



Policy Coordinating Committee Meeting #1 Summary

Project: Oregon Transportation Plan

Subject: Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC) Meeting #1

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 22, 2021
1:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: Online via WebEx

Attendees: **PCC Members**

Bob Van Brocklin, PCC Chair,
Oregon Transportation Commission
Cooper Brown, PCC Vice Chair, ODOT
Marcilynn Burke, University of Oregon
Chris Cummings, Business Oregon
Marie Dodds, AAA Oregon/Idaho
Jim Doherty, Morrow County Commission
Matt Droscher, Umpqua Valley Disabilities Network
Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro
Mavis Hartz, Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian
Advisory Committee
Jeff Hazen, Sunset Empire Transportation District
Ritchie Huang, Daimler Trucks North America
Sarah Iannarone, The Street Trust
Jana Jarvis, Oregon Trucking Association
John Limb, Southern Oregon Climate Action Now
Vineeta Lower, Community-at-large
Robin McArthur, LCDC
Nick Meltzer, Cascades West COG

Tom Mills, TriMet
Michael Montero,
Montero & Associates, LLC
Marcus Mundy,
Coalition of Communities of Color
Norman Schultz, Community-at-large
Victoria Reis, Community-at-large
Mackenzie Wige, Youth Action Board
Sara Wright,
Oregon Environmental Council

Project Team

Amanda Pietz, PCC Facilitator, ODOT
Adam Argo, ODOT
Stacey Goldstein, ODOT
Michael Rock, ODOT
Erik Havig, ODOT
Andy Johnson, HDR
Stacy Thomas, HDR
Liz Stoppelman, HDR

Welcome

Amanda welcomed everyone to the first Policy Coordinating Committee meeting and introduced the PCC Chair Bob Van Brocklin.

Chair Van Brocklin provided opening remarks:

- The PCC's task is to help develop an updated Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP) for the Oregon Transportation Commission's (OTC) consideration and action.

- The updated OTP will be broad in scope. It will take a comprehensive look at transportation across the state and consider more than just ODOT's work.
- It will be forward looking and appreciative of change that has and will occur. It will be adaptable, implementable, ambitious, multimodal, and serve the entire state. It must meet the diverse needs of our diverse state.
- The updated OTP will need to set priorities and policies.
- We will need to make tradeoffs and set direction that will not be favored by all.
- Compromise, collaboration, and holistic thinking is important.

Members were oriented to Webex and introduced to the project team. How members of the public could make public comment later in the meeting was also reviewed.

Committee Poll

What is your top priority for the future of our transportation?

Poll results:

- That it serve ALL Oregonians.
- Expanded transit networks.
- Complete multimodal transportation options that prioritize safety, accessibility, equity, and climate justice.
- Equity, greenhouse gas reduction, economic mobility.
- A transportation system that can provide Oregonians with options.
- Mobility and ease of use, maximizing efficiency, using the resources we have.
- An efficient multimodal, state-wide system.
- Equity, sustainability (environment and \$\$\$), safety.
- Equitable access for residents around the state, irrespective of income or historically underserved status. Especially true for "last mile" transportation for those living in hard-to-reach locales.
- A system that aligns with state climate and equity goals while connecting all people with the services, goods, opportunities, and community connections they need to thrive.
- Address climate change through transportation policy.
- That it is accessible for all economic, mental and physical abilities. Good use of time and distance, short commuting done by walking or rolling and swift and safe long-distance travel and movement of commodities.
- A resilient system that advances economic mobility for all Oregonians and is able to achieve ambitious climate and environmental goals for every region.
- To reduce the bottlenecks that have a huge negative impact on the freight industry.

- My top priority is a transportation system that provides a sustainable, flexible, equitable system that can effectively address Oregon needs, such as economics, freight, economic development, housing and public health.
- A modern and multi-modal transportation system that can move people and goods that serves the entire state and diverse needs across Oregon. Improving freight mobility in response to the changing economy. A focus on reducing greenhouse gases.

Committee Comment

ACTION: The team will send a PCC roster to members at committee request.

ACTION: Live closed captions will be available at the next meeting, in addition to including them in the meeting recording.

Decision Making & PCC Charge

Amanda reviewed the different committees and groups that are illustrated on the project’s decision-making graphic. She noted that the complexity, breadth, and impact of the plan requires many players.

