

***Road User Fee Task Force
Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2004
OSU – Joyce Powell Leadership Center***

Members Present

Senator Bruce Starr, Dr. Chris Bell, John Watt, Representative Joanne Verger, John Charles, David Cox (ex-officio)

Members Absent

Senator Tony George, Commissioner Randy Pape', Commissioner John Russell, Mayor Jim Torrey, Judge Laura Pryor, Roger Hinshaw

Stakeholders & Guests

Randy Burgess (AFX Technology), Susan Lee (FHWA), Art Schlack (AOC), Janet Adkins (Legislative Office), Mr. Verger, press representatives

ODOT Staff Members Participating

James Whitty, Betsy Imholt, Jack Svadlenak, Benny Sexton, Chuck Larsen, Barnie Jones, Kim Jordan, Kathy Kleen

Presenters

James Whitty (ODOT); Dr. David Kim & Dr. David Porter (OSU); Mark Ford (HDR, Inc.)

The meeting was brought to order by Chair Bruce Starr at 10:24 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A quorum not being present, the minutes of the February 14, 2003 and November 21, 2003 meetings were not approved.

MEDIA REPORTS / NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Whitty reviewed the articles in the media packet and spoke about other media contacts since the last meeting. He discussed his trip to the TRB Conference in January 2004. He will be speaking at the Pacific NW Regional Economic Conference in Tacoma, Washington on May 21, 2004.

MILEAGE FEE TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION

Handout: Technology Development & System Integration for a Vehicle Miles Traveled Based Revenue Collection System Prototype

Drs. David Kim and David Porter of OSU presented a project status update and described the simulation exercise the group would participate in.

TOUR OF OSU MILEAGE FEE TECHNOLOGY SIMULATION SITE

Members of the task force, guests and the press were shuttled to the OSU Engineering Lab for a tour of the OSU Test Site and a demonstration of the mileage fee collection process and other pilot project technology by Drs. David Kim and David Porter. Group members and guests were assigned vehicles for test drives in established test zones to demonstrate how on-vehicle transponders report vehicle miles traveled (VMT) at the time of fuel purchase.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

No public testimony was heard by the Task Force.

TASK FORCE DISCUSSION & WORK SESSION

Handout: Mileage Fee Pilot Project Plan

Mark Ford of HDR Engineering presented the methodology he developed to implement and conduct the VMT pilot project. He answered questions from the group regarding the plan and other potential revenue sources.

The next Road User Fee Task Force meeting will probably be in November 2004.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.