

Meet your TAMS Project Team

You will be hearing many updates over the next several months about TAMS but just who are these folks that make up the project team?

ODOT Team

Victoria Hawley

Victoria Hawley officially joined ODOT/TAD as a Sr. Data and Systems Analyst in January 2015, but worked with TAD for 10 years as an independent consultant mapping ODOT business unit processes: She lost count after 200... She also consulted with high-tech and aerospace companies implementing quality management systems. In between consulting and employment, she and her husband took off for Alaska and Mexico for 4 years in their boat (a modified 65' steel ex-Army trawler). The Spanish she learned as a three year old living in Santiago, Chile, was vaguely useful. It was a great adventure, but, as she says, "You can only be on vacation so long, then it's nice to come home." Victoria also worked in telecommunications as a Revenue Analysis Coordinator before managing the corporate Business Process Improvement program. She served on the board of several professional organizations in the Quality Management field during the 1990s when the quality movement was gaining foothold in Oregon. Now she's delighted to be in the right place at the right time for a new era – the burgeoning winery movement in the Willamette Valley. The latter, she claims, helps in her newest role as Implementation Manager for the TAMS project where Victoria is responsible for coordinating the efforts of the partner agencies: ODOT, Aviation, DEQ, Department of Agriculture, and DLCD. "It's an honor," she says, "to be part of a high-caliber team working on a project of this type and scope. I have complete faith in our teams, the Kronos project team, and the product lines we selected. Our vision is to provide a modern, practical solution to tracking time and managing leave. Not only for ourselves, but for any agency in the State. Along the way, I get to work with smart, dedicated people. Life is good. ¡Salud!"

John Cossu

John joined ODOT in December 2003 as a temporary employee and became a full time employee in May 2004. He is a Project Manager with TAD and has worked on many different projects He commutes daily from Gresham, putting lots of miles on his car but is still hopeful that teleporting will become the standard mode of transportation in the near future. Prior to ODOT, he has worked as a banker, cook, delivered flowers, machinist, software tester and with an internet startup firm that was the predecessor to iTunes.

Outside of work his favorite four letter words are food, rest and ESPN. John is one of two original TAMS team members remaining, but the members who have been added to the team have brought the level of professionalism and skill sets to new levels. "Being part of a dynamic, energetic and hardworking team on this project makes you want to come to work each day," he says, " knowing that everyone is working for the same goal, same purpose and the right solution that everyone can use. GO DUCKS!"

Marilyn Sherwood

Marilyn joined ODOT in May 2001 pioneering the newly developed Central Authorization Unit in Financial Services. Shortly thereafter she moved on to Payroll working for Tracy Wroblewski for the next 5 years. She then was fortunate enough to take a hiatus to stay home with her small child during the first years of school. During that time she realized her love of working with children and was certified as a No Child Left Behind Paraprofessional working with K-5th grade students. In July 2013, she returned to ODOT Payroll. Marilyn spent the majority of her early career in the banking industry working herself up from teller to supervisor to branch manager and finally loan officer during the home boom of 1998. Banking has always been her love and credits many of the life and professional lessons learned during those days. Marilyn joined the original TAMS team in July 2014 half time while still doing her full time Payroll job and has now dedicated a full time role to TAMS since March 2016. Her primary role on TAMS will be the voice of the business to ensure needs are being considered and as a Payroll subject matter expert. "The TAMS team has evolved with new faces over the last few years but each new face gives the project energy and a sense of newness" she claims. Marilyn is delighted to have the opportunity to make timekeeping more streamlined and easier to use and looks forward to the next several months working daily with a wonderfully experienced group of team members to make this happen!

Erin Morris

Erin is the newbie on the TAMS team, having joined ODOT, and TAMS at the beginning of May as a Senior Systems Analyst for TAD. She joins ODOT after working in the educational technology and app development space, as well as teaching at Chemeketa and Western Oregon University. A native of Salem, she flew the coop for a season before deciding Salem was a pretty good home base. She is the resident nerd of the team and will happily bore you on a broad variety of historical and geo-political topics anytime you wish.

LeaAnne Brooks

Lea Anne Brooks, a Salem, Oregon native, is the mother to three grown sons, and two pre-teen daughters. Lea Anne started her nearly 30 year career with the State of Oregon, working for the Dept. of Revenue. She joined ODOT in 1995 and moved into IT during the Y2K effort; becoming a part of TAD in 1998 as a developer on mainframe systems. She spent many years as a Systems Analyst, working with business units across the agency, before focusing for the last 10+ years, on Central Services.

Lea Anne is currently the lead for TAD-Central Services Project Deliver Unit, where she imparts her technical wisdom and passion for data modeling on the newer members of her team and enjoys the opportunities for ongoing learning and problem solving that are provided by both her personal and professional life.

Sheryl Mills

Sheryl Mills joined ODOT/DMV in February 2002 shortly after moving to Salem. Her position was

originally limited duration and she thought it would be a great place to start her state career. 14+ years later she's still there. Most of her time has been spent working as a Business Team Lead managing the business activities for large IT projects. She was later promoted to Business Architect which is the position she holds today leading the efforts for DMV's Project Management Office Unit. Prior to moving to Salem Sheryl lived and worked in Bellevue and Redmond, Washington for 20 years. There she received a degree in Business Administration from the University of Washington. For 10 years she held various positions at a company that started out as US WEST Cellular and after a couple of mergers and a joint venture is now known as Verizon Wireless. Sheryl has been a Seattle Seahawks fan since 1982. Go Hawks! Sheryl graduated from high-school in Anchorage, Alaska. In her role at DMV Sheryl leads several project efforts including one under the Service Transformation Program dealing with a vendor to document current processes and functional requirements for the new system. Sheryl has represented DMV on the TAMS project since October 2014. She greatly enjoys working with the TAMS team and the experience working on a cross-agency project.

Jason Barber—Department of Agriculture

Jason Barber is a Program Area Director at the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). He received his B.A. in Business Administration from Linfield College prior to spending 2 years working in the private banking industry. Over the last 28 years, Jason has worked as a Revenue Agent and Manager for the Oregon Department of Revenue; Workers Compensation Claims Examiner with SAIF Corporation; Securities Examiner with Oregon's Division of Finance and Corporate Securities; Assistant Director with the Oregon Department of Justice, Crime Victims Assistance Programs and Manager of the Internal Affairs Unit with the Oregon Youth Authority. Jason has been with the ODA for 6 years.

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Courtney Brooks

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