- The PCC makes recommendations to the OTC, who ultimately adopts the plan. PCC plans to meet at least six times over the next 18 months.
- The PCC discusses information that is sent from the Project Management Team (PMT)
- The PMT manages and addresses scope, schedule, and budget issues as well as the Tribal engagement effort and the work done by the Work Groups. The PMT is responsible for preparing the results to be sent to the PCC.
- The Work Groups provide input on work products and pass the results of their discussions onto the PMT.
- The Work Groups are comprised of a diverse set of subject-matter experts, ODOT staff, and community members that discuss topic areas important to the development of the OTP. The current work groups are:
 - Social Equity
 - Safety
 - Mobility/ Accessibility
 - Climate Change, Environment, Resiliency
 - Economy and Livability
 - Modeling/ Scenarios
 - Electrification/ Technology

Committee Comment

- Will PCC members be distributed among the Work Groups?
 - *There is opportunity to have PCC members observe or follow discussions based on their interests. Even if PCC members are not official Work Group members, we are looking for ways that PCC members can at least fully listen to the in-depth discussions and conversations.*

ACTION: The team will survey PCC members about their interests in the Work Groups.

- Six meetings did not seem like enough given the complexity of the work involved.
 - *ODOT staff agreed and expected nine meetings to be a more reasonable number that would allow for more adequate space for deliberation.*
 - *Policy development happens around the middle of the project. At that point, the PMT will have a good sense how many more meetings are needed and how often they will happen.*

PCC Charge, Roles and Responsibilities

Amanda reviewed key items from the OTC’s Charge to the PCC and the PCC’s Roles and Responsibilities document shared with the committee prior to the meeting.

The PCC Charge focuses on these key principles:

- Frame plan around users (defined as people needing to use the system) and the movement of goods.
- Be bold; emphasize performance-based planning.
- Develop actionable strategies and actions.
- Clearly delineate the trade-offs of different policy choices.
- Think ODOT and think Oregon – A plan that addresses the entire transportation system.

Key Roles and Responsibilities

- The PCC will work towards consensus. 2/3 of committee members present must reach consensus for a recommendation to be considered a PCC recommendation.
- The role of the members, Chair, Vice-Chair and Facilitator were reviewed.

Committee Comments

- Can there be a standard meeting time and that copies of public comment given to committee?
 - Yes.

Committee Vote

Amanda asked the group if they supported the Roles, Responsibilities and Meeting Guidelines by showing a thumbs up (support), sideways (can live with it) or down (do not support). All members were in support.

What is the OTP

Amanda provided an overview of the OTP and its importance to all of us.

- The OTP sets the long-term transportation policy for the whole state. It informs and guides transportation investment decisions by ODOT and regional and local governments. The OTP sets the vision for all modes of transportation in Oregon, including walking, biking, rolling, public transit, highways, railroads, freight and planes.
- The OTP was last updated in 2006. Updating the plan gives us the opportunity to create a resilient plan that can adapt to an uncertain transportation future. It will set the state's policy for all transportation investments for the next 20–25 years.

The OTP:

- Includes existing conditions trends, vision, goals, strategies, investment, and implementation.
- Defines “how” we will prioritize and balance objectives and explain tradeoffs.
- The schedule anticipates the OTP update adoption at the end of 2022 or early 2023.

Amanda introduced Adam Argo, project manager for the OTP update, who discussed the foundational goals that will be the starting point to the OTP update process:

- Safety
- Transportation options
- Efficient freight movement
- Fuel efficiency/reducing carbon dioxide emissions
- Equity
- Mobility
- Land use management

He noted that the OTP update process is centered on social equity, which is an important component of ODOT’s Strategic Action Plan.

ACTION: The Strategic Action Plan will be posted on the project website and the team will provide PCC members a link.

- *The PCC may define mobility and other terms. Mobility must be multimodal. It must consider the users.*
- Scenario planning is good. We love planning but implementation is harder for us. Build into this project: implementation framework, responsibilities, who's going to pay for it, accountability, how to adapt, etc.

Public Engagement Overview

- Committee member commented that engagement is about capacity building/ transportation 101. It is hard for people to get involved for the long-term vision this plan is slated to produce
- ODOT is offering anyone who isn't otherwise being compensated a stipend through an equitable compensation policy. People with lived experience are valuable to equitable outcomes.
- Contracts with CBOs are a part of the compensation policy and is a way to build community capacity.
- Committee Member (Juan Carlos) commented this is a good baseline and offered support in terms of Portland Metro area. Stakeholder and CBO engagement along ODOT throughway corridors would be good to tap into.
- Committee member (Tori) commented that kids, black and brown communities, and houseless communities should be engaged.

Public Comment

There was no live public comment. One written public comment that was received prior to the meeting was read. See appendix B.

What's Next & Closing Remarks

Andy Johnson, HDR, walked through upcoming deliverables and milestones during Fall-Winter 2021.

PCC Chair Van Brocklin provided closing remarks.

- The Chair thanked everyone for their participation. Today's organizational meeting will prime the group for the upcoming work.
- The input we received today was very helpful.
- Two things the group should focus on, listening to one another and thinking in a broad, interdisciplinary way about transportation.

- Raise issues you are thinking and reading about; we want to consider things that can be influencers or even accelerators.

