

**AGENDA**  
**Oregon Freight Advisory Committee**

Date: January 11, 2006  
Time: 1:30 – 4:30 PM  
Location: ODOT Transportation Building  
Room 122  
355 Capitol Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Directions/  
Parking: Directions and parking availability description on the last four pages of agenda packet.

Contact: John Jackley, Executive Sponsor; 503-986-3443  
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 – December 7, 2005 Meeting (Attachment # 1) ..... Chair**

***Special Presentations***

**1:40 3. Introduction of new ODOT Director, Matt Garrett.....John Jackley,  
ODOT Executive Officer for Highway**

*Background:* Matt Garrett is ODOT's new Director.

**1:50 4. Draft Oregon Transportation Plan Briefing ..... Gail Curtis,  
Oregon Transportation Plan Manager**

*Background:* The Oregon Transportation Plan is the state's 25-year multimodal policy and investment plan which guides modal and facility plans and local transportation system plans. The draft plan is an update of the 1992 plan and includes freight related policies. Adoption by the OTC is expected this summer.

*Attachments:* Link to Public Review Draft – Oregon Transportation Plan:  
<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/docs/ortransplanupdate/05otpVol1.pdf>  
Handout at the meeting: Executive Summary.

*Action requested:* Provide feedback on draft plan at meeting and by March 1, 2006.

**2:30 5. The Cost of Congestion to the Economy of the Portland Region.....Richard Brandman,  
Metro Deputy Planning Director**

*Background:* Study completed for Metro, Port of Portland, and Portland Business Alliance to determine the cost of congestion to the Portland Region through 2025.

*Attachments:* None. Link to Executive Summary and full report:  
<http://www.metro-region.org/article.cfm?ArticleID=16673>

*Action requested:* Note and provide feedback.

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- 2:55 6. Industrial Spur Briefing.....Kelly Taylor, ODOT Rail Division Administrator**  
*Background:* The 2003 Legislature passed HB 3446, which established the Industrial Rail Spur Fund to finance grants and loans for industrial rail spurs. Rail spurs are typically used to provide access for transportation of raw materials and finished products between manufacturing facilities and main rail lines. The Legislature allocated \$8 million, through lottery-backed bonds, to the Fund. The OTC awarded grant funding to 12 projects and ODOT is managing the fund reimbursements for the projects.  
*Attachments:* None.  
*Action requested:* Note and provide feedback.

**Discussion Items**

- 3:05 7. ConnectOregon Update ..... John Jackley  
ODOT Executive Officer for Highway**  
*Background:* The final rule will be considered by the OTC at its January 18 meeting. An update will be provided on the developments in the review process and actors to be involved.  
*Attachments:* None.  
*Action requested:* Note and provide feedback.
- 3:20 8. Marine Panel ..... OFAC Marine Representatives**  
*Background:* Panel discussion concerning how OFAC might want to consider marine projects under *ConnectOregon*.  
*Attachments:* None.  
*Action requested:* Note and provide feedback.
- 3:50 9. Projects Subcommittee Report.....Martin Callery, Chair, Projects Subcommittee**  
*Background:* Report from the Projects Subcommittee meeting held today concerning 08-11 STIP work. Next Subcommittee meeting dates will be reviewed.  
*Attachments:* None.  
*Action requested:* Note and provide feedback.
- 4:05 10. Manager’s Report.....Julie Rodwell, ODOT Freight Mobility Section Manager**  
*Background:* This will cover any late-breaking topics.  
*Attachments:* FMM memo will be distributed at the meeting.  
*Action requested:* Note and provide feedback.

**Information / Update Items:**

- 4:10 11. OFAC Member Briefing Books ..... Bob Russell, Chair  
Membership and Nominations Subcommittee**  
*Background:* Briefing books provided to each OFAC member.  
*Attachments:* None. Handout at the meeting.  
*Action requested:* Note and provide feedback.
- 4:15 12. Round Table / Agenda Building ..... All**  
**4:25 13. Other Business..... Chair**  
**14. Next Meeting (March 8, 2006 location TBD) ..... Chair**  
**15. Public Comment ..... Chair**  
**16. Adjournment ..... Chair**

