Governor’s Infrastructure Cabinet Charter

Background

In November of 2021, the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, investing over $5 billion into Oregon’s infrastructure through more than 100 programs across many agencies, local governments, and tribes. These investments give Oregon the opportunity to both apply formula funds and apply for grant opportunities in a way that will prioritize lifting-up our most vulnerable communities and addressing decades of historic wrongs on our communities of color.

Infrastructure Cabinet Purpose

This cabinet will be advisory to the Governor and will focus on the federal infrastructure investments made in 2021. It will serve as a coordinating team to ensure a cohesive statewide approach, with a clear focus on racial equity, thorough process, community engagement and project approach, in all of Oregon’s utilization of these infrastructure funds. This group will also problem solve and hit key milestones of external engagement and federal and state reporting requirements, with a focus on federal expectations including: climate resilience, racial equity, labor engagement and made in America.

This group will bring together a comprehensive list of funding opportunities and timeline for outreach, investments and reporting. This group will also identify issue areas and needs either for the 2022 interim legislative period, 2023 session or engagement with federal entities.

Infrastructure Cabinet Objectives

- Community education on infrastructure package and decision-making rights and power
- Recommend overarching investment values and/or projects, if appropriate
- Process reviews related to state business certifications, as relevant
- Process reviews related to procurement, as relevant
- Use of Community Workforce Agreement (CWA) structures developed by ODOT table generalized across infrastructure agencies and used in implementation and funding
- Regular briefings from each agency on status of implementation, including elevation of resource or process constraints
- Comprehensive list of funding available
- Clear timeline for funding expectations over the next 5 years
- Clear coordinated strategies and executed plans for community and stakeholder outreach
- Clear coordination with the Racial Justice Council (RJC) through an infrastructure specific workgroup
- Comprehensive list of how/when/where businesses and others can engage in the process for investments, contracts etc.
- Public facing presence for a dashboard defining progress on both engagement, project locations and dollars expended
- Process to collectively engage with the legislature during the interim on grant requests, limitation increase needs and other legislative needs

**Timeframe**
The Cabinet will convene throughout 2022 and will meet monthly during February, March and April. Meeting cadence will be evaluated in April to determine if monthly or quarterly is warranted. The Cabinet will advise the Governor and other local or elected leaders on actions needed to ensure appropriate implementation of the federal infrastructure funds in Oregon.

**Geographic Coverage**
The work of the Advisory Council will focus on the needs of the entire State of Oregon.

**Tribal Government Engagement**
The cabinet will recognize the important government to government relationship between the State of Oregon and the nine sovereign, federally recognized tribes located within the boundaries of this state. In performing its work, the cabinet will seek to understand and consider the needs and perspectives of Oregon’s sovereign tribes, and to seek opportunities for collaboration between our governments.

The cabinet recognizes that the single Tribal Government Representative does not necessarily speak for all of Oregon’s nine sovereign tribes.

The co-chairs of the Cabinet will actively seek other opportunities to connect with tribal governments regarding the work of the cabinet, including but not limited to endeavoring to attend meetings of the Legislative Commission on Indian Services when invited to provide updates on the work of the cabinet, responding to requests for tribal consultation on particular topics, and communicating via the Legislative Commission on Indian Services regarding grant and other funding opportunities available to tribal governments.

**Perspective of Members**
The membership of the cabinet is limited, and necessarily does not reflect each and every individual perspective that has a significant interest in the work of the cabinet.

While the work of the cabinet is to maximize benefits to the State as a whole, members are encouraged to share the perspective and interests of the governmental entity that they represent; advocating for those perspectives and interests of the particular governmental entity, or type of governmental entity, that the member represents does not represent a conflict of interest.

**Infrastructure Cabinet Membership**

**Co-chairs:** Kris Strickler, Director of the Oregon Department of Transportation and Leah Horner, Governor’s Infrastructure Director
State government Representatives:
• Chris Cummings, Business Oregon
• Andrea Bell, Oregon Housing and Community Services
• Richard Whitman, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
• Rachael Banks, Oregon Health Authority
• Tom Byler, Oregon Water Resources Department
• Janine Benner, Oregon Department of Energy
• Debbie Colbert, Oregon Fish and Wildlife
• Betty Stansbury, Oregon Department of Aviation
• George Naughton + Kate Nass, Oregon Chief Financial Office

Tribal government Representative:
• Bruce Zimmerman, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla

Local Government Representatives:
• George Murdock, Umatilla County Commissioner/Association of Oregon Counties President
• Tannea Browning, City Councilor, Central Point/League of Oregon Cities President
• Lynn Peterson, Metro President

Ex-Officio Representative:
• Doug Wilson, Legislative Fiscal Office

Governor’s Office Staff
• Dr. Nakeia Daniels, Governor’s Racial Equity Director
• Courtney Crowell, Governor’s Water Policy Advisor
• Matt Garrett, Governor’s Transportation Policy Advisor
• Christian Gaston, Governor’s Budget Director
• Mike Harryman, Governor’s Resiliency Officer
• Morgan Gratz-Weiser, Governor’s Natural Resource Policy Advisor
• Doug Grafe, Wildfire Program Director