

# *TransPort / draft summary*

TransPort, Subcommittee of the Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee (TPAC)  
Thursday April 9, 2025, online 1 to 2:30 p.m.

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## **Attendees:**

AJ O'Connor	TriMet
April Bacigalupi	HDR Inc.
Basem Elazzabi	PSU/TREC
Bikram Raghubansh (Vice Chair)	PBOT
Caleb Winter	Metro
Carl Olson	Clackamas County
Christopher DeLorto	HDR Inc.
Dennis Mitchell	DKS Associates
Dongmei Lin	City of Beaverton
Grayson Isbell	ODOT
Jabra Khasho	City of Beaverton
Jean Senechal Biggs	Metro
Jim Gelhar	City of Gresham
Jim Peters	Citizen Engineers
Joe Kirkland	Washington County
Joel McCarroll	DKS Associates
John Fasana	Washington County
Jonathan Rand	City of Gresham
Kate Freitag (Chair)	ODOT
Mike Burkhart	ODOT
Nick Fortey	FHWA Oregon Division
Samuel Inoue-Alexander	HDR Inc.
Scott Turnoy	ODOT
Summer Blackhorse	Metro
Tammy Lee	PSU/TREC
William Farley	City of Lake Oswego

### **Introductions and Announcements**

Chair Kate Freitag with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. She asked if there were any announcements. Carl Olson with Clackamas County shared information about an upcoming Oregon ITE subcommittee luncheon.

### **Chair (action Item)**

Caleb declared a voting quorum and asked for nominations to elect the TransPort Chair for a three-year term. There are no term limits. Current Chair, Kate Freitag was nominated and accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. AJ O'Connor with TriMet made a motion to re-elect Kate Freitag as TransPort Chair for another three-year term. Carl Olson with Clackamas County seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Voting members of the committee, including Vice Chair Bikram Raghubansh with the City of Portland, Jim Gelhar with the City of Gresham, John Fasana with Washington County, Jean Senechal Biggs with Metro, Carl Olson and AJ O'Connor voted unanimously to re-elect Kate Freitag as Chair of TransPort.

### **Vice Chair (action Item)**

Caleb asked the quorum for nominations to elect the TransPort Vice Chair for a one-year term. There are no term limits. Current Vice Chair, Bikram Raghubansh was nominated and accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Carl Olson made a motion to re-elect Vice Chair Bikram Raghubansh as TransPort Vice Chair for the 2025-26 term. Jean Senechal Biggs seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Voting members of the committee, including Chair Kate Freitag, Jim Gelhar, John Fasana, Jean Senechal Biggs, Carl Olson and AJ O'Connor voted unanimously to re-elect Bikram Raghubansh as Vice Chair of TransPort.

### **'Round the Table Updates**

- Caleb provided a safety update and highlighted the Safe System Approach and the Safe Streets for All Grant (SS4A) opportunity.
- Caleb covered updates on Traffic Incident Management (TIM) and the Move It Law. He also mentioned an upcoming grant application webinar.
- Tammy Lee with PSU Portal reported on the completion of pedestrian estimated volumes, UI documentation, and video tutorials. She discussed a report comparing travel time between Inrix and Portal data, the ongoing work on updating the API script for the Eco counter, and the addition of ramp data to the Stations page. She also announced the formation of an Portal advisory committee based on community-based organizations.
- Bikram Raghubansh provided updates on Central Signal System, new sensor technology, several City of Portland projects, and their work with TriMet on Transit Signal Priority (TSP) inter-governmental agreement (IGA)
- Grayson Isbell with ODOT gave an update on Cooperative Telecommunications Infrastructure Committee (CTIC). He reported breaks in the fiber network ring in two locations and that they were working to get it repaired.
- Caleb shared updates on the ongoing network outage and funding for the switch replacement project for the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) network. He will work with Chair Freitag to review and finalize the switch replacement plan.

- AJ O'Connor with TriMet briefly discussed the TSP IGA between the City of Portland and TriMet.
- John Fasana with Washington covered the completion of the ATC Controller Conversion Project and the ongoing Central Signal System project.
- Carl Olson with Clackamas County mentioned the Stafford Road closure and the potential for strikes at the county.
- Jim Gelhar gave an update for Multnomah County on the inter-governmental agreement (IGA) that was signed for the Controller replacement project.
- Chair Freitag discussed various projects, including signal corridor retiming, VMS replacements, and the I-5 Terwilliger to Markham project.
- Jabra Khasho with the City of Beaverton gave an update on the Washington Square adaptive project currently under construction. They are also working on updating the contract for implementation.
- Will Farley with the City of Lake Oswego noted that they are working on restoring communication lines on Kerr Parkway and connecting communication between Stafford and Overlook.

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### Evaluation of Oregon Smart Mobility Projects

Joel McCarrol with DKS presented a summary of several transportation improvement projects and their outcomes. The projects include I-205 ATM, Oregon 212/224 traffic signal upgrades, Airport Way improvements, Cornelius Pass Road upgrades, and Next Generation TSP on Division Street. Overall, the projects generally had positive safety outcomes with mixed results for travel time and reliability.

The I-205 project showed significant crash reductions and improved travel times. The signal upgrade projects often resulted in some safety improvements but sometimes at the expense of travel time efficiency. The Airport Way Improvements also had mixed results, while the Next Generation TSP project on Division Street improved bus travel times and on-time arrivals.

Joel also emphasized the importance of proper before-and-after data collection and noted that at times safety improvements conflicted with operational efficiency goals. He also presented the evaluation of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) projects, including a high-level analysis of the crash data system. Joel concluded that when monetized, the overall project benefits exceeded the costs.

Bikram reminded the committee on how fast technology can change and noted that the Portland Airport Way project scope was impacted by technology changes early. He mentioned that the project did see safety and pedestrian improvements. Dennis Mitchell with DKS mentioned that a full report for each project is being compiled and will include detailed information on the analysis methods.

Caleb noted that they would like to work with more partners on the TSMO project for safety and reliability. He asked if there was anything to indicate that severe, high injury and fatal crashes were reduced. Joel noted that they do not have crash severity information and were still looking at 2023 data. He also pointed out that there is a data lag of approximately five years. Further, Dennis commented that a full report, written for FHWA, will be available soon. Chair Freitag also noted that the finalized 2023 data was available and provided a link. She thanked Joel and Dennis for their presentation and emphasized the importance of evaluations in implementing new technologies.

### Adjourn

Chair Freitag asked if there were additional updates or announcements. Caleb asked the committee to send in additional topics for future meetings. Current topics include a DKS presentation

on cloud-based transit signal priority (TSP) with the SCATS system, Jacob Sherman's presentation on zero-emission delivery zones, a TransPort Action Plan review and TSMO strategy implementation progress.

There being no further business, Chair Freitag adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m. The next meeting will be held online, May 14 at 1:00 p.m.

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