<b>Oregon Freight Advisory Committee Future Agendas Calendar</b>	
<b>Standing Items</b>	▪ <i>ConnectOregon</i> update
	▪ West Coast Corridor Coalition update
	▪ Legislative update (seasonal)
	▪ Round table / agenda building
	▪ Local freight advisory committee reports
	▪ Meetings, conferences and other events of interest (written report)
	▪ SAFETEA-LU update
	▪ Oregon Transportation Plan update
	▪ Oregon 140 Study update
	▪ Outreach activities
	▪ Freight Mobility Manager's Report
	▪ OFAC Subcommittee Reports
	▪
	▪
<b>Special Meeting March 8, 2006</b>	▪ Recommendations to OTC on 08-11 STIP freight-related projects
	▪ Rail System Briefing
	▪ Statewide Transit System Briefing
	▪ West Coast Corridor Coalition update
	▪ Columbia / Snake Rivers Lock Maintenance Financing
	▪ Commodity Flow update
	▪
<b>April 5, 2006</b>	▪ Oregon 140 study update
	▪ Status Report on 08-11 STIP work and <i>ConnectOregon</i> review from OFAC Projects Subcommittee Oregon 140 study update
	▪ OTIA III Bridge Report
	▪ STIP Tracking update
	▪
<b>Special Meeting May or June 2006</b>	▪ Recommendations to OTC on <i>ConnectOregon</i> projects
<b>July 5, 2006</b>	▪ <i>ConnectOregon</i> update
	▪ Oregon 140 Study update
	▪ Status Report on 08-11 STIP work from OFAC Projects Subcommittee
	▪ Freight Mobility Section Work Plan
	▪ Freight Master Plan / Goods Movement Action Plan Scope and Schedule
	▪ Initial discussion on OFAC Annual Report to the Oregon Transportation Commission
	▪
<b>October 4, 2006</b>	▪ <i>ConnectOregon</i> update
	▪ Oregon 140 Study update
	▪ Status Report on 08-11 STIP work from OFAC Projects Subcommittee
	▪ Slate of candidates for OFAC election of officers
	▪ Second Review of OFAC Annual Report to the Oregon Transportation Commission
	▪

<b>December 6, 2006</b>	▪ <i>ConnectOregon</i> update
	▪ Report on 08-11 STIP work from OFAC Projects Subcommittee
	▪ Election of officers
	▪
<b>Unscheduled</b>	▪ Gateways of National Significance – LA, Long Beach, Puget Sound, NY, NJ, Chicago, Savannah, etc.
	▪ Policies/incentives for redistributing traffic around the gateways
	▪ Opportunities for Oregon’s ports resulting from congestion at gateways
	▪ Willamette Falls Locks status
	▪ BNSF “Port Exchange” Study
	▪ SAFETEA-LU critical issues
	▪ SAFETEA-LU demonstration projects on lead NEPA role; briefing
	▪ Presentations on Prince Rupert and Hutchison Port Group plans for Mexico ports
	▪ Freight industry dynamics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Truck driver shortage: cause, solutions</li> <li>– Condition of rail infrastructure: implications, solutions</li> <li>– Supply chains</li> <li>– Ocean shipping (Jeff McKuen, Hanjin)</li> </ul>
	▪ I-405 Loop Study, I-84 / I-5 interchange, next steps
	▪ Intermodal connectors – what do we know about them?
	▪ OFAC’s relationship to Area Commissions on Transportation
	▪ Short sea shipping
	▪ Troutdale Intermodal Facility
	▪ Port of Coos Bay Projects
	▪ Inland Intermodal Centers (land use / transportation issues); international freight implications – locate distribution centers where exporters are (including international freight; outgoing domestic freight (including Dept. of Agriculture).
	▪ Lacey, WA restriction on distribution centers
	▪ OECDD industrial site selection process
	▪ How to optimize existing infrastructure
	▪ Briefing from Oregon Business Council
	▪ Relationship between OECDD and Oregon Dept. of Agriculture on agriculture issues and waterway transportation
	▪ Status of STIP project implementation
	▪ Portland Business Alliance’s Region Business Plan - briefing
	▪ OFAC web site
	▪ Toll Roads and Transportation Finance
	▪ BNSF Vancouver Bridge Modification Project
	▪ Unify Oregon Policy Objectives with appropriate agencies
	▪ Oregon Association of Nurseries transportation initiative presentation
	▪ Columbia Crossing Task Force presentation
	▪ Metro freight data collection project to identify hot spots and corrective projects
	▪ Linnton Energy Cluster (LEC) “industrial sanctuary” update
	▪ Rogue Valley Council of Governments Freight Plan Development presentation
	▪ Update of Transportation System Guidelines
▪ Economic Assessment of Upgrading Oregon’s Short-Line Rail Network-status	
▪ Local Bridges update	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Commodity Flow update</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Economic Assessment of Upgrading Oregon's Short-Line Rail Network-status</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jones ACT Briefing</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Availability of Railcars and General Railroad Capacity in Oregon</li> </ul>
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## UPCOMING FREIGHT RELATED CALENDAR EVENTS

### 1. **Oregon Ports Quarterly Meeting - Tuesday January 17, 2006 1:00 pm** **OECD D Salem – State Lands Board Room (1<sup>st</sup> floor)**

Topics will include: OECD D Staffing, Community Development Forum, Oregon Ports Group Legislative Update, *ConnectOregon* Matching Funds, Federal Perspective/Issues Presentation - Peter Friedmann, and Department Statutory Review.

### 2. **OTC Meeting – Wednesday, January 18, 2006** 9:30 a.m. - Room 122, Transportation Building, Salem Includes *ConnectOregon* permanent rule adoption.

### 3. **Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting** **January 22-26, 2006 – Washington, D.C.**

Link to conference information and registration site:  
<http://trb.org/publications/am/am2006brochure.pdf>

### 4. **2006 NW Transportation Conference** **February 7-9, 2006 – Corvallis, OR** Oregon State University CH2M-HILL Alumni Center Corvallis, Oregon

The 2006 Northwest Transportation Conference (NWTC) will be held at the Oregon State University CH2M-HILL Alumni Center. This year's theme is "*Road Ecology – Surface Transportation and the Environment.*" Four sessions are organized by ITS America, Oregon Chapter, and will feature aspects of Intelligent Transportation Systems technology.

