Date: December 10, 2024
Time: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Meeting Attendees

- Matthew Kitchen (ECOnorthwest)
- Sean Wallace (ECOnorthwest)
- Zach Lesher (ECOnorthwest)
- Bonnie Gee Yosick (ECOnorthwest)
- Bob Russell (Oregon Trucking Association)
- Jana Jarvis (Oregon Trucking Association)
- Mazen Malik (Legislative Revenue Office)
- Marie Dodds (AAA Oregon/Idaho)
- Sarah Iannarone (The Street Trust)
- Carl Riccadonna (Office of Economic Analysis)
- Jordan Macias (Office of Economic Analysis)
- Mitchell D'Sa (Office of Economic Analysis)

Agenda Overview

- Updates on HCAS modeling and data preparation.

- Discussion of Lookback Study findings and integration into HCAS.

- Presentation of partial preliminary results.

- Refinements in data preparation methods and their implications.

Key Updates

Modeling Progress and Preliminary Results

- Matthew outlined the status of the HCAS modeling:

  - Pavement factor analysis is complete, with updates already integrated into the model.

  - Bridge and project work type classifications by ODOT staff are ongoing, expected midweek.

  - Preliminary results will likely be delayed by one week, moving from December 13 to December 20, 2024.

- Discussion highlighted that this delay would not impact the final report deadline of January 17, 2025.

- Preliminary results presented during the meeting exclude updated project costs, with significant impacts expected once those are incorporated.

Lookback Study Findings

- The Lookback Study remains a priority topic:

  - The SRT seeks clarity on discrepancies between OSU and ECONorthwest findings, particularly on project omissions and non-project cost categories.

  - Matthew stressed the need for direct coordination with OSU to resolve issues and integrate findings into HCAS effectively.

  - Bob Russell reiterated that reconciling differences is critical to ensure accurate reporting to the legislature.

  - Mazen suggested a review of VMT forecast methods and proposed adjustments to improve alignment with fuel consumption projections.

Data Preparation Methods

- Sean Wallace and Matthew presented updates on refinements to data preparation:

  - Method A introduced enhanced vehicle classification using registration data and VIN decoding for vehicle power type.

  - Method B added weight classification improvements, addressing inaccuracies in self-reported weights.

  - These changes, while modest, have improved data accuracy and equity ratio calculations, particularly for vehicles in the 10,000 to 26,000-pound range.

  - The SRT was invited to review the methods and provide feedback before finalizing the approach.

Next Steps

Report and Timeline

- Preliminary results presentation moved to December 20, 2024, ensuring integration of updated project costs.

- Final report delivery remains on schedule for January 17, 2025.

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- Recommendations from the Lookback Study will be included in the report, pending further coordination with OSU.

Meetings and Follow-Ups

- December 18, 2024: Tentative SRT meeting to discuss updated preliminary results and receive feedback.

- Coordination between ODOT, ECONorthwest, and OSU to resolve Lookback Study discrepancies.

- Mazen to lead efforts in addressing VMT forecast concerns and provide updates at the next meeting.

Action Items

- ODOT Staff: Complete bridge and project work type classifications by midweek.

- ECONorthwest: Finalize modeling with updated data and prepare for the December 20 presentation.

- SRT Members: Review and provide feedback on data preparation methods.

- Facilitate discussions with OSU to align findings for the final report.