

AGENDA
Oregon Freight Advisory Committee

Date: March 5, 2008
Time: 1:30 – 4:30 pm
Location: Local Government Center
1201 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Parking: Directions and parking information are at the end of the agenda packet.
Contact: Jerri Bohard, Executive Sponsor - 503-986-4163

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1:30 1. **Call to Order/Introductions/Agenda Review.....Susie Lahsene, Vice Chair**

1:35 2. **Review/Approve Meeting NotesSusie Lahsene, Vice Chair**

- A) **Revised Minutes - October 17, 2007** (Attachment #1)
- B) **Minutes - December 5, 2007** (Attachment #2 will be sent in a separate email prior to the March 5, 2008 meeting.)

1:40 3. **Freight Plan Jerri Bohard, TDD Administrator
Michael Fischer, Cambridge Systematics**

Background: Cambridge Systematics, is working for ODOT to provide a freight data assessment, data benchmarking, and a framework for the freight planning effort. ODOT is currently working on developing a freight planning Work Order contract that will provide for the development of the freight plan through a series of targeted Work Orders. Cambridge has developed a conceptual framework for the Freight Topic Plan, and has identified both general (longer-term) and specific (shorter-term) Work Orders that will be required for the planning effort.

Attachments: Attachment #3 - Freight Plan Framework Memo.

Action Requested: Freight Planning discussion and comments on the framework.

2:30 4. **West Coast Container Capacity.....Barry Horowitz General Manager
Container Marketing, Port of Portland**

Background: The shifting landscape of container traffic, shipping rates, container availability, has an impact on Oregon shippers. Mr. Horowitz will provide a brief overview of the existing west coast container trade.

Attachments: None.

Action Requested: No action required.

2:50 5. **I-5 Corridor Between I-84 and I-405 Study...Amy Gibbons Senior Major Projects Planner,
Oregon Department of Transportation**

Background: In the summer of 2007 ODOT completed a study of the I-5 corridor between I-84 and I-405 to determine if there might be one or more acceptable solutions to operational problems. Broad public involvement was not included in the study, however a series of alternatives are identified. Next steps could be refinement of alternatives and conceptual development with public input.

Attachments: None.

Action Requested: No action required.

3:20 6. **Hot Topics – Member Round Robin.....All**

3:30 7. **Rail Multi-Modal StudyKelly Taylor, Administrator
ODOT Rail Division**

Background: The ODOT Rail Division will soon begin a study of the statewide freight and passenger rail system. The study will include an inventory and assessment of the existing rail system, capacity demand and constraints, and identification of potential funding sources and strategies.

Attachments: None.

Action Requested: No action required.

3:50 8. **ConnectOregon II Project UpdateTeddie Baker, Senior Freight Mobility Planner
Freight Mobility Section
Marty Andersen, Roadway Standards Engineer
ODOT Local Government Section**

Background: The application deadline for submittal of *ConnectOregon II* applications was November 21, 2007. Seventy-eight (78) applications were received requesting \$214.8 million. Seven applications were found to be ineligible and the applicants have been notified of project ineligibility by Matthew Garrett. The review process is on schedule and all milestones to date have been met by the Freight Mobility staff.

The ODOT Local Government Section administers the *ConnectOregon I* projects. Of the *ConnectOregon II* applicants, 17 applicants currently have active *ConnectOregon I* projects. At this time, all 17 projects are meeting the milestones identified in the project agreements, or in the case of state run projects are progressing.

Attachments: Attachment #4 – Summary, Freight Project Ranking by OFAC.
Attachment #5 – Summary, *ConnectOregon I* Awards compared to *ConnectOregon II* Applicants.

Action Requested: Approval of *ConnectOregon II* recommendations to the OTC.

4:10 **9. STIP Progress ReportMichael Bufalino, Senior Freight Mobility Planner
Freight Mobility Section**

Background: Freight Mobility staff continues to work with ODOT Region STIP Coordinators to provide updates on the STIP process.
Attachments: Attachment #6 – Summary of STIP Submittal by Region.
Action Requested: No Action Required.

4:20 **10. Other Business and AnnouncementsSusie Lahsene, Vice Chair**

- A) Email** Please check your email address on the sign-in sheet and make revisions as necessary.
- B) AASHTO** Executive Summary of the **National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission Recommendations.**
 Attachment #7 - AASHTO Journal, January 18, 2008 (Note:The entire study can be viewed at the following link:
http://www.transportationfortomorrow.org/final_report. Volume I contains a summary of the recommendations.

Next Quarterly Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2008
Time: 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
**Location: Local Governments Center
 1201 Court Street, Large Conference Room
 Salem, OR 97301**

4:25 **11. Public CommentSusie Lahsene, Vice Chair**

4:30 **12. Adjournment.....Susie Lahsene, Vice Chair**

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

2008 OFAC QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Building	Address
June 4, 2008	1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Local Government Center Large Conference Room	1201 Court Street, NE Salem, OR
September 10, 2008	1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	ODOT Region 1 Headquarters Public Hearings Room A&B	123 NW Flanders Portland, OR
December 3, 2008	1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	ODOT Region 1 Headquarters Public Hearings Room A&B	123 NW Flanders Portland, OR