### 5. **Pacific Northwest Association of Rail Shippers Annual Meeting** **February 22-23, 2006 – Portland, OR**

You can make your reservations by telephone, 800-996-0510 between 8am and 5pm, fax 503-248-8553 or on-line at [www.portlandlloydcenter.doubletree.com](http://www.portlandlloydcenter.doubletree.com).

Program theme will be "*Equipment: Looking into the Future; Railroad, Third Party or Shipper Owned.*"

OFAC members and interested parties are invited to submit additional calendar items to Amy Hollingsworth at (503) 986-3520 or by e-mail at [Amy.Hollingsworth@odot.state.or.us](mailto:Amy.Hollingsworth@odot.state.or.us).

## Requests / Offers Made At OFAC Meetings and Their Responses

Name of Requestor	Affiliation	Request / offer	Date of Request	Assigned to	Status
<i>Requests made by committee members</i>					
	Caltrans	What did WA (and CA) get in SAFETEA-LU Earmarks?	8/03/05	C. Goodman	Under way.
Tom Zelenka	OFAC Chair/ Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.	Timeline for (FHWA) rule-writing re: SAFETEA-LU Intermodal Project earmark?	9/7/05	K. Green	In progress.
Tom Zelenka	OFAC Chair/ Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.	Routine updates on OTIA III bridge & freight projects.	9/7/05	K. Green	Report on local bridge projects at 12/05 meeting.
Tom Zelenka	OFAC Chair/ Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.	How and why do we rely on commodity flow numbers?	10/5/05	C. Goodman	Added to 3/2006 Agenda Calendar.
Tom Zelenka	OFAC Chair/ Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.	Provide more info on toll roads and transportation finance.	10/11/05	K. Green	Added to Future Agendas Calendar.
NA		BNSF Vancouver bridge modification – find out more about proposed project.	10/5/05	C. Goodman	Added to Future Agendas Calendar.
Bob Russell	OTA	Unify Oregon policy objectives so that all appropriate agencies, not just ODOT, are at the table on issues such as water for agriculture vs. marine draft.	10/5/05	J. Rodwell/ J. Jackley	Added to Future Agendas Calendar; will be addressed in Goods Movement Action Plan..
Bob Russell	OTA	There needs to be more consistency among ODOT products with regard to commodity flow and forecast data that they use.	10/5/05	C. Goodman	Being explored over next few months.
Bridget Wieghart	Metro Freight	Presentation on bridge project phasing, key corridors, traffic mobility and related issues for the Portland Area.	10/5/05	K. Green	Added to Future Agendas Calendar.
Randy Papé	OTC Liaison	Survey members re: where / whether meeting locations should be rotated.	Early 2006	T. Baker	Underway.

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Bob Russell	OTA	OFAC should work with ACTs on STIP projects.	10/5/05	K. Green	In progress.
Consensus		Presentation on “Industrial Sanctuary” strategies and problems around the country. Members want an update on the Linnton Energy Cluster (LEC). The OTC realizes this is more than a City (of Portland) issue and asked Ms. Sundstrom to contact the Governor’s Office. Ms. Lahsene asked for leadership from ODOT regarding LEC as an “Industrial Sanctuary”; Ms. Sundstrom cited nationwide attacks on these areas (e.g. Boston).	10/5/05	T. Baker	Added to Future Agendas Calendar. Ms. McClelland offered to contact the Coast Guard to obtain an update on the LEC.
NA		Schedule a presentation for OFAC on the OECD grant to Nursery Association.	10/05/05	T. Baker	Added to Future Agendas Calendar.
Susie Lahsene	Port of Portland	Vice Chair Lahsene offered to present on the Columbia Crossing Task Force and provide subsequent OFAC feedback to the Task Force.	10/05/05	T. Baker	Added to Future Agendas Calendar.
Susie Lahsene	Port of Portland	Vice Chair Lahsene suggested an update on the Metro freight data collection project, which is attempting to understand how trucks move and identify hot spots and corrective projects.	10/05/05	T. Baker	Added to Future Agendas Calendar.
Bridget Wieghart	Metro	Ms. Wieghart offered to report on a Cost of Congestion analysis, which provided Metro with a 3:1 return on investment and prepared them for next year’s Regional Freight Plan.	10/05/05	T. Baker	Scheduled January 2006 Agenda.
Bridget Wieghart	Metro	Ms. Wieghart suggested a future freight symposium.	10/05/05	J. Rodwell/ J. Jackley	Discussion has begun about making freight the focus of the 2007 NW Transportation Conference.

