



**SUBCOMMITTEE KICKOFF
MEETING MINUTES**

**February 4th, 2015
9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**ODOT Headquarters, Room
240**

355 Capitol St. NE,
Salem OR 97301

**Governor’s Transportation Vision Panel
Bike, Pedestrian, Transit, and Passenger Rail Subcommittee**

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Subcommittee Chair:

David Hauser

Subcommittee Members:

Rep. Caddy McKeown

Bruce Warner

Jerry Norquist

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Panel Sponsor:

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Facilitator:

Pete Pande

Resources and Support:

Sam Haffner

Jerri Bohard

Mac Lynde

Jim Cox

Additional Attendees:

Andy Cotugno

Aaron Deas

Edward McGlone

Bill Hadstrom (by phone)

Mike Jaffe (by phone)

Topic 1: Introductions, Review of Groundrules and Minutes, Review of GTVP and Subcommittee Charge

Groundrules:

- In addition to Groundrules from the first meeting, the group identified the need to share minutes between committees

Minutes:

- The minutes were approved as written

Review of GTVP and Subcommittee Charge. To view the presentation on the Subcommittee’s Charge, [click here](#).

- Objective of Panel is to make recommendations for 2016 and beyond
- What can the Governor do in the next 4-5 years to advance transportation objectives
- Work should not be repeat of 2006 OTP, but an action plan to deliver next steps
- This committee should consider how to prioritize alternative modes
- Key considerations should also be around safety and equity

Topic 2: Structure of Issues and Focus Areas

Subcommittee members reviewed key takeaways from the previous meeting:

Transit:

- effect of technology in changing demand and service- the need to own cars, user expectations
- Innovation regulation- bill in the last session considered regulatory structure on driverless cars
- Opportunities and challenges vary across region. We need to be cognizant as we move forward.
- Growing demand for elderly services, growing demographic. Needs to be addressed systemically
- How can we utilize Uber technology in addressing rural transit?
- Transit Districts are working toward integration. Public Transit Plan is under development, aim is to approach transit as a comprehensive system
- Operation funding for transit service is primarily a local responsibility, how does this compare to other states?
- Capital funding for creating transit system is often ad-hoc. State has to be more thoughtful in the long run.
- To get Federal operations funding, State needs to show its support. State needs to be positioned as a clear champion of local demand.
- Coordination has been good between transit systems. Expertise has not been the issue. May not be an issue to pursue.
- How can local communities work to pool resources, (e.g., school buses, senior service, tribal service providers, etc.)
- How do we connect TriMet’s work on the Barbur corridor with the function of the highway system
- Should scope of transit extend to marine service? Water taxis in Coos Bay? *[note: topic of service on Columbia and Willamette rivers brought up in AM&FR Subcommittee]*

- OTF proposal addresses youth transit. Replacing yellow bus with city bus voucher in PDX has side benefits, but how this would impact school budget needs consideration
- Shift in behavior of millennials. Reduced car ownership and familiarity and comfort navigating transit.
 - Can we confirm trend for young people away from driving? Is trend changing or is it a delay in car lifestyle?
- Need to consider big opportunity of transit supporting tourism. Large tourist demographic that desires transit and passenger rail.
- How do we assign value to healthcare outcomes from active transportation? This question is connected to transit; last mile service.

Topic 3: Overview of Passenger Rail- continued

Jim Cox continued his presentation on Passenger Rail in Oregon. For a copy of this presentation, [click here](#).

Questions and Comments:

- Is there a difference in level of inspection between freight rail and passenger rail? Not to Jim’s knowledge
- Is boat fuel included in ‘lawnmower fund? No
- Are there places where passenger rail is *not* subsidized? Not in the Unites States. There may be *some* places internationally, but not the norm.
- Where does \$31million in economic benefit come from? Spending by tourists as well as intercity commuters.
- The funding shortfall is a focus in the 2015 Session, what is the Committee’s charge? Sustainable long-term funding.
- Does Passenger Rail being under the umbrella of ODOT help or hinder? Question of economies of scale.
- Should a special taxing district be considered? This could also manage demand for service in WV communities.
- Surveys say that 73% of Oregonians identify passenger rail as important. Is surveying being done outside service area? Participants are self-selected.
- The primary goal of passenger rail is to improve highway congestion, particularly along freight corridors.

Topic 4: Wrap-up and Next Steps

Due to time constraints, the committee agreed to have Mac present his Overview of Action Transportation at the next meeting

- Active Transportation Overview should cover the link between bike/ped and congestion benefits
- Also cover Safe Routes to Schools program. Mac and Jerri tasked with inviting presenter

General comments on future topics/speakers

- Identify connection between active transportation outcomes and issues we want to solve
- Include the connection with tourism. Travel Oregon is a resource attentive to active transportation and transit
- Jerri identified GreenSTEP planning model as a useful resource in measuring outcomes of investments in transit and active transportation. This model was used in the Statewide Transportation Strategy

The next meeting is set for February 25th, 12:30 to 2:30

Dennis Mulvihill and Jerry Norquist will need to call in to the next meeting.

Action items:

Item:	Person(s) responsible:	Deadline:
Subcommittee members review meeting minutes and be prepared to share questions or changes	Committee members	Before next meeting
Coordinate with chair on agenda and content for next meeting	Chair and support staff	Before next meeting
Identify speaker to address Safe Routes to Schools	Jerri and Mac	ASAP

Additional Reading:

Item:	Person(s) responsible: