

<p>AGENDA</p> <p>Oregon Freight Advisory Committee</p>
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Date: December 6, 2006
 Time: 1:30 – 4:30 PM
 Location: ODOT Region 1 Headquarters
 123 NW Flanders Street, Conf. Rooms A&B
 Portland, OR 97209

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 Julie Rodwell, ODOT Freight Mobility Section; 503-986-3525

- 1:30 1. Call to Order / Introductions / Agenda Review.....Tom Zelenka, Chair**
- 1:35 2. Review Meeting Notes – October 4, 2006 Meeting (Attachment # 1)..... Chair Zelenka**
- 1:40- 3. Role of Army Corps of Engineers in Freight Movements in**
2:25 Oregon.....Debbie Chenoweth, Operations Chief, ACOE, Portland District

Background: The Army Corps of Engineers is tasked with maintaining navigability at America’s coastal and river ports. Its ability to do so affects not just maritime, but other modes as well.

Attachments: Handouts at meeting.

Action sought: Information.

- 2:25- 4. Policy Subcommittee Report #1 – Annual Report to OTC.....Susie Lahsene,**
2:55 Policy Subcommittee Chair

Background: The Policy Subcommittee met to review OFAC’s annual report to the OTC. The Subcommittee desires to submit the final report to OTC at its January 2007 meeting. Time is allotted for the Committee to discuss the report.

Attachments: Draft to be e-mailed prior to meeting.

Action sought: Approval from OFAC of the Report to the OTC.

- 2:55- 5. Policy Subcommittee Report #2 – Research Statements.....Susie Lahsene,**
3:25 Policy Subcommittee Chair

Background: The Policy Subcommittee met to review ODOT freight research problem statements, and has three for the Committee’s consideration.

Attachments: Handouts at meeting.

Action sought: Approval from OFAC of the Policy Subcommittee’s recommended statements.

3:25- 6. Projects Subcommittee Report.....Martin Callery, Projects Subcommittee Chair
4:05

Background: The Projects Subcommittee met to finalize recommendations (and resolutions will be presented for approval) for: 2008-2011 draft ODOT STIP; 2008-2011 draft Metro TIP; and \$15M in returned OTIA III Local Bridge funds. Chair Zelenka, with Subcommittee Chair Callery’s approval, signed and sent the STIP and MTIP letters by the November 30 deadline (with copies to the OTC and ACTs pending OFAC approval).

Attachments: Resolutions and letters (Attachments #2-4).

Action sought: OFAC approval of resolutions and letters.

- 4:05 7. Round Table / Agenda BuildingAll**
8. Other Business.....Chair
9. Next Meeting (March 7, 2007; Salem).....Chair
4:30 10. Public Comment..... Chair
11. Adjournment..... Chair

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- March 7, 2007 – Quarterly OFAC meeting, Salem
- June 6, 2007 – Quarterly OFAC meeting, Salem
- June 6, 2007 – Projects Subcommittee meeting, Salem
- September 12, 2007 – Quarterly OFAC meeting, Portland
- December 5, 2007 – Quarterly OFAC meeting, Portland

**OREGON FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (OFAC)
MEETING NOTES**

October 4, 2006 * 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Port of Portland
121 NE Everett
Portland, OR 97201

1. Call to Order / Introductions

Tom Zelenka, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m., and self-introductions were made by OFAC members and guests.

2. September 13, 2006 Meeting Notes & Follow Up

Martin Callery requested a spelling error be corrected and the meeting notes were unanimously accepted.

3. Update on OR 140 Study

Julie Rodwell advised the purpose of the study is to evaluate the benefits and costs of improving truck freight mobility on OR 140 by removing the length restrictions via roadway improvements. The study is an updated segment-by-segment cost analysis of one conducted six years ago. OR 140 is an important east/west freight corridor and it is difficult to find a detour corridor. Feedback from stakeholders concerning the previous study was that the consultant didn't talk to enough users of OR 140 to adequately gage the freight and economic benefit of improvements to remove length restrictions.

