

Safety & Mobility Policy Advisory Committee

MEETING SUMMARY

December 20, 2023
 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 Via Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS:

- Steve Bates, OTA
- Kevin Campbell, AAA
- Ed Chamberland, ACEC
- Marie Dodds, AAA
- Jason Fender, TFT Const.
- Stratos Flanders, Knife River
- John Gambatese, OSU
- Walt Gamble, AGC
- Mark Gibson, OTA
- Erik Havig, ODOT
- John Hickey, APAO
- Jana Jarvis, OTA
- David Kim, Chair
- Evan Sether, OSP
- Erik Zander, OTA

RESOURCES:

- Tamira Clark, ODOT
- Donnell Fowler, ODOT
- Christy Jordan, ODOT
- Angela Kargel, ODOT
- Mike Kimlinger, ODOT
- Justin Moderie, ODOT
- Audrey Lawson, ODOT
- Mac Lynde, ODOT
- Tova Peltz, ODOT
- Amy Ramsdell, ODOT
- Katie Scott, ODOT

GUESTS:

None

FACILITATOR:

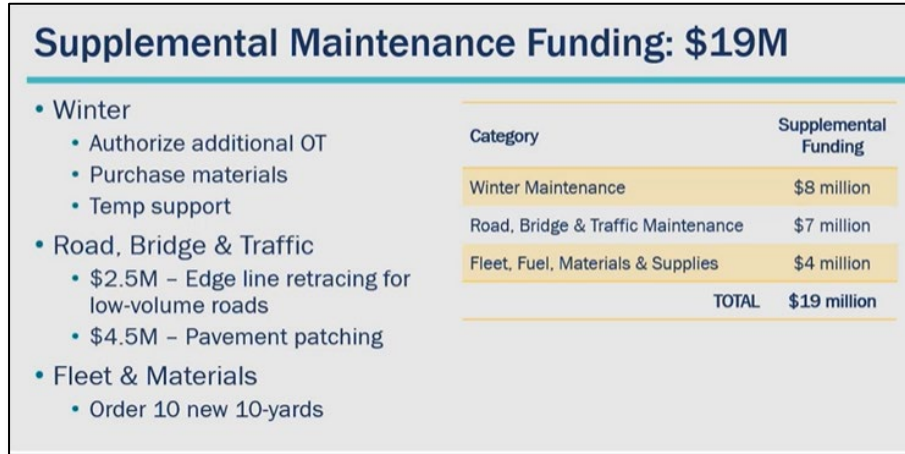
- Bill Gross, Mobility Program

AGENDA TOPIC	DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS AND OUTCOME
<p>Introductions, Roll Call, Meeting Notes & Agenda Review Bill Gross and David Kim</p>	<p>Bill Gross took roll call. Draft minutes from the October 25, 2023 meeting were also approved. David Kim welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda. David also provided the following ODOT updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Director for Social Equity Erika McCalpine recently left the agency. • Region 4 Manager Gary Farnsworth announced that he will be retiring early next year. • ODOT is looking to fill its Tolling Program Manager position.

ODOT maintenance service levels and recent one-time \$19M funding for maintenance

Tova Peltz

Tova Peltz provided a presentation explaining the breakdown of how the one-time supplemental maintenance funding of \$19 million will be spent by the agency. Her presentation included the following slide:



Tova said the intention is to use the funding this biennium to deliver a level of service similar to what ODOT delivered in the winter of 2022. She said this is a one-time infusion of funding which doesn't solve long-term systematic shortfalls of funding needed for maintenance and operations. She said the funding will not be allocated by the legislature until February 2024, but the operational changes associated with the funding have been initiated as of December; and the funds will be available to backfill in 2024.

Tova also said the governor announced last week there there's an effort to secure another \$20 million from the legislature in February to use towards cleanup of graffiti, homeless camps and infrastructure protection in the greater Portland area.

Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Assessment

Christi McDaniel-Wilson

This topic was moved to the next meeting.

OTA/ODOT/OSU Roundabout Truck Access Study Update

Mike Kimlinger

Mike Kimlinger said the roundabout study has been so well received nationally, that the research project team was invited to the Transportation Research Board's presentations in January. Mike said the study was groundbreaking work; especially the piece that created a module that can be used for simulations involving large vehicles. Mike thanked all those who were party of the study effort.

