

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

May 17, 2006 * 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Port of Portland Building
121 NW Everett Street, First Floor Conference Room
Portland, OR

Call to Order / Introductions

Tom Zelenka called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

April 5, 2006 Meeting Notes & Follow Up

Meeting notes from the April 5, 2006 meeting were accepted as written.

Recommendations to OTC Re *ConnectOregon* Projects

Martin Callery, Chair, Projects Subcommittee, advised that the Projects Subcommittee met prior to the general OFAC meeting on May 17 to finalize its *ConnectOregon* project funding recommendations. Copies were distributed to OFAC members. He thanked Julie Rodwell and the Freight Mobility staff and the Projects Subcommittee for their participation in the review process. All 103 applications were reviewed by the subcommittee and staff, and assigned scores based on the strategic considerations in SB71. After preliminary rankings, the subcommittee reviewed and discussed each of the Grouping 1 projects, and used a more refined scoring system to re-score them. The subcommittee selected the highest-scoring projects with statewide significance, and placed them in the \$25 million statewide fund. Then the subcommittee placed the remaining highest-scoring projects in the respective \$15 million regional funds. Recommendations for regional funding exceeded the \$15 million in case some of OFAC's recommended projects did not go forward.

Mr. Callery further summarized the evaluation process and reported that Freight Mobility staff was asked to develop a scoring system (which was refined by the subcommittee) to cover all six considerations in SB71, with an emphasis on the following three: 1) Reduce transportation costs for Oregon businesses; 2) Benefit or connect two or more modes; and 3) Critical link in a statewide or regional transportation system. Staff completed a "first pass" review of all applications using "all or nothing" scoring based on the six criteria listed in SB71, resulting in three project Groupings: 1, 3 and 4. The total cost of projects in Group 1 was in excess of \$120 million. The subcommittee then went back and reviewed each Group 1 project again and re-scored them to finalize and prioritize the project list. Further scoring of projects in Groups 3 and 4 was deferred unless additional data justified going back and re-scoring a project in those groups.

Mr. Callery reported that Conflict of Interest was disclosed at each of the subcommittee meetings. The subcommittee followed a purely technical evaluation process. The subcommittee also conducted its evaluation independently; without looking at any of the ACT recommendations.

Chair Zelenka asked about projects on the list that were not scored. Mr. Callery stated those projects not scored were rated in Groups 3 and 4 and even if scored, would fall well below the recommended list.

Motion by Bob Russell and seconded by Susie Lahsene: Recommend OFAC pass a resolution approving submission of the *ConnectOregon* recommendations into the Consensus Committee process for eventual decision by the OTC. Lylla Gaebel asked the motion be amended to include a recommendation to the Consensus Committee that a contractual obligation be required of the applicants stating they are at project readiness and must meet the project time line.

Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion then ensued concerning review of future projects. The subcommittee had found it difficult to determine if a project would reduce transportation costs as the application didn't ask that such savings be quantified and few applicants included information. Review criteria for Transit projects needs to be refined as the SB71 criteria didn't necessarily fit Transit. OFAC is the only committee reviewing Marine projects. A Marine Committee should be formed because marine projects are at a disadvantage if the individual modal committees promote their modal projects. It was also recommended that once the OTC publishes its funding recommendations, OFAC revisit the process to see how well its priority list matches the OTC's.

John Jackley stated stakeholders and legislature wanted three things from *ConnectOregon*: transparency, clarity, and fairness. He explained the Local Government Section will be providing project oversight. They currently supervise one-third of ODOT's construction projects and have 19 regional staff in place resulting in very little cost to *ConnectOregon*.

The first bond sale will be in August and public projects will be fast-tracked with advance payments.

Bob Russell and all of OFAC joined in thanking Martin Callery for the great job he did guiding the evaluation and prioritizing of *ConnectOregon* project applications.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a regular quarterly meeting on July 12 in Portland.

Adjournment

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

**Oregon Freight Advisory Committee (OFAC)
Special Meeting Attendees
May 17, 2006**

OFAC Members (General, Associate, & Alternate)

Ken Armstrong	Oregon Ports Group
Anne Ballew	Eugene-Springfield MPO
James Bertram	Rail America, Inc.
Martin Callery	International Port of Coos Bay
Gary Cardwell	Northwest Container Services
Bruce Carswell	Portland & Western RR, Inc. and Willamette & Pacific RR, Inc.
Tammy Dennee	Oregon Wheat Growers League
Nick Fortey	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Lylla Gaebel	NWACT/Clatsop County Commissioner
David Harlan	Oregon Economic and Community Development Dept.
Tom Hawksworth	CORP RR
Susie Lahsene, Vice Chair	Port of Portland
Sarah Lucas	Oregon Department of Aviation
Rob Mathers	Kinder Morgan Energy
Mike Montero	Montero & Associates LLC
Jim Nave	Union Pacific Railroad
Carrie Novick	Redmond Municipal Airport
Mike Quilty	Medford-Rogue Valley MPO
Bob Russell	Oregon Trucking Associations
Glenn Vanselow	PNWA
Liz Wainwright	Merchant's Exchange
Lonny Welter	Columbia County Road Department
Tracy Ann Whalen	ESCO Corporation
Bridget Wieghart	Metro
Paul Zalec	Portland & Western Railroad
Tom Zelenka, Chair	Schnitzer Steel Industries

ODOT

Teddie Baker	Freight Mobility Section
Cary Goodman	Freight Mobility Section
John Jackley	Executive Officer
Julie Rodwell	Freight Mobility Section

Other Attendees

Sorin Garber	Sorin Garber Consulting Group
Ann Hanus	OECD
Greg Jenks	Port of St. Helens
Steve Kale	SR Kale Consulting
Gene Leverton	Leverton & Associates
Don Lindly	Association of Oregon Counties
Mel Ray	Port of Umatilla
Art Schlack	Association of Oregon Counties
Gail Snodgrass	UPPR
Pete Williamson	Port of St. Helens