

Moving along with the Freight Plan

The Oregon Freight Plan project team has been busy this summer, making progress on all fronts. The schedule included a slew of productive meetings, including three working group meetings and a Freight Plan Steering Committee meeting. The Working Group meetings included the Freight Plan Infrastructure & Traffic Working Group on July 13; the Freight and the Economy Working Group on July 27; and the Policy and Process Working Group on August 12.

Freight Plan Project Team

On July 22, the Freight Plan project team provided a progress report to the Steering Committee. Discussion focused on the technical analysis performed to date and on the development of strategies to implement the freight plan. Key topics included the need to focus on infrastructure investments, global trends, and how the planning team will address possible future scenarios. The Project team will address these issues while writing the plan and preparing for the next Steering Committee Meeting. The next meeting will be November 9 in Salem.

Working Group News

The three working groups continued review of the Freight Plan technical memos. These technical memos will provide the background information and data that will form the body of the freight plan. By the end of September, ODOT will have completed

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nine technical memos. These technical memos cover the following freight related topics:

- Review of existing regulations;
- Effects of major regulations;
- Interagency coordination;
- Review existing forecasts and forecasting processes;
- Relationship between freight transportation and economic development;
- Defining strategic infrastructure;
- Identifying strategic freight infrastructure;
- Forecast of commodity flows; and
- Mapping and graphically displaying commodity flows.

Under ODOT's direction, technical memos were written by consultant teams lead by Cambridge Systematics Inc. and PB Americas. Three stakeholder Working Groups have reviewed the memos, providing feedback and additional data to improve the information.

For the latest meeting schedule and other information, visit
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