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Steve Kale	ODOT	Mr. Kale suggested the Rogue Valley Council of Governments (RVCOG) provide a presentation on their freight plan development.	10/05/05	T. Baker	Added to Future Agendas Calendar.
Craig Greenleaf	ODOT	Mr. Greenleaf mentioned the update of the Transportation System Guidelines (TSG), which helps MPOs and local governments prepare their Transportation System Plans (TSP). The update will add more freight focus than is in the current version.	10/05/05	T. Baker	2001 TSG web site: <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/TSP.shtml#TSP_Guidelines">http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/TSP.shtml#TSP_Guidelines</a> . New link will be provided when TSG update is complete.
Bridget Wieghart	METRO	Update on West Coast Corridor Coalition (WCCC)	11/02/05	J. Rodwell	Added to Future Agendas Calendar. Schedule after WCCC January Mtg.
Tom Zelenka	OFAC Chair/ Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.	What is economic activity resulting from (local) bridge projects?	12/7/05	C. Goodman	Follow up with John Oshel required.
Tom Zelenka	OFAC Chair/ Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.	<i>Connect</i> Oregon: how to handle possible consultant error re: feasibility?	12/7/05	J. Rodwell	Under discussion.
Tom Zelenka	OFAC Chair/ Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.	Projects Subcommittee should publish meeting schedule in advance	12/7/05	K. Green	Schedule / publish meetings February and after.
Tom Zelenka	OFAC Chair/ Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.	What has been / will be impact of increased freight priority in STIP? What did the ACTs want vs. what did they get?	12/7/05	K. Green	Next STIP status report April 2006.
Tom Zelenka	OFAC Chair/ Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.	OFAC presentation in January from Class 1 & short line RRs.	12/7/05	C. Goodman	March 2006 briefing is planned
Susie Lahsene	Port of Portland/Vice Chair	Provide Metro link / OFAC presentation on Cost of Congestion study.	12/7/05	T. Baker	Link included in January 11 OFAC Agenda.
Susie Lahsene	Port of Portland/Vice Chair	OFAC update on Delta Park project.	12/7/05	K. Green	Underway.

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Tammy Dennee	OR Wheat Growers League	OFAC presentation on Columbia / Snake Rivers lock maintenance financing.	12/7/05	C. Goodman	March 8, 2006 OFAC Agenda.
Tammy Dennee	OR Wheat Growers League	OFAC presentation on Jones Act; conduct staff research.	12/7/05	C. Goodman	Needs further discussion (TBD).
Tammy Dennee	OR Wheat Growers League	OFAC presentation on availability of railcars and general railroad capacity in Oregon; conduct staff research.	12/7/05	C. Goodman/ K. Taylor	Added to future agenda list.
Nick Fortey	FHWA	Ongoing updates on revised project delivery methodology (SAFETEA-LU).	12/7/05	K. Green	Follow up with Brian Dunn, Nick Fortey.
Jerry Grossnickle	Bernert Barge Lines	OFAC update on Columbia River Task Force	12/7/05	C. Goodman	Wait until Environmental Impact Study complete.
Mike Quilty	Rogue Valley MPO/Central Point	How do we mitigate current / future gaps in STIP modernization funding?	12/7/05	J. Jackley/J. Rodwell	TBD
Tom Schwetz	Lane (Eugene) MPO	Who (if any) ODOT “champion” for OFAC research ideas? Follow up with ODOT Research.	12/7/05	J. Rodwell	No action.

<b><i>Requests made by guests</i></b>					
Gary Roth	Administrator, OR Dept. of Agriculture	Interested in our commodity flow data and may have other sources of shippers that could help e.g. Centerdex. J. Rodwell will talk with ODOT MCTD and Administrator Roth.	8/03/05	J. Rodwell	No action.
Gary Roth	Administrator, OR Dept. of Agriculture	Offered to provide work they have done on inland intermodal centers.	8/03/05	K. Green	Added to Future Agendas Calendar.
Craig Greenleaf	ODOT TDD	How/should we leverage other states re: aviation plan/projects?	12/7/05	T. Baker	Request / suggestion made off-line.

**Note: requests are generally shown on the chart for one mailing after they are completed.**

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

December 7, 2005, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
ODOT Region 1 Headquarters, Conference Rooms A & B, First Floor  
123 NW Flanders Street, Portland

**Introductions**

Chair Tom Zelenka called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

**November 2, 2005 Meeting Notes & Follow-Up**

Meeting materials included the notes from the November 2, 2005 meeting, as well as documentation of previous member and guest requests and their status. There were no questions or comments.

**OTIA Bridge Program Update**

Jon Oshel, Association of Oregon Counties Road Program Manager, gave a brief update on the Oregon Counties' OTIA bridge projects. Mr. Oshel reported that the Counties are very pleased with the program, and the speed with which the projects are proceeding. Approximately one-third of deficient bridges were funded for replacement. OTIA I & II selected 32 bridges in 17 counties for replacement in Spring 2002. Three and one-half years later, 28 bridges have been completed and the other 4 are under construction. OTIA III selected 117 bridges in 26 counties for replacement starting in Spring 2004. To date 22 bridges have been completed and 40 more are under construction.

**Oregon's Petroleum Supply System**

Brian Doherty, Miller Nash LLP, representing the Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA), gave a presentation on the short-term and long-term petroleum supply system that serves Oregon. There are 15 major refineries along the West Coast – 4 in Washington, 11 in California, and none in Oregon. The most recently constructed was Washington's Cherry Point refinery, which came on line in 1971. Due to regulatory restrictions and/or public opposition, it is unlikely that any new refineries will be constructed on the West Coast, and doubtful the existing California refineries will be expanded. Oregon receives petroleum via a pipeline from Washington and via maritime tankers. Nationally, over 50 percent of crude product is imported, as well as about 10 percent of the refined product. Mr. Doherty cited studies showing that oil industry profits are comparable with all U.S. industry, concluding that oil companies have not engaged in 'price gouging.' WSPA supports increased infrastructure and the development of alternative fuels and energy sources, but advises against government controls on gas prices.

