Subcommittee on Public Transit Minutes
July 11, 2019

Attendance
Subcommittee Members: Jeff Owen, Eric Hesse, Amanda Howell (alternate for Becky Steckler), Sara Wright
Other Task Force Members: Rep. Susan McLain, Lt. Tim Tannenbaum
ODOT Staff: Adam Argo, Paul Duncan, Marsha Hoskins, Ali Lohman, Lucia Ramirez

Introduction
Subcommittee lead Jeff Owen welcomed the group. The subcommittee decided to have the former members of the subcommittee review the minutes from the previous meeting.

OPTP Presentation
Marsha Hoskins (ODOT Public Transportation Manager) and Lucia Ramirez (Planner, ODOT Transportation Development Division) provided an overview of the Oregon Public Transportation Plan (OPTP) and its intersection with automated vehicles and other emerging technologies.

Rep. Susan McLain asked how state planning efforts like the OPTP interact with federal regulation. Ramirez answered that the OPTP is a broad policy document and does not contain specific regulations, but that ODOT policies are in line with federal guidance. Ali Lohman noted that there has been minimal federal guidance specific to the interaction of automated vehicles and public transit. Eric said that the Federal Transit Agency (FTA) and National High and Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) had released advanced notices of proposed rulemaking that could be relevant to this topic.

Public Transit Definition Matrix
Jeff Owen introduced the matrices provided to the subcommittee. One, created by Owen, details different types of transit in the state sorted largely by equipment type. The other, provided by Marsha Hoskins and taken from the OPTP, illustrates transit types by service level. Owen suggested discussing the matrix he provided and treating the other as supporting information, as it was finalized.

The matrices can be found here on the task force website: https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Get-Involved/Documents/Matrix%20of%20Public%20Transit%20Components.pdf

Sarah Wright suggested that local circulators be included in the typology matrix.

Owen suggested adding to the chart the impact of different levels of automated vehicle technology.
Rep. McLain emphasized the importance of maintaining consistency with national guidance.

**Local Jurisdiction Examples**

Paul Duncan presented the local jurisdiction examples memo, which can be found here on the task force website: [https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Get-Involved/Documents/Transit%20Pilots%20Memo.pdf](https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Get-Involved/Documents/Transit%20Pilots%20Memo.pdf)

Adam Argo suggested defining mobility as a service in the memo, since it is relevant to understanding many of the listed pilots.

Hesse suggested looking into the American Public Transit Association Mobility Innovation Hub and FTA Star Research Agenda for further examples for this memo.

**Final Product Discussion**

Owen suggested providing the memos produced today and a few key recommendations as the work products for this subcommittee.

Owen asked the members to consider if the group should include support for a pilot project or other demonstration of automated vehicle technology in Oregon for the purpose of learning. The subcommittee was generally supportive of this idea.

Wright suggested finding a way to emphasize the creation of transit services that meet people’s needs in the definition matrix.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Next Steps**

ODOT staff will circulate the previous minutes with the members of the task force who participated on the subcommittee at that time.

ODOT staff will revise and add to the local jurisdiction examples memo. Subcommittee members are invited to send any examples or feedback to be incorporated.

Jeff Owen will expand the public transit definition matrix. Subcommittee members are invited to collaborate with Owen.

The full task force will meet on July 25.

This subcommittee will meet again to consider the updates to the documents reviewed today and other possible key recommendations.