



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

MEETING MINUTES

SUBCOMMITTEE KICKOFF MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2015
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**ODOT Headquarters, Room
240**

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Sam Haffner

Jerri Bohard (by phone)

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Julie Brown (Transit)

Jim Cox (Passenger Rail)

Topic 1: Introductions and Committee Overview

Discussion:

- Committee Member Introductions
- Karmen identified long-term nature of Panel's focus. The Panel needs to identify ways to pay for transportation, but also adapt to meet increasing multi-modal demands of the public.
- This subcommittee is one of five. The work of the oversight committee will ensure that all 5 subcommittees work toward a similar direction through separate paths
- The importance of not 'jumping to solutions' was identified

Topic 2: Subcommittee Ground Rules

Discussion: Important to identify ground rules for the committee moving forward

Conclusions:

Committee members agreed to the following ground rules:

- Start and end on time
- Engage in respectful dialogue
- Come prepared
- Expect "homework" between meetings
- Attend in person whenever possible
- Committee discussions stay within committee
- Minutes will be shared with other committees
- Consensus-based decision making will be utilized
- Limit cellphone use to breaks

Topic 3: Round Table Discussion

Discussion:

- Consider how to leverage previous work and not duplicate it.
- How best to learn from the SMEs
- The timeline is ambitious – we need to get up to speed quickly
- What's has changed since 2006 OTP was published?
- Transportation needs must be addressed in 2015 Legislative Session, but our work will not be ready in time. So, how does that impact our work? It is important to separate the long-term focus of our work from the current session.
- Need to recognize that established funding streams can't meet multi-modal demand. This Panel must help build the case for a new approach to funding.
- Nobody is an expert in everything – so there is learning to be done
- Active transportation should be a key part of a transportation vision
- Bicycle interests has been late to the game in recognizing role in transportation, not just recreation
- We should look outside of the state and the country for examples, particularly on active transportation
- How do we place a value on investing in the future?

- How does this group create something that will be relevant – now and in the future. For this Governor and for future Governor’s to use and work towards.
- Need to keep the map of Oregon in our heads – we have a big state with varying needs
- What if we need to gather data that can’t be accomplished as part of our work?
- Need stronger tie to local funding
- There are changing trends – we need to predict what else will change in order to create a 30 year vision
- Private vs. Public leadership – how can the private sector be engaged
- The generational shift in mode choice cannot be ignored

Conclusions:

- Group needs to be deliberate about distinguishing long-term vision work from near-term action by 2015 Legislature.
- Group needs to think about where we want to go as a state, not just the politics of getting there.
- It is important to put a premium on transportation outcomes, not just what we spend money on.

Action items:

Action items:	Person(s) responsible:	Deadline:
Address updates to the OTP in 2 nd Meeting	SME and Sam	Meeting 2
Share ‘EcoNorthwest’ presentation with Committee	Bruce → Sam	ASAP
Share ‘Oregon Values’ Report with Committee	Julie → Sam	ASAP

Topic 4: Public Transit 101 Presentation

Discussion:

- How close is transit choice tied to gas price fluctuation? This varies by region.
- Is there an uber-like model that might benefit the system?
- How can we harness the private sector to help with funding?
- What is the demand/need for transit service in the GAP areas?
- What are the costs associated with implementing transit systems – with breakdowns?
- How can tourism play into expanding the transit services provided?
- Are there gaps in schedule/frequency in high demand areas that already have service that should be addressed?
- What technological changes are coming and when?
- How much \$ is required to match the federal funds already given to transit?

Action items:

Action items:	Person(s) responsible:	Deadline:
Share Julie’s presentation with Committee	Sam	ASAP

Topic 5: Passenger Rail 101 Presentation

Discussion:

- How does private ownership of rail compare to other countries? Freight rail demand is generally heavier here
- We need to look again at assumptions of costs and assumptions about future; What does the 600 mile gap between Cascade corridor and California corridor look like if we factor in environmental cost and long-term transportation shifts. It is appropriate that we question our own conclusions in the Panel

Action items:

Action items:	Person(s) responsible:	Deadline:
Share High Speed Concept Vision with Committee	Jim → Sam	ASAP
Share pertinent highlights of State Rail Plan with Committee	Jim → Sam	ASAP

Topic 6: Potential Topics for Next Meeting

Discussion:

- Jim to finish Passenger Rail Presentation (15 minutes)
- Mac Lynde to give Transportation Presentation (30 minutes)
- Dave suggested we begin to define what our deliverable need to be.
- Review/Discuss the reading assignments that will be given and due for the next meeting
 - What did you learn?
 - What’s relevant to our work?
 - What questions did it leave you with?

Action items:

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Share today’s reading assignments, minutes, and PowerPoints	Sam	ASAP
Committee members review reading assignments identified	Committee Members	Before meeting 2
Share agenda and PowerPoints for Meeting 2	Sam	1 week before meeting 2
Plan for future meeting dates	Sam work with members	ASAP