

# *TransPort / draft summary*

TransPort, Subcommittee of Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC)  
Thursday September 11, 2024, online

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## **Attendees:**

AJ O'Connor	TriMet
Andrew Bastasch	ODOT
Andrew Brown	ODOT
Bassem Elazzabi	PSU/TREC
Bikram Raghubansh (Vice Chair)	PBOT
Cadell Chand	Washington County
Caleb Winter	Metro
Dong Mei (Maggie) Lin	City of Beaverton
Grayson Isbell	ODOT
Hanna Howsmon	Metro
Ioana Cosmas	Clackamas County
Jabra Khasho	City of Beaverton
Jason Nett	TriMet
Jeremy Kwok-Choon	Metro
Jim Gelhar	City of Gresham
Jim Peters	Citizen Engineers
John Fasana	Washington County
Jonathan Rand	City of Gresham
Chair Freitag (Chair)	ODOT
Mike Burkhart	ODOT
Mike McLaughlin	TriMet
Patrick Kubui	Washington County
Renee Mercardo	ODOT
Saba Doulabi	TriMet
Scott Turnoy	ODOT
Shaun Quayle	INRIX
Summer Blackhorse	Metro
Susie Serres	City of Hillsboro
Ted Leybold	Metro
William Farley	City of Lake Oswego

## **Introductions and Announcements**

Chair Freitag with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. She asked for introductions and announcements. Caleb Winter announced the upcoming Transportation Demand Management (TDM) week and the Car Free Challenge.

## **'Round the Table Updates**

- Caleb Winter with Metro provided an update on safety and discussed high injury corridors and the Federal Highway Association (FHWA) resource for addressing road safety among people experiencing homelessness.
- Caleb announced the 2024 Annual Traffic Incident Management (TIM ) conference in Albany, OR, September 24 25. Additionally, he discussed the tow recovery demo and the potential involvement of the State hazmat team. He asked Chair Freitag for any internal updates and suggested that her information be passed along to emergency responders and those involved in clearing incidents and post-crash analysis.
- Basem Elazzabi with PORTAL discussed the plan to decommission the old station page soon, urging users to report any issues with the transition. He mentioned the ongoing efforts to improve the accuracy of station locations and the addition of ramp data. Further, Basem addressed the issue of outdated data on the Oregon travel time page, stating that they are considering using freeway data for travel time calculations, which may limit data availability to freeway stations.
- Bikram Raghubansh with the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) discussed ongoing projects and updates, including assistance with architecture updates for TSP projects, the Central Signal System, Kinetics Mobility Platform, and the 82nd project. Further, he covered Portland Traffic Signal Performance Measure project, the city's ATC controller conversions, and the local traffic signal control replacement project with the City of Gresham.
- Grayson Isbel with ODOT reminded the committee about the Cooperative Telecommunications Infrastructure Committee (CTIC) meeting on September 18.
- Caleb shared updates on reconnecting the Port of Portland to the Intelligent Transportation systems (ITS) Network after the completion of the Better Red construction.
- Chair Freitag provided updates on the I-5 ATM project and the I-205 Bus on Shoulder projects. Jim Peters with Citizen Engineers discussed a maintenance work zone safety strategy and implementation plan with ODOT.
- Caleb welcomed new Metro staff member Hannah Housman, who will assist with Regional Travel Options (RTO) and support the Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) projects.

Additionally, he discussed the Metro redistribution funds available for projects facing significant inflationary cost increases, noting that the funds cannot replace local match funds but can offset inflation. Funds can be used for projects that have not yet completed construction. The deadline to apply for the funds is October 11.

Caleb and Ted Leybold with Metro also covered the 2028-2030 Regional Flexible Fund Allocation (RFFA), in terms of the TSMO program and bond for transit-related projects. Caleb mentioned that the total request for regional funds is just under \$232 million. Ted clarified that the \$232 million is for Step 2 only, and that \$353 million is the total cost of

those projects, included the match and overmatch. Any leftover funds would go back into the Step 2 allocation process.

- Chair Freitag and behalf of AJ O'Connor with TriMet, noted that they are finalizing a report for FHWA on their initial cloud-based Transit Service Provider (TSP) implementation on Division.
- John Fasan with Washington County noted that they are wrapping up their ATC Controller conversion project
- Ioana Cosma with Clackamas County is working on their agency conversion project and discussed an upcoming golf event. She also noted that the Oregon ITE has an upcoming golf event September 27 at Edgefield, Oregon, and Washington ITS will be hosting Censorama 2024, on October 24. Abstracts are due this Friday.
- Jabra Khasho announced that Dong Mei (Maggie) Lynn had joined the City of Beaverton Transportation Team, and that they are still working on their ATC controller conversion.
- Jim Peters discussed City of Hillsboro connecting their fiber network, and the submission of an FF4A grant for safety view and signal analytics.
- Will Farley with the City of Lake Oswego shared updates on their work to restore fiber communications along Kerr Boulevard, establish fiber communications to Stafford and Overlook, and extend fiber communications to new signals.

#### **TSMO Performance Measures Evaluation Work Ahead**

Caleb Winter and Jeremy Kwok-Choon with Metro gave a presentation on the TSMO performance measures evaluation work, a follow-up from the 2021 TSMO Strategy update. Caleb and Jeremy presented an initial evaluation of the performance measures and targets set in the TSMO Strategy. They emphasized the importance of accountability and the need to assess where projects have been responsive to improving equity in the region and where they have fallen short. Caleb outlined the three-year work plan for TransPort, stressing the importance of continuous improvement and the role of data in performance measures. He encouraged the committee to contribute to the collection of data and analysis.

Jeremy discussed the main performance measures and targets of TSMO, emphasizing the need for agency collaboration, system connectivity, and targeted TSMO investments. He also shared a breakdown of the performance measures, targets, key metrics, and project details. Jeremy noted the need for a collaborative effort between Metro and partners to gather more data to better evaluate the TSMO program.

Further, Jeremy discussed the potential impact of signal projects on buffer indices and the importance of targeting investments in equity focus areas. Caleb highlighted the need to explore connections between performance measures and signal projects. They agreed to share this information with project leads and to continue exploring these connections.

Caleb and Jeremy also discussed the distribution of projects within the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), focusing on equity areas and the importance of GIS files in connecting projects within the network. Caleb requested that partners provide reports on completed projects and feedback on success factors by June 2025.

The committee raised concerns about the objectives of signal operations, particularly in relation to pedestrian safety. Further, they discussed the process of updating a spreadsheet for performance measures, project completion, and the potential for new projects. Caleb mentioned

the possibility of losing sight of performance measures in some projects, and the need for data crunching and technical expertise.

Further, the committee also discussed a more automated and proactive approach to traffic signal performance measures. Bikram suggested developing a dashboard for performance measures, with each agency choosing their own metrics. Jim emphasized the importance of continuous monitoring and the need for a regional solution. Caleb suggested learning more about sensors to supplement data and encouraged committee members to submit abstracts on sensor-related topics. Finally, they discussed the challenges faced by the city due to evolving sensor technology and the need to balance metric collection with a dwindling budget.

Chair Freitag brought up the topic of ATSPMS, suggesting a future round table discussion to understand how transportation agencies are using and collecting them. She encouraged everyone to stay updated on future plans.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Chair Freitag adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m. The next online meeting will be held online October 9, 2024.