

**Date: December 3, 2024**

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## **Agenda Overview**

- Progress updates on HCAS data collection and modeling.
  - Discussion on bridge project classifications and work type assignments.
  - Lookback Study findings and discrepancies between studies by OSU and ECONorthwest.
  - Planning for next steps, including meetings and report deadlines.
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## **Key Updates**

### **HCAS Data Collection and Model Progress**

- Matthew (ECONorthwest) reported that most data inputs are complete or in progress.
- Two critical tasks remain:
  1. Completion of Roger's pavement factors analysis, which relies on refined weigh-in-motion data.
  2. Finalization of project classifications, including bridge work types, being facilitated by ODOT staff.
- Preliminary modeling tests with older inputs have been successful, indicating readiness for final data.
- Timeline:
  - Preliminary results due on **December 13, 2024**.
  - Final report scheduled for **January 17, 2025**.

### **Bridge Project Classifications and Work Types**

- Nearly 100 bridge projects and 77 projects with varying descriptions require detailed classification by ODOT staff.
- The goal is to assign precise HCAS work types based on engineering details not previously included in raw project data.
- ODOT staff are engaging regional bridge engineers to review and refine these classifications, aiming to complete them by next week.

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- Jana Jarvis raised concerns about whether this process will be formalized for future studies to avoid repeated back-and-forth assignments.
    - Matthew suggested this issue should be resolved by the end of the current HCAS cycle.
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## **Lookback Study Findings**

### **Discrepancies and Coordination**

- Bob Russell emphasized the importance of reconciling differences between the OSU Lookback Study and ECONorthwest findings.
- Key issues:
  - Duplicate and omitted projects were flagged but later found to be included in ECONorthwest's original files.
  - ECONorthwest does not have access to OSU's input files, creating barriers to fully verifying discrepancies.
- Recommendations:
  - Carl proposed structured meetings or correspondence between OSU, ECONorthwest, and SRT members to resolve technical discrepancies.
  - A two-step approach was suggested:
    1. Technical resolution meetings to address data inconsistencies.
    2. SRT sessions to provide clear recommendations based on aligned findings.

### **Legislative Requirements**

- The Lookback Study is mandated by legislation to ensure accurate comparisons between projected and actual revenues/expenditures.
- Jana and Mazen highlighted the need for coordination to avoid presenting conflicting findings to the legislature.
- Action Items:
  - Carl and Mazen to lead coordination efforts and facilitate initial conversations.

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- SRT members to submit specific questions or concerns to Carl by close of business Friday.
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## **Next Steps**

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- **December 10, 2024:** Preliminary results discussion with SRT.
  - ECONorthwest to present key findings and clarify any remaining preliminary issues.
- **December 17, 2024:** Tentative follow-up meeting to address additional updates or unresolved questions.

### **Report Deadlines**

- Slide deck of preliminary results to be shared by **December 13, 2024**.
- Final report and recommendations due **January 17, 2025**.

### **Coordination Efforts**

- Carl to circulate meeting invites and compile submitted questions.
  - ECONorthwest to prepare structured responses and collaborate with OSU if input files are made available.
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### **Action Items**

- **ODOT Staff:** Complete bridge and project work type classifications by next week.
- **ECONorthwest:** Finalize modeling with updated data and prepare preliminary findings.
- **SRT Members:** Submit Lookback Study-related questions to Carl by Friday.
- **Carl & Mazen:** Coordinate technical resolution efforts and plan follow-up meetings.