOT
Katherine Bell	ODOT
Kenneth Murray	TriMet
Kristin Tufte	University of Washington
Lisha Shretha	Division Midway Alliance
Mike Burkhart	ODOT
Nick Fortey	FHWA
Pamela O'Brien	DKS
Scott Langer	WSDOT
Scott Turnoy	ODOT
Summer Blackhorse	Metro
Tammy Lee	PSU/TREC
Ted Leybold	Metro
Will Farley	City of Lake Oswego

Introductions and Announcements

Chair Kate Freitag called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. She asked the committee for announcements and project updates.

'round the Table Updates

- Caleb Winter with Metro discussed safety, citing an article on the Maryland Department of Transportation and the push by federal officials and the construction industry to protect highway construction workers on projects funded by the infrastructure law.
- Caleb noted that the Traffic Incident (TIM) meeting on electrical vehicle crash training would be held in September 2023
- Tammy Lee with PSU/TREC provided updates on PORTAL. She announced their new team hires and discussed adding ATR data from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to PORTAL, as well as a new annotation tool to the BikePed section. She also talked about future updates to the Stations page that include multi-year comparisons, total lane volume at different resolutions, updates to station ramp data and rewriting Django to make it easier to maintain over time.
- Bikram Raghubansh with the City of Portland will be working up upgrades for the Regional Architecture development for Intelligent Transportation (RAD-IT). Further, he noted that the Airport Way Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) was slated to complete work end of June. DKS and ODOT will do an evaluation on the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD), and the Barbur Blvd ITS project will begin installation in June. Additionally, the 82nd Ave ITS and signal timing project has all controllers upgraded and they are working with the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) and a consultant on safe corridor speed and ITS related improvements. Finally, they have notice to proceed from ODOT for their Holgate ITE Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO) project.
- Alison Tanaka with the City of Portland and Central Signal Systems announced that they continue to do testing with Q-Free and will install the newest version of Kinetic Signals end of April and have received an extension on the project. Further, she is preparing paperwork for ITS and MTD connections for other agencies and will reach out to them once that is completed.
- Mike Burkhart with ODOT and the Cooperative Telecommunications Infrastructure Committee (CTIC) noted that they had moved the Washington County 911 center to its new location. Caleb announced that the next bi-monthly meeting would be held on May 17 and briefly covered the RV fire that impacted fiber optic cables knocking out internet in Portland.
- Caleb announced that the next ITS Quarterly Network meeting would be held on April 26 and noted the construction completion date of October 2023 for Washington State SR 14.
- Chair Kate Freitag with ODOT announced that the ATCMTD grants were completing the work on the evaluation, and that they have received the data for the I-205 ATM project, which shows a reduction in crashes and an improvement in travel time. Additionally, Scott Turnoy with ODOT gave an update on the I-5/I-205 ICM plan noting that they had completed agency interviews and distributed a survey. He noted that they will hold a stakeholder workshop within the next three weeks.
- AJ O'Connor with TriMet stated that they are working on how to manage the Palo Alto fire wall for transit signal priority (TSP). They are still working on the inter-governmental agreement (IGA) with PBOT, ODOT and the City of Gresham. Further, they plan to shut off TSP for a week in May for Kittelson to do an on/off study. PBOT will shut off their custom logic and controller for up to three days for the study as well.