### **Oregon Department of Aviation**

Bob Hidley, Director of the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA), gave an overview of aviation in Oregon and a review of ODA activities and operations. Mr. Hidley passed out copies of his PowerPoint presentation, but focused his remarks on just a few of the slides. He explained that ODA intends to finalize their Aviation Master Plan, which will include a ranked list of aviation projects, by late summer 2006. Using a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), ODA is performing an economic impact study and system plan update for the State's 98 public use airports. The ODA is also developing a 'tool kit' that communities can use to assess whether scheduled passenger air service makes sense for their area. Mr. Hidley spoke of the need to determine which airports could develop additional business or tourism income from improvements such as runway lengthening. He also told of a new generation of business jets expected to become available in 2006. The new jets will be considerably less expensive (about \$1 million), and may increase the number of companies, and consequently, Oregon airports using these jets. In addition, he told of a proposal with FAA to install ADS-B transmitters at 12 airports across the State (see map handed out at meeting), funded jointly by FAA and ODA. In response to a *ConnectOregon* question, Mr. Hidley said he intended to apply for funds for installing the ADS-B transmitters mentioned above, which would have statewide impact. He also knew of one or more airports that intended to seek funding for terminal work, and that the Ontario airport will likely pursue funding to lengthen its runway.

### **Election of OFAC Officers**

Tom Zelenka and Susie Lahsene were nominated to continue as the committee's Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. Members commented that they were performing well and unanimously re-elected them both.

### **ConnectOregon Update**

John Jackley, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Executive Officer for Highway, began the topic by explaining that the temporary Administrative Rule has been adopted, and the Oregon Transportation Commission (Commission) will consider finalizing the permanent rule in January 2006. The Commission will begin to discuss how to 'flesh out' the project selection process at their next meeting. A considerable amount of input has been received from stakeholders, and the Commission will be focusing on four main areas in their response. First, the time between the permanent rule adoption and the end of the application period will likely be increased to allow applicants more time. Secondly, the Commission will likely incorporate regional review in addition to modal review. Thirdly, the Commission will probably form a Consensus Committee that will take the regional and modal lists, and develop a single consensus list of projects to recommend to the Commission for *ConnectOregon* funding. Lastly, the Commission will likely provide common direction to the advisory committees and regional committees pertaining to project prioritization. The Commission is looking for strategic investments, e.g. that connect two or modes of transportation on a regional level.

Regarding timeline, once the application period ends, the ODOT Freight Mobility Section will perform an initial completeness review, then an outside expert consultant will perform a feasibility review of the applications – assessing whether the job creation/retention and strategic investment claims are plausible. The credible applications will then go to the regional and modal review committees for evaluation and prioritization. The prioritized lists will then be forwarded to the Consensus Committee for development of a single list. Mr. Jackley explained that the Commission wants the Committee to be balanced across the modes and regions, and to be professionally facilitated. He invited OFAC members to attend the Commission’s meeting on December 13 at 9:30 a.m. in the Transportation Building in Salem.

The application period will likely open on December 14, and members were encouraged to sign up for the e-mail list ([ConnectOregon@odot.state.or.us](mailto:ConnectOregon@odot.state.or.us)) to stay abreast of developments. Tom Zelenka, OFAC Chair, asked what ODOT will be looking for in hiring the consultant. Mr. Jackley and Julie Rodwell, ODOT Freight Mobility Section Manager, explained that the selected consultant should have expertise in all the *ConnectOregon* modes, and have a demonstrated ability to evaluate whether applications are well scoped and feasible.

Oregon House Representative Greg Smith offered his perspective from the Oregon legislature and the Ways and Means Committee. They view a “strategic project” as meaning it will eliminate a bottleneck, and cited examples of strategic projects or areas from Douglas County (low bridge overpass limits rail movements), the Port of Morrow (10 counties funnel freight into that port), and the Port of Portland.

**Follow-up:** *ConnectOregon* update and discussion planned for every OFAC meeting in 2006.

### **Projects Subcommittee Report**

Susie Lahsene, Port of Portland, spoke on behalf of Martin Callery, Projects Subcommittee Chair, who could not be present. Ms. Lahsene stated that the Projects Subcommittee met just prior to this meeting, principally to discuss the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and *ConnectOregon*. The subcommittee is beginning the process of reviewing the 2004 OFAC project list and affirming that the 2008-2011 STIP has an adequate number of strategic freight projects. This work will be done in February and March 2006, and Ms. Lahsene invited interested parties to participate. For *ConnectOregon*, the subcommittee anticipates it will be reviewing an estimated 50 to 100 project applications in March 2006. Thus far, the subcommittee has met monthly, and additional meetings will likely be needed as the STIP and *ConnectOregon* applications become available for review.