The consultant, Sorin Garber Consulting Group (SGCG), has been conducting both face-to-face and phone surveys of shippers and carriers in southern and South Central Oregon. A Stakeholders' group and Technical Steering Committee have been formed and Ms. Rodwell and the consultant will give a presentation regarding the intent of the study to the South Central ACT meeting on October 27. The consultant will report on survey results. Ms. Rodwell will provide a similar briefing to the Rogue Valley ACT on November 14. Freight Mobility staff will schedule a "focus group" meeting with local ranchers and wheat and potato growers to seek input on how OR 140 may be affecting their operations. Updates will be provided to OFAC as the study progresses.

4. Projects Subcommittee Report

- A) Martin Callery, Projects Subcommittee Chair, announced a representative from the Freight Mobility Section is now included on the OTIA III Steering Committee in a non-voting position. The subcommittee recommends the OFAC Chair or designee be a voting member of the OTIA III Steering Committee and is seeking approval from OFAC to send a letter to ODOT management requesting that designation.

Motion: Martin Callery made a motion that OFAC send a letter to ODOT management requesting the OFAC Chair or his designee have a voting position on the OTIA III Steering Committee. Mike Montero seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Follow-up: Freight Mobility staff will develop a draft letter from OFAC to Matt Garrett. Letter will be sent to Martin Callery and Tom Zelenka prior to the December 6, OFAC meeting for their review and comment.

- B) Martin Callery advised there is approximately \$20m in local bridge program funding and \$6.5m in OTIA III funding being returned due to project changes. The Projects Subcommittee met to prioritize funding recommendations for existing and/or new projects. The Myrtle Creek curves project was cancelled because of unexpected geotechnical problems leaving \$6.5m in returned funds. The committee expressed its concerns about the serious safety hazard with the Myrtle Creek curves and Mike Quilty stated that ODOT Region 3 is addressing this issue.

The Projects Subcommittee met and recommends money returned from previous prioritized freight mobility projects go to fully fund all previously funded Tier 1 OTIA I projects that may need additional funding due to real estate overages and project overages. The subcommittee also recommends any remaining money go to Tiers 2 and 3 projects in priority order.

Motion: Martin Callery motioned, and Mike Quilty seconded the motion, that money being returned due to project changes go toward fully funding previously prioritized OTIA III, Tier 1 freight mobility projects that have a shortfall due to real estate overages and project overages. Additionally, any remaining money should go Tier 2 and 3 projects in order of the original prioritized project list.

Discussion: Freight Mobility and other ODOT staff are reviewing cost overrun totals per project. It was proposed to use \$3.5m against cost overruns and the remaining \$3m against OR 140 project. There was also discussion concerning \$1m in funding for the Going Street seismic rehabilitation project. Concern was expressed about cost overruns on the Tier 1 projects. It was confirmed that the \$6.5m in returned funding was originally part of the \$100m OTIA III money and that use of the returned funds is time sensitive.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Follow-up: Freight Mobility staff will develop a draft letter from OFAC to Matt Garrett. Draft letter will be sent to Martin Callery and Tom Zelenka for their review and comment prior to the December 6, OFAC meeting.

- C. Martin Callery led a discussion concerning the Local Bridge Program (city and country bridges) where approximately \$16.4m and \$30m is being returned because of project changes. Freight Mobility staff and the Bridge unit at ODOT have developed a \$30m list of prioritized projects from the unfunded project list.

Motion: It was motioned and seconded that ODOT adopt the \$30m bridge project list as prepared by Freight Mobility staff and the Bridge unit with the intent of using the original project ranking where possible.