- Carl Olson with Clackamas County noted that the Freight ITS project will be completed by June and the Canby Ferry ITS project will start construction within the next month. They are waiting on the next phase for the Freight IGA with ODOT and hope to start the project soon. He also mentioned that the Oregon City Arts project would go to bid next month and announced the Oregon ITE Simulation Capacity subcommittee luncheon on April 25.
- John Fasana With Washington County noted that they will be kicking off their transportation safety action plan for Safe Streets for All.
- Tina Nguyen with the City of Beaverton discussed the Washington Square Adaptive project, noting that they were short funds for construction by over \$700 thousand. They are working with ODOT for funding alternatives to carry the project forward, potentially reducing the number of intersections or pushing the project back by a year.
- Scott Langer with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) noted that they had good results for the ATM project that aligns I-5 with the bridge. He will send the DKS portfolio to ODOT for review.
- Caleb Winter gave an update for Metro, stating that the Planning, Development and Research department had hired a new director, Catherine Ciarlo from PBOT, and that Deputy Director Margi Bradway would be transitioning to a new position as Deputy Director of Community Services with Multnomah County. He also discussed carbon reduction program funds that may be available for TSMO projects, specifically next gen transit signal priority on line 33 in McLoughlin, or the transit FX line on 82nd and TV highway. There is also some consideration for TransPort or Safe Routes to School (SRTS).

TransPort Vice-Chair Election (action item)

Chair Freitag reminded the committee of Vice-Chair qualifications found in TransPort's Bylaws and noted that AJ O'Connor had agreed to a renomination as the Vice-Chair for TransPort. Caleb Winter noted that Vice-Chair is for a one-year term with no term limits. Chair Freitag asked if there were additional nominations. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to nominate current Vice-Chair AJ O'Connor as the 2023-24 Vice-Chair for TransPort.

Bikram Raghubansh with the City of Portland motioned to nominate AJ O'Connor. Carl Olsen with Clackamas County seconded the motion. Voting members of Transport that were in favor of the nomination were Jim Gelhar with City of Gresham for Multnomah County, Bikram Raghubansh with City of Portland, Chair Freitag with ODOT, Ted Leybold with Metro, Carl Olson with Clackamas County, with AJ O'Connor abstaining. The motion passed.

2021 TSMO Project Solicitation and Recommendation (action item)

Caleb Winter with Metro provided a memo and project list, and briefly covered the 2021 TSMO project solicitation process and discussed the Reviewer Team scoring work and project recommendation. He asked the committee to take action per TransPort Bylaws and the sub-allocation process described in the solicitation guide.

Caleb noted that of the twelve projects submitted, they had selected seven projects that totaled \$8.3 million from Metro, City of Beaverton, Portland State University (PSU)/TREC, Clackamas County and the City of Portland. Three projects from the City of Portland are still up for consideration for the remaining funding. Two projects from ODOT and the City of Lake Oswego did not meet the full grant criteria.

The committee asked if there were a breakdown of scoring for each category and what Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) cycle the projects will be funded through. Caleb covered scoring and noted that the projects would be funded through the 2024-27 MTIP. Danielle Maillard with Oregon Walks, and on the project review team, noted that they would be available to talk about considerations for community engagement.

The committee discussed options for allocations for the three projects. Hau Hagedorn with PSU/TREC asked Caleb to review their application, noting a discrepancy in the funding match. Bikram asked if it were possible to reduce the scope with PORTAL project. Tammy Lee with PSU/TREC responded that they had not received an increase in funding for many years. As their project grows and agencies continue to depend on them for data needs, they require full funding for their project.

Chair Freitag asked if there a motion to accept the TSMO project recommendation with changes. Ted Leybold with Metro made a motion to approve the recommendation of the evaluation committee as presented with two follow up actions. The first action would be to investigate the calculation on PSU/TREC's PORTAL application and provide additional clarification. The second action would require a meeting of applicants and TransPort staff to come back to TransPort with a recommendation on how to allocate the remaining funds across the three remaining projects, after allocation to the seven fully funded projects. They would then bring that recommendation back to TransPort for final approval, also taking into consideration any adjustments that may be made to the PORTAL application.

Carl Olson with Clackamas County seconded the motion to approve the recommendation. Voting members of Transport in favor of the recommendation were Chair Freitag with ODOT, Carl Olson with Clackamas County, Ted Leybold with Metro, John Fasana with Washington County, Bikram Raghubansh with City of Portland, AJ O'Connor with TriMet and Jim Gelhar with the City of Gresham for Multnomah County. The motion passed.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chair Freitag adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m. The next online meeting will be May 10, 2023.