**Follow-up:** Subcommittee will begin setting 2006 meeting dates once *ConnectOregon* applications are received.

### **Policy Subcommittee Report**

Policy Subcommittee Chair Susie Lahsene stated that the subcommittee’s recent focus has been to look at potential ODOT Research problem statements. Three have been submitted that the

subcommittee would consider recommending – Multi-state Alliances, Economic Importance of Freight Investments, and Truck Traffic Volumes. Copies of problem statements were handed out, and the committee then voted to endorse the submittal of these three problem statements. The subcommittee is aware of three others that will likely be submitted separately – Inland Intermodal Centers (Northwest Container Services), Roundabouts (City of Astoria), and Reuse of Railroad Ties (Portland & Western Railroad).

**Follow-up:** ODOT Freight Mobility staff to submit the three problem statements to ODOT Research Unit prior to the December 16 deadline.

### **Freight Mobility Manager's Report**

Ms. Rodwell handed out her report, pointing out that it contains updates on the Washington State gas tax repeal initiative, the Oregon 140 Study (in the Request for Proposal process), the Commodity Flow Study data (discrepancies in consultant's spreadsheets are getting resolved), and the West Coast Corridor Coalition (WCCC). Ms. Rodwell explained that Oregon interested parties in WCCC will meet later this month to develop (1) an agreement of who will be on the Executive Committee, and (2) a list of Oregon's top priority freight transportation projects. She will report back to OFAC at its January 2006 meeting. Ms. Rodwell also reminded attendees about two upcoming events – the NW Transportation Conference, February 7-9, 2006, in Corvallis (see p. 5 of the agenda packet for more info) and PNWARS' Winter Seminar, February 22-23, 2006, in Portland (see separate handout).

### **Round Table / Agenda Building**

Ms. Lahsene told the group about the recently completed Cost of Congestion study in the Portland area, and suggested OFAC receive a presentation on it soon. She said the executive summary and the complete report can be found on Metro's website (<http://www.metro-region.org/article.cfm?ArticleID=16673>). Tammy Dennee, Oregon Wheat Growers League, suggested two issues of interest to the agricultural community for future agenda items. One issue is regarding the impact of the Jones Act on Oregon's ports, especially the Port of Portland; the other issue is rail car availability and overall rail service in Oregon. Chair Zelenka pointed out that railroad representatives will speak to OFAC regarding the state of rail at the January 2006 meeting. Regarding the Jones Act, Chair Zelenka said he knew of some individuals who could come to a subsequent meeting and address this issue.

Jerry Grossnickle, Bernert Barge Lines, recommended that OFAC hear from the Columbia River Crossing Task Force at some point. Ms. Lahsene asked about the Delta Park project, to which Chair Zelenka replied that the Environmental Assessment will soon be complete, at which time OFAC should get an update on it. Ms. Dennee stated that her group will be going to Washington D.C. in late March 2006 to discuss appropriations and asked if OFAC could learn anything before then regarding the locks maintenance fund. Chair Zelenka suggested that Ms. Dennee provide OFAC with a presentation on this issue at its March meeting, and that perhaps OFAC could then send a letter of support in advance of the D.C. trip. Mike Montero, Montero & Associates LLC, suggested the Committee later next year look back at the 2008-2011 STIP

selection process to evaluate how well they responded to modified prioritization factors. Chair Zelenka asked if ODOT Regional staff could come to report on that; Craig Greenleaf, ODOT Transportation Development Division Administrator, pointed out that it could be difficult to get all five regional directors at the same meeting, but it may work if the meeting coincided with a regional directors' meeting. Mike Quilty, Rogue Valley MPO, suggested a future presentation on the impact of OTIA III debt service payments on modification funds – have other funding sources been identified? Mr. Jackley and Mr. Greenleaf stated that ODOT is recommending to the OTC that the State seek increased federal funds available through the reauthorization so as to fill in the gap, and that ODOT will report back at a future OFAC meeting. Nick Fortey, Federal Highway Administration, suggested an evaluation and periodic updates on how well ODOT's statewide model and MPO models evaluate freight demand. Chair Zelenka reminded the group that the next meeting is January 11, 2006, in Salem.

**Follow-up:** Many of the above suggestions have been added to the Future Agendas Calendar; some have been scheduled. To the extent that the meeting calendar for 2006 is becoming full, staff will work directly with members to address some of the questions.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Zelenka adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

**Oregon Freight Advisory Committee (OFAC)  
Meeting Attendees  
December 7, 2005**

**OFAC Members (General, Associate, & Alternate)**

Ken Armstrong	Oregon Ports Group/Oregon Short Line Railroad Assn.
Anne Ballew	Eugene-Springfield MPO
Steve Bates	Redmond Heavy Hauling
D.E. Bridges	Oregon Forest Products Transportation Association
Bill Burgel	HDR Engineering, Inc.
Gary Cardwell	Northwest Container Services, Inc.
Bruce Carswell	Portland & Western Railroad
Tammy Dennee	Oregon Wheat Growers League
Nick Fortey	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Lylla Gaebel	NW ACT
Jerry Grossnickle	Bernert Barge Lines
Bob Hidley	Oregon Department of Aviation
John Kratochvil	Oregon Department of Agriculture
Susie Lahsene	Port of Portland
Sarah Lucas	Oregon Department of Aviation
Rob Mathers	Kinder Morgan Energy Partners
Greg Miller	Weyerhaeuser Company
Mike Montero	Montero & Associates LLC
Gary Neal	Port of Morrow
Ray Neil	Pendleton Grain Growers
Deena Platman	Metro
(for Bridget Wieghart)	
Mike Quilty	Rogue Valley MPO
Jonathan Schleuter	Westside Economic Alliance
Tom Schwetz	Lane Council of Governments
Charlie Tindall	Blue Line Transportation Company
The Honorable Alan Unger	Mayor of Redmond
Lonny Welter	Columbia County Public Works
The Honorable Mike Wendel	Mayor of Prineville
Tracy Ann Whalen	ESCO Corporation
Gary Whitney	Oregon Economic and Community Development Dept.
Paul Zalec	Portland & Western Railroad
Tom Zelenka	Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc.