Work Zone Safety Technical Work Group Updates

Safety Symposium Update:

<p>Mike Kimlinger</p>	<p>Mike Kimlinger said the Safety Symposium is scheduled for February 15, 2024. John Hickey said they have a lot of good meaningful topics and will share a draft program with the group. (It was shared with the committee via email after the meeting.) John said his goal is to have the program finalized and posted on the APAQ website by the end of the week so they can begin to market the event. He said they are still planning on providing the event free for participants to attend.</p> <p>High School Work Zone Safety Billboard Contest Update:</p> <p>Mike said there were 83 individual entries in the contest, and two were selected as winners. He said the entries were very creative. He said the winning entries will go up on billboards in January 2024 and will remain up for 1-3 months. Mike and John said they are in the process of notifying the winners and wanted to give them recognition in front of their teachers. John said they are also planning to have the winners recognized at the Safety Symposium and have them speak about their designs. He said this year's contest was limited to ODOT Regions 1 and 2, but they plan to expand it to all ODOT Regions for next year.</p> <p>David Kim suggested that the ODOT Director could share the contest details with the Oregon Transportation Commission meeting during the director's report for January. John Hickey suggested the report could include some information about what the kids wrote explaining how they came up with their design. David also suggested to Justin Moderie that the contest could also be shared at the upcoming ODOT/AGC Annual Conference.</p>
<p>Travel Lane Width Working Group Update Mike Kimlinger</p>	<p>Mike said during discussions regarding a buffer zone between a travel lane and a bicycle lane, there were concerns about large vehicles being able to legally veer outside its lane to use the buffer space. He said the group collaborated on some conceptual statute changes, including some help from the DOJ, that would allow vehicles to use the buffer space when necessary.</p> <p>Mike said that Mark Gibson with OTA and Walt Gamble with AGC are willing to take the next steps in pursuing a legislative concept at the next legislative session. He said they will also share the concept with the Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee in January to get input from them as well. Mike said the language was initially shared with some of the members and that there were some concerns. Mike said he will provide those concerns to Mark and Walt before the January meeting.</p>
<p>Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training Update Bill Gross</p>	<p>Bill Gross said he reached out to Lisa Brown, the ODOT Equity and Civil Rights Program Manager. With the departure of Assistant Director Erika McCalpine, Lisa will be delivering the diversity, equity and inclusion training instead. The training is still scheduled for January 10, 2024 from 11 am – Noon. It will be a combined training with members of SMPAC, the Mobility Advisory Committee and the Oregon Freight Advisory Committee. Bill said all of the SMPAC members should have received an invitation for</p>

	<p>the training. He asked anyone who didn't receive the invite to reach out to him so he can forward it. He said he is still working to coordinate an alternate date for those who can't attend on January 10th.</p>
<p>Member Updates (Roundtable) All</p>	<p>John Gambatese:</p> <p>John asked if there was a link on ODOT's website that provides links to policies related to mobility and work zone safety. Bill provided a link to the table of authorities in Appendix A of the Mobility Advisory Committee charter which contains a listing of policies and procedures related to mobility and work zone safety. Mike Kimlinger also provided a link to ODOT's Statewide Policy Plans.</p> <p>John also mentioned the Construction Research Safety Partnership with AGC is starting up. He said there will be an in-person meeting in the spring sometime. He said they will then develop some research topics to pursue. John said any other organizations interested in joining the effort are welcome to attend. He said to let him know and he will send an invitation.</p> <p>John Hickey:</p> <p>John requested a topic for the next SMPAC meeting to be an update on the near miss reporting statistics being compiled with the QR form that was rolled out last construction season. Bill said he can add this to his agenda planner for the next meeting.</p>
<p>Final Comments David Kim</p>	<p>David Kim said looking ahead for meeting topics in 2024, he said we can see if we can get someone from ODOT to speak to the potential funding packages for the STIP. David also said he was in a meeting with AGC last week about work zone enforcement practices that are emerging nationally, which could also be a topic for the SMPAC. He asked if members have additional topics for next year to send them to Bill. David then thanked the committee members for their time and commitment, and that he appreciates the partnership and collaboration with ODOT.</p> <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Kimlinger to look into having the billboard contest included in the director's report for the January OTC meeting. • Mike Kimlinger to relay bike/ped concerns about the buffer space statute changes concepts to Mark and Walt before they meet with OBPAAC. • Justin Moderie to look into including the billboard contest in the next ODOT/AGC Annual Conference. • Bill to add the near miss QR code statistics update to the next SMPAC agenda (requested by John)