Discussion: Marty Andersen, Local Government Section, will double check the Technical Rating Score (TRS), barrier removal, freight mobility, adequate detour access, and cost estimates for each bridge plus one additional bridge on North Vancouver Ave. that the city of Portland asked to be included. OFAC would then adopt the list as provided by ODOT.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Follow-up: Freight Mobility staff to include this motion in the letter from OFAC to Matt Garrett. Draft letter will be sent to Martin Callery and Tom Zelenka for their review and comment prior to the December 6, OFAC meeting.

The balance of OFAC's business meeting was conducted prior to the workshop session hosted by the Port of Portland.

5. Round Table / Agenda Building

Suggestions from the committee included: 1) The Legislature is starting in January and there may be some topics OFAC needs to talk about relative to that in January/February timeframe. 2) Tom Zelenka will put together a Nominations Committee to elect new officers in December. 3) It was suggested that a presentation by the Army Corps of Engineers to provide an overview of their interaction with freight be scheduled. 4) Discussion of schedule for the State of Freight Plan / Freight Action Plan.

6. Other Business

Lylla Gaebel thanked the committee for its support of the Neahkahnie Mountain Rock Wall project and announced it received a \$30,000 Scenic Byways grant to begin repairs.

Tom Zelenka encouraged OFAC members from the freight community to plug the necessity of the Columbia River Crossing project during the current public comment period. He asked for representatives from the business community who represent jobs and are active in the community to let people know that the bridge problems exist and are real issues.

7. Adjournment

The OFAC business meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Portland-Vancouver Trade Center Workshop

Susie Lahsene, Vice Chair, moderated a workshop on the Portland-Vancouver Trade Study currently underway. The ports of Portland and Vancouver, Washington have been collaborating to develop this study to examine multi-modal freight development opportunities in the lower Columbia Basin. Representatives from the entire consultant team presented their findings over an interactive two-hour work session work. The Port of Portland will prepare a disk of the PowerPoint presentations and other material presented during the workshop as it is too large to send electronically. Freight Mobility staff will duplicate the disk for those members who request copies. Following is a list of the Project Team:

Susie Lahsene	Manager, Transportation and Land Use Policy, Port of Portland
Scott Drumm	Project Manager, Port of Portland
Paul Bingham	Global Insight
Paul Sorenson	BST (marine)
Bill Burgel	HDR
Lance Grenzeback	Cambridge Systematics (rail)
Rex Edwards	Campbell (aviation)
Brian Campbell	Independent consultant (land and transportation implications)
Arno Hart	RNO Group (peer review)

**Oregon Freight Advisory Committee (OFAC)
Projects Subcommittee Resolutions for Approval
December 6, 2006**

Resolution #1 – Draft 2008-2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

WHEREAS, the Oregon Freight Advisory Committee (OFAC) has a legislative mandate to provide input to ODOT and the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) regarding high priority multimodal freight projects in the STIP;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that OFAC membership approves the OFAC Projects Subcommittee recommendations submitted by the OFAC Chair to ODOT **by the November 30, 2006 input deadline**. Copies are to be submitted to the OTC, Area Commissions on Transportation (ACTs) and OFAC membership upon OFAC approval.

Resolution #2 – Draft 2008-2011 Portland Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

WHEREAS, the Oregon Freight Advisory Committee (OFAC) has a legislative mandate to provide input to ODOT, the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) and other regionally based groups regarding issues, policies and programs impacting multimodal freight mobility in Oregon;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that OFAC membership approves the OFAC Projects Subcommittee recommendations for ODOT Region 1 submitted by the OFAC Chair to the Portland Metropolitan Planning Organization **by the November 30, 2006 input deadline**. Copies are to be submitted to the OTC, applicable Area Commissions on Transportation (ACTs) and OFAC membership upon OFAC approval.

