

TransPort / draft summary

TransPort, Subcommittee of Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC)
Thursday October 11, 2023, 1 to 2:30 pm online

Attendees:

Alison Tanaka	City of Portland
Basem Elazzabi	PSU/TREC
Bikram Raghubansh	City of Portland
Bryan Graveline	Kittelson
Caleb Winter	Metro
Carl Olson	Clackamas County
Dennis Mitchell	DKS
Grayson Isbell	ODOT
Iona Cosmas	Clackamas County
Jabra Khasho	City of Beaverton
Jim Gelhar	City of Gresham
Julay Leatherman-Brooks	PSU/TREC
Joseph Marek	Clackamas County
Kate Freitag (Chair)	ODOT
Katie Bell	ODOT
Kenneth Murray	TriMet
Matt Egeler	City of Hillsboro
Mike Burkhart	ODOT
Nick Fortey	FHWA
Pam O'Brien	DKS
Shaun Quayle	INRIX
Summer Blackhorse	Metro
Susie Serres	City of Hillsboro
Tammy Lee	PSU/TREC
Ted Leybold	Metro
Will Farley	City of Lake Oswego

Introductions and Announcements

Chair Freitag with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. She asked introductions and updates.

- Caleb Winter with Metro gave an update safety surrounding the Portland Bureau of Transportation's (PBOT) safety Cameras. Bikram Raghubansh with PBOT discussed the challenges faced in installing new cameras for speed enforcement and red light running due to supply chain issues and the need to replace some existing cameras. He estimated their goal of installing 20 new cameras by year end would not be met due to these conflicts. Caleb also shared the impact of these cameras, including a 94% decrease in top-end speeding, their placement at high-crash intersections in low-income and communities of color. Finally, he highlighted National Pedestrian Safety month and Walktober.
- Caleb gave a brief update related to Traffic Incident Management (TIM). He announced the Talking TIM webinar series taking place October 25 and encouraged committee attendees to reach out to Dustin Ross for TIM training. He also talked about the need for more TIM-trained incident responders.
- Tammy Lee with PORTAL gave a brief update on the ongoing collaboration with ODOT to improve data transfer and frequency, as well as the progress on the stations page redesign. She emphasized the need for understanding data gaps at a detector station level and the potential benefits of incorporating this data into the redesigned page.
- Bikram shared updates on regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture, including some major enhancements and updates needed for projects, as well as completed and ongoing projects.
- Caleb discussed the planning process for the upcoming season, which involves updating regional planning for the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He mentioned that Metro's Transportation System Management and Operations (TSMO) Regional Mobility Program UPWP entry would cover several projects. These projects include collecting regional sidewalk data, updating the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture, and evaluating the progress made on the 2021 TSMO Strategy.
- Chair Freitag provided an update on the OR224 project. She noted that they have 8 out of 13 intersections left to install radar, as well as gather operational data. Scott Turnoy with ODOT provided an update on the I-5/I-205 Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) project and mentioned that they are identifying and narrowing down operational alternatives for the project.

PORTAL and BikePed Portal Draft TSMO Scope

The draft PORTAL and BikePed work plan was presented for review and feedback. Caleb Winter briefly explained Metro and ODOT's role in project management and the long-term PSU-ODOT Agreement. Tammy Lee presented a draft scope of work for the project and asked for feedback from the committee. Caleb noted that TransPort acts as the Technical Advisory Committee for TSMO-related PORTAL work. He reminded the TransPort that he had shared this document before the meeting and mentioned there were no new updates since the previous draft review. No changes were made during the meeting. Tammy said the aim is to finalize the draft early next month.

Chair Freitag thanked Tammy and Bassem Elazzabi with PSU/TREC for their efforts and asked for feedback on the draft by October 25.

Caleb and Tammy highlighted that a new home page for PORTAL is being developed by Julay Leatherman-Brooks, a student worker with PSU/TREC. Tammy and Julay presented the redesigned home page, which included features for easier contact, announcements, and more user-friendly engagement. They encouraged feedback on adding more relevant resources to the new design.

Basem further discussed removal, rediscovery, and usage of the map feature on the homepage. Basem asked if TransPort had feedback on suggested removal of the live map on the current PORTAL home page. The map shows live traffic speeds on Interstates. It was introduced around the same time as Google's traffic map. Basem asked for additional feedback on the map.

Scott Turnoy raised a question about the possibility of utilizing PORTAL's, or a Metro-focused dashboard to display information related to the new Regional Mobility Policy. Caleb and Ted Leybold with Metro discussed the potential for visualizing active management zones and their effects and noted that it would require discussion at TransPort to support making this a future enhancement to PORTAL.

Finally, Caleb and Tammy underscored the usefulness of PORTAL for making data requests and encouraged the committee to attend PORTAL Users Group (PUG) meetings for deeper discussions.

Additional Announcements

Chair Freitag asked if there were any additional announcements or updates.

- Caleb announced an extended deadline for a call for contributions of this Friday, for the ITS America Conference. The conference will be held in Phoenix, Arizona. Additionally, Caleb asked that future conference or event opportunities to be sent to him. Finally, he noted that he will be speaking at PSU's Friday seminar along with the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) TSMO planner on October 27.
- Carl Olson with Clackamas County announced that the Oregon Institute for Transportation Engineers (ITE) was accepting nominations for the 2023 transportation project of the year. Further, he encouraged attendees to save the date for the Oregon ITE Traffic Bowl on Thursday, November 16.
- Chair Freitag also reminded attendees to suggest topics for future projects and presentations.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chair Freitag adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m. The next online meeting will be November 8, 2023.