Task Force on Autonomous Vehicles Meeting
May 2, 2019
Salem, OR, 355 Capitol St. NE, Basement Rooms A/B

Members in attendance: Lt. Timothy Tannenbaum (Chair), Rep. Susan McLain, Mike Bezner (alternate for Paul Savas), Rick Blackwell, Capt. Teresa Bloom, Marie Dodds, Steve Entler, Chris Hagerbaumer, Eric Hesse, Cheryl Hiemstra, Lt. Stephanie Ingraham (replacement for Capt. Bloom), Jana Jarvis, Carrie MacLaren, Mark MacPherson, Evan Manvel (alternate for Carrie MacLaren), Galen McGill, David McMorries, Chris Muhs (alternate for Mark MacPherson), Jeff Owen, Eliot Rose

Members on phone: Daniel Fernandez, Ritchie Huang, Neil Jackson, Robert Nash, Todd Nell, Nicole Palmateer (alternate for Caleb Weaver), Carly Riter, Jeremiah Ross, Jacob Sherman (alternate for Eric Hesse), Becky Steckler, Graham Trainor

ODOT staff in attendance: Jenna Adams-Kalloch, Adam Argo, Maureen Bock, Paul Duncan, Michelle Godfrey, Sarah Kelber, Amy Joyce, Ali Lohman

Public attendance: Jocelyn Blake (AOC), Katy McDowell (Tonkon Torp), Hannah Proffitt-Allee (Eames Consulting) Phil Donovan

Welcome and Opening Remarks (Chair Tannenbaum)
Chair Tannenbaum opened the meeting and thanked the members for their contributions and hard work.

The task force approved the minutes from the previous meeting with an amendment to add Graham Trainor to the “members not in attendance” list.

Update on National AV Guidance (Ali Lohman, ODOT)
Ali Lohman provided updates on automated vehicle policy development at the national level that have taken place since the last meeting of the task force. These updates included information about the Automated Vehicle Safety Consortium, US DOT's Non-Traditional and Emerging Transportation Technology Council, and the federal workforce study. This presentation can be found on slides three through eight of the meeting presentation posted here on the task force website.

Public Opinion Research (Sarah Kelber, ODOT)
Sarah Kelber presented the results of research regarding public attitudes about automated vehicles conducted by ODOT and DHM Public Opinion Research. The research found that
few Oregonians have experience with automated vehicle features or have familiarity with automated vehicles, which leads to higher skepticism. Oregonians have safety concerns, but understand the potential benefits of AVs and would be open to limited pilots. This presentation can be found on slides nine through 16 of the meeting presentation posted here on the task force website, and a link to the full report can be found on the task force website under “Resources.”

Eliot Rose asked how to interpret the results of this research given the low levels of knowledge many people have about automated vehicles. Kelber answered that this research was valuable in helping ODOT establish how to begin engagement and communication with various stakeholders and the public.

Marie Dodds noted that AAA has done similar research and has found similar results. AAA’s public opinion research can be found here.

Subcommittee Report Out

Chair Tannenbaum spoke about the progress and final product goals of the Subcommittee on Vehicle Code Amendments and Public Safety. The subcommittee has discussed two topics so far: 1) roles and responsibilities for different AV users and 2) law enforcements and first responder interaction plans. See slides 17-20 of the meeting presentation posted here on the task force website.

Galen McGill presented on the progress and goals of the Subcommittee on Road and Infrastructure Design, focusing on their two work products: 1) an overview of work in this area by national bodies and other states jurisdictions and 2) impact assessments of automated vehicles for various areas of infrastructure. Becky Steckler asked if the interaction between pedestrians and bicyclists and automated vehicles was being addressed. McGill said that this concern would be covered in the assessments regarding school zones, road markings and traffic signals and that he would keep it in mind. See slides 17-20 of the meeting presentation posted here on the task force website.

Carrie MacLaren gave an update on the work of the Subcommittee on Land Use, which has researched how cities are incorporating AVs into land use planning and drafted a memo on public sector information needs to guide AV policy. She told the task force about the planned joint meeting between the Subcommittee on Land Use and the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Privacy and Data. See slides 27-30 of the meeting presentation posted here on the task force website.

David McMorries reviewed the work of the Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Privacy and Data, including a recommended position on cybersecurity for AVs and discussions on privacy and data perspectives. See slides 31-35 of the meeting presentation posted here on the task force website.

Jeff Owen discussed the proposed work products of the Subcommittee on Public Transit, which include documenting national guidance and creating a guide to define all the forms...
of public transit that exist in the state. See slides 36-39 of the meeting presentation posted here on the task force website.

Todd Nell spoke about the work plan for the Subcommittee on Workforce Changes. He described the Oregon Employment Department’s Maritime Sector Workforce Report, which will serve as a template for the transportation workforce report the subcommittee aims to produce. He also discussed the subcommittee’s plans to recommend elements to be included in a future independent workforce study. See slides 40-43 of the meeting presentation posted here on the task force website.

Public Transit Subcommittee Transition

The task force discussed the future of the Subcommittee on Public Transit, which had recently lost two members. To continue the work of the subcommittee, Eric Hesse agreed to join, and Becky Steckler volunteered to leave the Subcommittee on Road and Infrastructure Design to join the Subcommittee on Public Transit.

The task force affirmed the importance bicyclist and pedestrian safety. The Subcommittee on Road and Infrastructure Design and the Subcommittee on Public Transit will consider the intersection of AVs and bicyclist and pedestrian interests in future meetings.

Final Product Discussion

The task force discussed the scope and form of their work product due in September.

Chair Tannenbaum’s priorities for the task force are identifying issues the state could address now to prepare for the deployment of AVs and raising issues for the Legislature to consider going forward. Chair Tannenbaum also emphasized that he wants the subcommittees to have the flexibility to decide on what their work products will be.

Eliot Rose asked if recommendations from the task force need to be specific to AV legislation, or if they could address other legislation and policy areas. Rep. McLain invited the task force to create any recommendations they believe will be helpful.

Legislative Update

Rep. McLain discussed her work on House bill 2770. She briefly outlined the two amendments she has been developing and emphasized that her objective is to remain faithful to the recommendations from the first round of the task force. Information about the bill and posted amendments can be found on the Oregon Legislative Information System: https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Measures/Overview/HB2770

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Steps (Chair Tannenbaum)

Subcommittee leads will coordinate with ODOT staff to schedule their next meetings.