Resolution #3 – Oregon Transportation Investment Act (OTIA) III Funds

WHEREAS, the Oregon Freight Advisory Committee (OFAC) was contacted by ODOT to provide input on prioritizing returned OTIA III funds for freight, local bridge and other types of projects on whose selection OFAC originally weighed in; and,

WHEREAS, over thirty (30) local bridges requiring rehabilitation and/or replacement remained unfunded after the original assignment of OTIA III local bridge funds; and,

WHEREAS, ODOT's Local Bridge Section prioritized these bridges based on freight, barrier, corridor, detour and TRS (bridge condition) ratings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that OFAC membership approves the ODOT Local Bridge and OFAC Projects Subcommittee recommendations for prioritization of returned OTIA III local bridge funds, as follows:

- Nine (9) bridges with high freight/barrier ratings will be funded in priority order up to an estimated total cost of \$16.9M; and,
- Should additional funds be returned, OFAC will be contacted again to reprioritize the remaining list (since the 10th bridge on the list may require funds over \$15M).

OREGON FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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November 30, 2006

Matthew Garrett, Director
Oregon Department of Transportation
355 Capitol Avenue NE
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Draft 2008-2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Dear Director Garrett:

Per the Oregon Freight Advisory Committee (OFAC)'s legislative mandate to provide input to the STIP, this letter presents OFAC's recommendations on the draft 2008-2011 STIP. We would like to thank ODOT's Region staff for their attention to freight mobility in their STIP development efforts to date. We are generally pleased with the current draft STIP, since many of the projects identified are critical to facilitating freight mobility. That said, it is also not our intent to displace currently scheduled projects that benefit freight mobility as a result of our recommendations.

These recommendations were developed from OFAC Projects Subcommittee work earlier this year, in which we prioritized a project list developed from the OFAC OTIA III project list in 2004 and added some newer projects. As with OTIA III, we prioritized projects by ODOT Region into 3 tiers; I am attaching those lists for your reference. We request current action on Tier 1 & 2 projects; we are delaying further input on OFAC's Tier 3 projects to the next STIP process (unless they are already included in the draft STIP).

ODOT Region 1

There is one Tier 1 project in Region 1 that isn't scheduled for STIP funding: US 26 at 257th Avenue. An improvement project was recently completed nearby, though additional improvements are needed for truck access to I-84. The City of Gresham now owns this intersection, though we understand Metro is looking at improvements to multiple routes and intersections (vs. a bypass) to connect I-84 and US 26, which also involves other municipalities. The only unfunded Tier 2 project, OR 217 Improvements, is in Metro's draft 2008-2011 TIP; we will provide them with our input on both of these projects. We would appreciate any support ODOT can provide as difficult funding decisions are made in these areas in the future.

ODOT Region 2

We recommend the following Tier 1 project receive next-step funding in this STIP cycle: US 20, Lebanon Truck Bypass -- we understand a Lebanon TSP upgrade is pending that recommends this project. We also recommend initial funding for 2 Tier 2 modernization projects on OR 99W recommended by the Corvallis MPO. We further commend the Region for scheduling 12 bridge projects on I-5 that increase vertical clearance to 16'6" in both directions.

ODOT Region 3

The only pending Tier 1 project is completion of the OR 140 Freight Extension project from OTIA III, estimated at \$3.1M. We recommend that, if returned OTIA funds are not used to complete the project, it be included in this STIP for completion. There are no Tier 2 projects requiring funding. We commend the Region for committing Motor Carrier, Bridge, Operations and Safety (as well as Modernization) funds to complete or advance 18 OFAC recommended projects in this STIP cycle.

ODOT Region 4

We recommend the following Tier 1 projects receive initial funding in this STIP cycle:

- I-84: US 97 Biggs Interchange (Sherman County);
- US 97 Passing Lanes projects in Deschutes, Klamath and Sherman Counties; and
- OR 140: Greaser Canyon Improvements.