**ODOT**

Gregg Dal Ponte	Motor Carrier Transportation Division
Cary Goodman	Freight Mobility Section
Karen Green	Freight Mobility Section
Craig Greenleaf	Transportation Development Division
John Jackley	Executive Officer

Julie Rodwell  
Kelly Taylor

Freight Mobility Section  
Rail Division

The Honorable Greg Smith  
Janet Adkins  
Brian Doherty  
Arlene Dietz  
Steve Kale  
Lyn McClelland  
The Honorable Greg Smith

**Other Attendees**  
Oregon State Representative  
Oregon Legislative Committee Staff  
Miller Nash LLP  
Transportation & Freight Consultant  
SR Kale Consulting  
US Maritime Administration  
Oregon State Representative

## **Directions to ODOT Mill Creek Building**

### **From I-5 North or South:**

Take the Market Street Exit. Turn West (right, if coming from the North, or left, if coming from the South) onto Market Street and get into the far left-hand lane. Turn left at the first intersection onto Hawthorne Ave. Follow Hawthorne to Center Street (2nd signal). Turn right (West) onto Center Street and follow Center to 13<sup>th</sup> Street (approx. 2 1/2 to 3 miles). At 13<sup>th</sup> Street, there is a forced right-hand turn. (Safeway is on this corner). Follow the turn from Center and turn left onto 13<sup>th</sup> and go straight 1 1/2 blocks to where the street dead-ends. Turn left into the Mill Creek Building parking lot. The street address is **555 13th Street NE, Salem 97301**. The Crown Point Conference Room is on the first floor.

A limited amount of metered parking is provided for visitors. You will need to sign in at the reception desk and pick up a badge. The receptionist will direct you to the conference room.

If you have questions call:

Amy Hollingsworth: 503-986-3520

Mill Creek Building Receptionist: 503-986-4175

**DIRECTIONS**  
**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**TRANSPORTATION BUILDING,**  
**355 CAPITOL STREET, NE**  
**SALEM, OREGON**

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**From I-5 (either direction):**

Take the Market Street Exit (Exit #256). Continue on Market Street until you come to Summer Street. Turn left onto Summer. Continue (in the middle lane) on Summer until you are two blocks from Center Street, then get into the extreme right-hand lane. Both lanes of Summer will turn onto Center Street. Stay in the extreme right-hand lane. The Transportation Building will be the first building on the right-hand side after you turn onto Center.

There is limited metered parking along Center Street. To get to the underground parking structure, take the first right off of Center Street onto Capitol Street. Turn at the next right again, which is Chemeketa Street. Chemeketa Street will take you into the Capitol Mall Parking Structure. (Metered parking spaces are on the top level only.)

**See note below about limited entrance into the Transportation Building.**

**From Highway 22 (heading west into Salem):**

Stay on Highway 22, it will become Mission Street (through Salem). You will pass Costco on the right, K-Mart on the left. After passing K-Mart, get into 2<sup>nd</sup> lane from right. As you approach the overpass, be in the right lane, following signs to State Offices. This will bring you onto 12<sup>th</sup> Street, heading north. Turn left onto Chemeketa. Go two blocks and you will enter the north side of the Capitol Mall Parking Structure.

**Parking in the Yellow State Parking Lot at 860 Marion Street NE:**

A pay-n-park cash machine is located in the parking lot on the Center Street side and costs \$6. The pay-n-park machine will accept \$1, \$5 and \$10 dollar bills (change is given in dollar coins). Park in any of the available day – use spaces (in other words, claim your parking space first!!) and purchase your pass AFTER parking. This way you don't end up buying a parking ticket and then finding out there are no spots available. If this happens, do NOT park in a non-day-use area because you WILL be ticketed. To park in this lot, you must pay \$6 – whether you park for an hour or all day.

***NOTE: Access to the Transportation Building is limited to the main entrance for visitors. The main entrance is identified by the double glass doors which face an outside, modernistic water fountain. All other entrances to the building are restricted, including access from the underground parking structure tunnels.***

**Capitol Mall Parking Structure:**

The parking structure takes up two full blocks in the middle of the Capitol Mall and is accessed via Chemeketa Street and has one lower and one upper level. Metered parking is located on the upper level only. 30-minute meters have a yellow sticker on the face of the meter; 2-hour meters have a green sticker; 4-hour meters have a red sticker; and 10-hour meters have blue stickers. Parking Meter Rates: 80 cents an hour.

