

**Road User Fee Task Force  
January 22, 2024  
Meeting Minutes**

**AMENDED & APPROVED**

**Task Force Members in attendance:** Chair OTC Commissioner Lee Beyer, Vice Chair Rep. John Lively, OTC Commissioner Jeff Baker, Steve Uffelman, Dan Dorran, Jeff Allen, Marie Dodds, Keith Wilson, Bruce Zimmerman, and Rep. Rick Lewis

**ODOT Staff in attendance:** Scott Boardman, Travis Brouwer, Daniel Porter, Sata Donaca, Maureen Bock, Lisa Perry, Micayla Callahan, Dave Adams, Peter Alotta, Judith Ingram-Moore, Jim Atkins, Don Hamilton, Justin Hauschild, David Nemchik, Tracy Olander, Andre Orso, Randal Thomas, and Kait Fredrickson

**Public in attendance:** Nicholas Downen, Patrick Malone

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Chair Beyer convened the meeting at 10:05 am.

**Public comment**

No public comments received.

**Proposed 2024 work plan and schedule**

Following task force member introductions, Scott Boardman outlined the goals for 2024 included in the proposed work plan. Scott noted that the proposed approach for this slate of meetings would focus on a more comprehensive examination of mechanisms for generating transportation revenue compared to past RUFTF efforts to develop a legislative concept for a mandatory road usage charging (RUC) program. He said that RUC is still part of the plan, but RUFTF is encouraged to explore additional options.

Scott reviewed the proposed meeting dates and the discussion topics for those meetings. He noted that the February meeting would consist of required training for the city, county, and at-large members given that the legislature will be in a short session. Scott also noted that, ahead of the March meeting, ODOT would provide RUFTF members with several recent reports that will be relevant to the discussion, including the Highway Cost Allocation Study and HB 2017 Section 75 Study.

Task force members provided feedback and input on the proposed meeting topics included in the work plan. Suggestions and requests included: establishing specific criteria and metrics for evaluating system needs; additional stakeholder engagement; the use of technology; collaboration with city and county governments; administrative costs; and examination of what other states are doing to address this issue,

among others.

Commissioner Baker emphasized the need for public transparency given the importance of the work and recommended that video recordings of RUFTF meetings be made available in an online archive; Scott replied that he would consult with the agency's digital content team. Commissioner Dorran suggested that the task force consider adding meetings to the work plan in order to cover all of the desired topics and ensure that adequate public outreach is conducted.

### **Overview of projections and forecasts**

Daniel Porter, Chief Economist for ODOT, joined Scott to provide task force members with a presentation on transportation revenue projections considering vehicle fleet forecasts, in which the fleet is expected to become increasingly fuel efficient. Task force members also watched a video produced by ODOT that provided additional context, which can be found [here](#).

Task force members discussed elements of the presentation and offered topics for deliberation in the conversation moving forward, including environmental considerations, the continued development of a tolling program in the Portland metro region, and privacy concerns under a mandatory RUC program.

### **Future meeting date and next steps**

The full task force will assemble again in March, while the city, county, and at-large members will meet in February for training required by the State.

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 am.