The following Tier 1 projects have received development funds to date; we recommend they be developed further in this STIP for construction no later than the 2010-2013 STIP: OR 140, Beatty Curves (Klamath County) and OR 140, Doherty Slide (Lake County). We also recommend initial funding for the following Tier 2 project: US 20/OR 126 Sisters Couplet. As the Region has set aside modernization contingency funds, those funds could be designated for these projects.

ODOT Region 5

We recommend at least initial funding for the following Tier 1 projects: I-84, Spring Creek Climbing Lane and OR 203, Pyles Canyon Improvements (both Union County). We recommend funding for subsequent phases of the following Tier 1 projects: US 95, Rome Hill Improvements (Malheur County) and US 26 Improvements (Baker County). We recommend initial funding for the following Tier 2 projects: US 395, Snipe Valley Road to Long Creek (Grant County) and Baker City Airport Industrial Road Improvements (Baker County). As the Region has set aside modernization contingency funds, those funds could be designated for these projects.

Thank you and your staff again for your consideration of freight mobility in the draft 2008-2011 STIP. OFAC looks forward to ongoing input to critical transportation system investments in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Tom Zelenka, Chair

cc: Oregon Transportation Commission
Area Commissions on Transportation
ODOT Area Managers
OFAC Subcommittees & Membership
Craig Greenleaf, TDD Administrator
Jerri Bohard, TDD Planning Manager
Julie Rodwell, TDD Freight Mobility Manager
Jill Vosper, Statewide STIP Manager

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November 30, 2006

Ted Leybold, Planning Department
Portland Metropolitan Planning Organization (Metro)
600 NE Grand Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

Subject: Draft 2008-2011 Metro Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

Dear Mr. Leybold:

This is to provide input from the Oregon Freight Advisory Committee (OFAC) on your draft 2008-2011 MTIP. As you know, OFAC has a legislative mandate to advise ODOT and the Oregon Transportation Commission on STIP projects as well as issues, policies and programs impacting multimodal freight mobility in Oregon. For the draft 2008-2011 STIP, OFAC's Projects Subcommittee prioritized a project list originally developed for the OTIA III initiative in 2004, and has added new projects on an ongoing basis. Projects were prioritized by ODOT Region into 3 tiers, and we are requesting action from ODOT on Tier 1 & 2 projects.

During this process, the Subcommittee determined that our input on ODOT Region 1 projects should be provided to Metro as well. First, there is a Tier 1 project to improve US 26 at 257th Avenue: an adjacent project was recently completed, though additional improvements are needed, either there or elsewhere, for more efficient truck access to I-84. We understand the City of Gresham now owns this intersection; and that Metro is looking at potential improvements to multiple routes and intersections (vs. a bypass) to connect I-84 and US 26, also involving other municipalities. OFAC recommends these analyses receive planning and/or project development funds as applicable to provide timely attention to this critical need.

The only unfunded OFAC Tier 2 project, OR 217 Improvements, is addressed in the draft MTIP through environmental assessment for one or more road capacity projects. We encourage Metro to set aside planning and/or project development funds as applicable to ultimately complete a series of freight mobility/ road capacity projects consistent with an OR 217 Corridor Plan.

Finally, we applaud Metro for designating \$6.5M in funding for other freight projects; \$23M for additional road capacity projects; and \$8.6M for future planning and project development. We also appreciate the inclusion of OFAC

members in the Regional Freight & Goods Movement Task Force, and we look forward to the results of your Regional Freight & Goods Movement Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to your draft 2008-2011 MTIP. In addition to the STIP, OFAC intends to provide input to MTIPs statewide in the coming years to ensure the best possible investment of funds to support future transportation system demands.

Sincerely,

Tom Zelenka, Chair

cc: JPACT/TPAC

Matt Garrett, ODOT Director
Craig Greenleaf, ODOT TDD Administrator
Jeri Bohard, ODOT TDD Planning Manager
Julie Rodwell, ODOT TDD Freight Mobility Manager
Bridget Wieghart, Metro Corridor Freight Planning Manager
OFAC Subcommittees & Membership

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