“Plugging” a meter is a no-no. However, you can move your car from one corner of the structure to another without risking a ticket – you can’t just move to a different meter in the same “block” (each corner is a different block).

Once parked in the parking structure, to get to the Transportation Building: If you’ve parked on the north side of the structure you can take the stairwells or elevators to the ground level and walk to the Transportation Building. If you’ve parked on the south side of the structure, you will need to walk to the north side and take the stairwells or elevators to the ground level FROM THE NORTH SIDE.

**On-Street Metered Parking:**

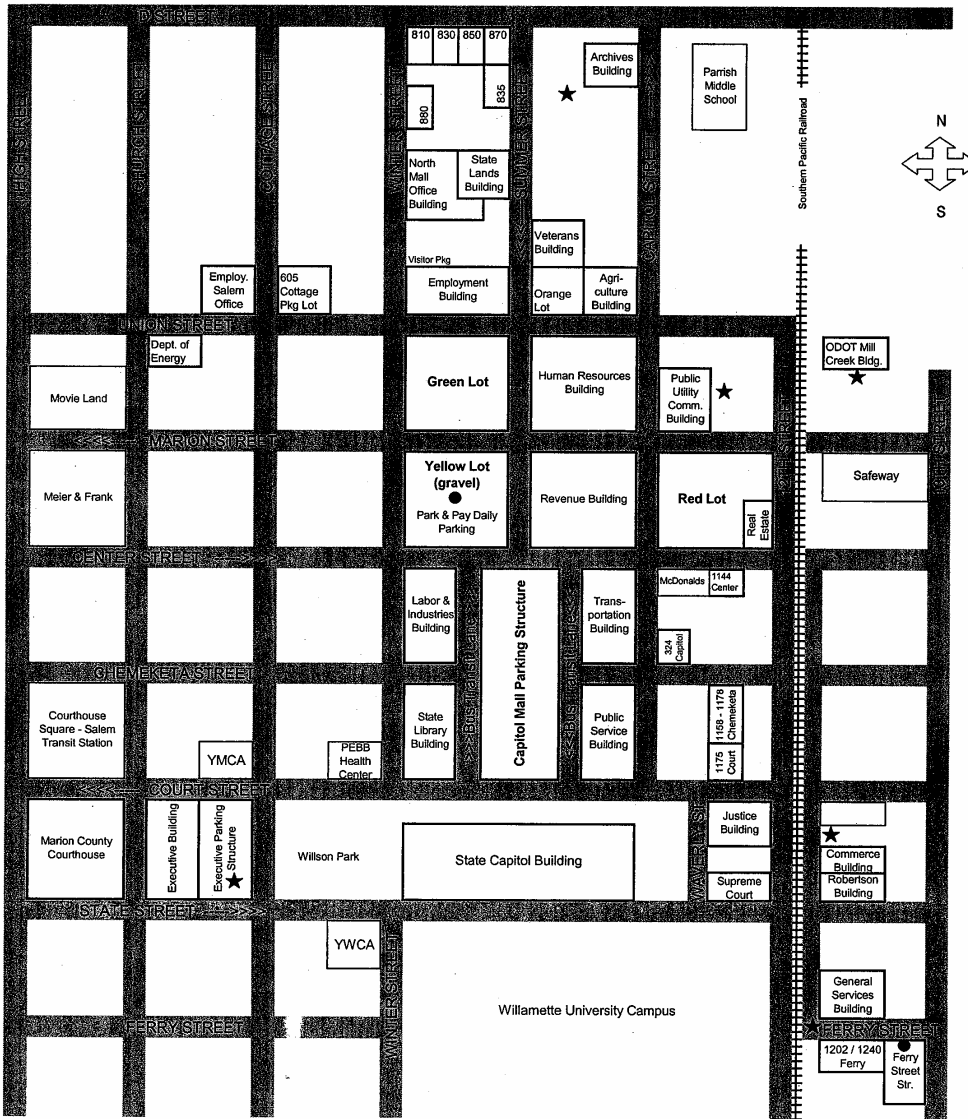
There are meters in the adjacent blocks surrounding the Capitol Mall. However, be aware that there are not very many available, as a fair number of the street parking meters are reserved for car-poolers and disabled folks.

**Park and Ride Program:**

This is another alternative, and probably the best. You simply park in the lot at the Salem Motor Pool, located at 1100 Airport Road. It’s FREE. A Park-and-Ride Shuttle will bring you to the Capitol Mall and drop you off at one of nine specific locations. It will also take you back to the Motor Pool. To find the Motor Pool, take the Highway 22 exit off of I-5. You will automatically end up on Mission Street (Highway 22 through Salem) heading west. Turn right onto Airport Road and watch for the State Motor Pool sign – it’ll be on the right side of the road. Shuttles run every 15 minutes, from 6:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and again from 3:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. Shuttles run every 30 minutes between 9:15 and 3:15 p.m.

Still have questions about parking? Call DAS Parking Services at (503) 378-5090.

# SALEM CAPITOL MALL AREA



- ★ Blue-Banded State Meters - OK to use Agency issued one-day permit
- Yellow Lot & Ferry Street Structure Rooftop - OK to use Agency issued one-day permits

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