



Governor's Transportation Vision Panel

Roadways and Bridges Subcommittee

MEETING MINUTES, February 3rd

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING #2 MINUTES

February 3rd, 2015
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

ODOT Headquarters
Room 103, Gail L. Achterman
Commission Room
355 Capitol St. NE,
Salem OR 97301

Subcommittee Chair:

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Resources and Support:

Sam Haffner

Paul Mather

Erik Havig

Susie Lahsene (Port of Portland)

Marion Haynes (PBA)

Topic 1: Introductions, Review of Minutes and GTVP Charge

Changes or additions to minutes:

- *Clarification on economies of scale comment in previous minutes:* It is important to look at office overlap and workforce efficiencies within state and local transportation agencies as part of any new funding requests on transportation
- Minutes were approved

Staff support prepared a PowerPoint reviewing the Panel and Subcommittee's Charge. For a copy of this presentation, [click here](#).

Key Points:

- Set of actionable recommendations for the Governor for 2016 and beyond
- Look at intermediate steps that can set up a long term transportation goal
- Work with other subcommittees will be coordinated through the Oversight Committee

Topic 2: Discussion on Subcommittee Charge

Comments:

- Members want to see an update to the OTP: what has been done, what has not been done? What are the reasons?
- The Panel should develop a plan on reaching out to the ACTs during the spring. Panel members identified regions where they could connect with the ACT's *[note: Karmen has strongly recommended inviting ACT members to the Panel rather than Panelists reaching out to the ACTs in public forums during the Legislative Session so as not to create confusion around a 2015 transportation package]*
- Discussion of seismic consideration within this subcommittee. While the other subcommittee is charged specifically with seismic resiliency, this committee cannot ignore seismic issues on roads and bridges in developing its recommendations.
- The Governor has given the Panel wide latitude on what its recommendations should be.
- Larry noted the Reason Foundation's Report on the Performance of State Highways Systems that he distributed at the Kickoff meetings. For a copy of this report, [click here](#). He charged the committee and staff support to think critically about what is not working.
- Question for the Subcommittee: Should the primary focus of the committee be on the transportation solutions the agency delivers, rather than the secondary question of *how* the agency does its work?

Topic 3: Overview of OTP and OHP Roadway Elements with Erik Havig

Erik gave a 15 minute presentation on the Oregon Transportation Plan and the Oregon Highway Plan. For a copy of this presentation, [click here](#).

Key Takeaways:

- Mobility goal is closely tied with economic objectives

- Efficiency goal is a key to maximizing capacity of existing investment
- We are in a triage with declining revenue. Preserving and maintaining system is investment priority.
- The OTP does not call out specific projects for implementation but lays a framework to prioritize and act strategically.

Questions and comments:

- How does the Department work around sensitive issues like accessibility and orphan highways? These issues need to be on the table for the Panel

Topic 3: Costs of Congestion Presentation with Susie Lahsene and Marion Hayes

Susie and Marion gave a presentation on the Cost of Congestion. For a copy of this presentation, [click here](#).

Key Takeaways:

- Economy in MPOs growing faster than population, resulting in an economy increasingly reliant on exported goods
- 1 in every 4 sales dollars in manufacturing comes from foreign customers
- Congestion’s economic impact includes limits on access to labor in addition to markets
- Congestion impacts business outside of the metro area as well; reliance on corridor and Port of Portland
- Companies are moving from off-peak to off-off-peak. Unpredictability and logistics challenges compound costs.
- We can’t end congestion but we can reduce congestion’s projected growth in the region
- There is a 240% return on investment for transportation projects identified.

Questions and comments:

- How frequently have you met with businesses in the study? Several times with this study. Ongoing work with Oregon Freight Advisory Committee

Topic 4: Wrap-up and Next Steps

Items identified for the next meeting Agenda (February 24th, 10am)

- Candid presentation on where ODOT struggles
 - Scope of what ODOT does/does not do
- Categories of Issues/Topics
 - Raised by the subcommittee
 - Ideas from staff
- Overview → Update of 2006 OTP
- Identify potential stakeholders, review

Future meetings

- Freight Plan overview
- Plan for working with ACTs – Annette *[note: Panel’s interaction with ACTs needs to be well organized during Session]*
- Map out concepts, path forward

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 the next meeting	Chair and support staff	Before next meeting
Prepare overview of what has/hasn’t been done since the 2006 OTP	Travis Brouwer, Jerri Bohard	Week of 2/16
Review State of the System (<i>handout</i>) and OTP updates memo (<i>document to be shared via email week of 2/16</i>)	Committee members	Before next meeting
Share a list of OTF Members	Sam emailed to Panel on February 9th, Committee to Review	Completed