

Freight Advisory Committee
December 15, 2004

Chairman: Tom Zelenka
Vice Chair: Susie Lahsene

In attendance: Tom Zelenka, Bruce Warner, Craig Greenleaf, Case McGinley, Bob Russell, Bridget Weighart, Gregg Dal Ponte, Lyn McClelland, The Honorable Alan Unger, Kelly Taylor, Lori Sundstrom, Pat Egan, Jim Nave, Thomas Picco, Sorin Garber, Jonathan Schlueter, Ralph Jackson, Corky Collier, Ron Rowan, Kristin Meira, Cary Goodman, Rhonda Urben, Matt Garrett, Larry Phipps, Martin Callery,

Welcome and Self Introductions.....Tom Zelenka.....5 minutes

Opening RemarksBruce Warner.....5 minutes

Introduction of New Freight Mobility
Manager, Case McGinley.....Tom Zelenka.....5 minutes

Freight Advisory Committee Contact List Update.....Case McGinley.....5 minutes

Committee members and guests were asked to sign in on the sign in sheet and to update personal information on a contact list being circulated around the room. For questions and to request time on the FAC agenda, contact Case McGinley, ODOT, Freight Mobility Section.

Columbia River Crossing Task Force..... Matt Garrett.....10 minutes
Handout: Letter from Co-Chairs of CRC Task Force and attachment

Matt Garrett from ODOT Region 1 discussed the (CRC Task Force). Reflecting the bi-state collaborative goals, Henry Hewitt from Oregon and Hal Dengerik of Washington will co-chair this task force. The task force will be called up in January 2005 with a focus on moving from technical ideas to policy. No decision was reached with regard to appointing a member of the Freight Advisory Committee to the CRC task force. Mr. Bob Russell suggested attendees email nominees for this position to Tom Zelenka.

St John's Bridge Re-Stripe.....Rex Burkholder.....20 minutes
PowerPoint Presentation and Handout of Resolution No. 04-3498A

Councilman Burkholder presented information on the St Johns Bridge including its history and various stripping configurations. The councilman cited a David Evans and Associates study that concluded reducing from four to two motor vehicle lanes and adding two bike lanes would not have significant negative impact on traffic movement.

Several committee members made remarks to the effect that bike lanes on the bridge would be counter to the wishes of the neighborhood association, they would create dangerous points at the bridge heads (where the bike lanes would end), and that this issue

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was decided two years ago – the bridge would be re-striped with four ten foot travel lanes and that bikes and pedestrians would share the two five foot sidewalks.

Burkholder asked for additional time to explain the Metro resolution No. 04-3498A,, which is for the purpose of endorsing regional priorities for a state transportation funding package. Several committee members said. . .

Jacqua v. Springfield/Peach Health/TPR/Craig Greenleaf 10 minutes

Handout – Vol. 22 No. 8 of the Oregon Planner’ Journal

ODOT’s Craig Greenleaf discussed Jaqua v. City of Springfield and the impact on the Transportation Planning Rule. There was discussion and Craig Greenleaf concluded that the agencies goal is to return to pre-Jaqua conditions. Pat Egan recommended the department and this committee develop a clear statement on this issue. Chairman Zelenka asked Pat Egan to head up that effort.

West Coast Corridor Coalition.....Lori Sundstrom.....25 Minutes

Lori Sundstrom spoke about the recent meeting of the West Coast Corridor Coalition in Palo Alto. The department was disappointed that the coalition appeared to lack focus; that the emphasis was not on projects. There was a disturbing mix of communication and a lack of shared purpose. Lyn McClelland stated we need to support the WCCC to get the attention of Washington DC. Director Warner agrees we need to step up and create some discussion but has some concern about the WCCC as the vehicle. Oregon could be a bottleneck for the corridor so we need to get on board with something and move forward.

Break.....10 Minutes

Traffic Mobility Project.....Randall Thomas.....10 Minutes

Power Point Presentation with Presentation Handout

ODOT’s Randall Thomas presented information on its Statewide Traffic Mobility Management program. Committee members commented that coordinating the projects so as to minimize delays will be crucial to success. There was additional discussion around improvements and accommodations to detour routes. It was recommended that if improvements and accommodations are required, those changes should take place before that route is employed as a detour. A timetable of all projects would coordinate multiple tasks that may conflict and cause longer than average delays.

Columbia/Snake Dredging.....Kristin Meira.....25 Minutes
Power Point Presentation with Handout

Kristen Meira, lobbyist for Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA) spoke about the Columbia – Snake River System. She asked that the FAC support the Association in seeking \$40M in the next funding cycle. Chair Zelenka asked for data regarding tonnage and value of goods shipped by barge versus trucking and rail. PNWA has retained a consultant to gather this data and PNWA will provide copies of the study when available.

Lyn McClelland and Susie Lahsene discussed the cost benefit analysis versus private business expectations. Ms McClelland stated true cost benefit analysis is to derive whatever mode of freight mobility works best and fund that project. Susie Lahsene stated it is not particularly realistic to expect private business's to give up business plans they may already have in place in favor of other more cost effective plans.

Bruce Warner.....2005 Legislative/Reauthorization.....15 Minutes
Handout Connect Oregon brochure and Draft Bill LC 651.

Director Warner spoke about *Connect Oregon*. It is a lottery-bond-based-initiative to improve air, rail and marine infrastructure. He also distributed a draft bill relating to this work . . .

Next meeting/next steps:

Case McGinley will develop a calendar for the next OFAC meetings. It was recommended by committee to meet every other month. In setting dates, avoid third week of month, no Fridays and consult OTC calendar. Next meeting should be in late January but not on 1-27-05.

Chair closed meeting at 4:30.