

Date: January 7, 2025

Time: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Meeting Attendees:

- Matthew Kitchen (ECONorthwest)
- Sean Wallace (ECONorthwest)
- Zach Leshar (ECONorthwest)
- Bonnie Gee Yosick (ECONorthwest)
- Bob Russell (Oregon Trucking Association)
- Jana Jarvis (Oregon Trucking Association)
- Mazen Malik (Legislative Revenue Office)
- Jon Hart (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)
- Brian Worley (Association of Oregon Counties)
- Kevin Campbell (Victory Group)
- Allen Molina (Oregon Department of Transportation)

Agenda Overview

- Review of final HCAS preliminary results.
 - Discussion on adjustments based on SRT feedback.
 - Planning for the final report submission and future legislative presentations.
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Key Updates

Final HCAS Preliminary Results

- Matthew Kitchen (ECONorthwest) presented the finalized preliminary results:
 - The updated equity ratios reflect the latest data inputs, including refined vehicle weight classifications.
 - Significant changes were noted in medium-duty vehicle allocations due to the new VIN decoding process, which enhances the accuracy of cost responsibility assignments.

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- Overall, the cost responsibilities align closely with historical trends, supporting the robustness of the current model, which continues to be a reliable tool for evaluating transportation funding equity.
- Sean Wallace highlighted the completion of bridge and pavement cost allocations, emphasizing improvements in data accuracy compared to previous cycles. These refinements are expected to provide a more balanced view of infrastructure investments.

SRT Feedback and Adjustments

- Key feedback from SRT members was reviewed in detail:
 - Mazen Malik suggested further clarifying the methodology used for medium-duty vehicle classifications to ensure transparency and build confidence in the report's findings.
 - Bob Russell requested additional context on how federal and state funding shifts impact equity ratios, especially in the context of changing transportation infrastructure priorities.
- Adjustments based on this feedback include:
 - Enhanced explanations in the final report regarding methodological changes, focusing on the rationale behind updates and their anticipated impacts.
 - A supplemental appendix with detailed examples of vehicle classifications and their effects on cost allocations, designed to provide stakeholders with a clear understanding of the data analysis process.

Legislative Presentation Planning

- The team discussed strategies for presenting findings to the legislature:
 - Emphasis will be placed on demonstrating the accuracy and fairness of the HCAS model, highlighting how it ensures equitable distribution of transportation funds.
 - Carl Riccadonna highlighted the importance of addressing potential questions regarding the impact of EV adoption on future revenue projections, suggesting that this could be a focal point of legislative interest given the rising trend in electric vehicle usage.

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- A dry run of the presentation will be scheduled to ensure readiness, allowing the team to anticipate questions and refine their messaging for clarity and impact.
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Next Steps

Final Report Submission

- The final report is on track for submission by January 17, 2025, ensuring all feedback is incorporated and the document reflects the most accurate and up-to-date information.
- ECONorthwest will incorporate all SRT feedback and finalize the document by the end of the week, setting the stage for a comprehensive review process.

Legislative Presentation

- A draft presentation will be circulated to SRT members by January 10, 2025, for review and comments, allowing ample time for revisions and ensuring the presentation aligns with stakeholder expectations.
- The presentation to the legislature is tentatively scheduled for late January 2025, aiming to provide legislators with a clear understanding of the HCAS findings and their implications for future policy decisions.

Action Items

- ECONorthwest: Finalize the report and prepare the draft presentation, ensuring all data and feedback are accurately represented.
- SRT Members: Review the draft presentation and provide feedback by January 15, 2025, to facilitate any necessary adjustments before the legislative session.
- Carl: Coordinate with legislative staff to confirm the presentation schedule and logistics, ensuring a smooth and well-organized presentation.