ACTION ITEMS

- The team will send a PCC roster to members at committee request.
- Live closed captions will be available at the next meeting, in addition to including them in the meeting recording.
- The team will survey PCC members about their interests in the Work Groups.
- The Strategic Action Plan will be posted on the project website and the team will provide PCC members a link.
- Send Public Involvement and Communications Plan to committee members once completed.
- Distribute slide deck to committee members.
- Schedule future PCC meetings.

APPENDIX A

Meeting Chat Box Recorded from Webex

- *from Amanda Pietz to everyone: 1:02 PM*
 - Welcome everyone, we will get started shortly
- *from Andrew Johnson to everyone: 1:02 PM*
 - Welcome PCC members!
- *from Adam Argo to everyone: 1:04 PM*
 - Hello and Happy Autumn, everyone
- *from Chad Tucker to everyone: 1:15 PM*
 - Chad Tucker, HDR, he/him
- *from Juan Carlos Gonzalez to everyone: 1:16 PM*
 - Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro Councilor, He/Him/El
- *from Amanda Pietz to everyone: 1:16 PM*
 - Amanda Pietz (ODOT) she/her
- *from Nick Meltzer he/him - OCWCOG to everyone: 1:16 PM*
 - Nick Meltzer, OCWCOG, he/him
- *from Sara Wright to everyone: 1:16 PM*
 - Sara Wright, Oregon Environmental Council, she/her
- *from John Limb to everyone: 1:16 PM*
 - Hi, I'm John Limb
- *from Marcilynn Burke to all panelists: 1:16 PM*
 - Marcilynn Burke, University of Oregon School of Law, she/her
- *from Jana Bader Jarvis to everyone: 1:16 PM*
 - Jana Jarvis, Oregon Trucking Associations
- *from jeff to everyone: 1:16 PM*
 - Jeff Hazen Sunset Empire Transportation District/Chair Public Transportation Advisory Committee
- *from tori reis to everyone: 1:16 PM*
 - Tori Reis, J Frank Schmidt/Boring Oregon, she/they
- *from Marcus C. Mundy he/him to everyone: 1:16 PM*
 - Marcus C. Mundy, Coalition of Communities of Color, Executive Director, he/him/his

- *from Mike Montero to everyone: 1:16 PM*
 - Mike Montero - Montero & Associates LLC, RVACT, MPO OFAC
- *from mavis hartz to everyone: 1:17 PM*
 - Mavis Hartz, Bike shop owner, obpac/safe routes to school participant.
- *from odot20z to everyone: 1:17 PM*
 - Hello everyone, I'm Cooper Brown (he/him), ODOT's Assistant Director for Operations and Vice Chair of the PCC. Welcome and thank you for being on this important committee!
- *from Tyler Deke to everyone: 1:17 PM*
 - Tyler Deke, Bend MPO, serving as alternate/co-member with Nick Meltzer
- *from Sarah Iannarone, The Street Trust she/her to everyone: 1:17 PM*
 - Sarah Iannarone (eye-ann-uh-rhone | she, her, hers), Executive Director, The Street Trust sarah@thestreettrust.org
- *from Bob and Sue Van Brocklin to everyone: 1:17 PM*
 - Bob Van Brocklin, Oregon Transportation Commission Chair, he/him
- *from Marie Dodds to everyone: 1:17 PM*
 - Marie Dodds, AAA Oregon, she/hers
- *from Nick Meltzer he/him - OCWCOG to everyone: 1:19 PM*
 - It looks like there's some people only on the phone--can we make sure they have a chance to comment if they like?
- *from Liz Stoppelman to all panelists: 1:24 PM*
 - Polling:
<https://www.menti.com/5qdz1ofnfp>
 - Menti.com and use code 63348048
- *from Andrew Johnson to everyone: 1:24 PM*
 - Thanks Nick! We will offer the participants on the phone a chance to offer comment.
- *from Tom Mills to everyone: 1:24 PM*
 - Tom Mills, Director of Mobility Planning & Policy, TriMet
- *from Jana Bader Jarvis to everyone: 1:25 PM*
 - To reduce the bottlenecks that have a huge negative impact on the freight industry.
- *from John Limb to everyone: 1:25 PM*
 - An efficient multimodal, state-wide system
- *from Sarah Iannarone, The Street Trust she/her to everyone: 1:33 PM*
 - 1) Will this deck be shared with us after the meeting? 2) is closed captioning available to panelists and/or the public?
- *from Sara Wright to everyone: 1:35 PM*
 - How is ODOT defining "user" of the system?
- *from Liz Stoppelman to all panelists: 1:36 PM*
 - @Sarah Innarone, 1) Yes we can distribute the presentation 2) The meeting recording will have closed captions and future meetings will have closed captions
- *from Vineeta Lower to everyone: 1:38 PM*
 - You mentioned that we had some of this in our packet. I'm not sure I received one and if it was shared at the beginning of the meeting, I'd appreciate access to it again. Thanks.
- *from tori reis to everyone: 1:39 PM*
 - users=fellow travelers :)
- *from Liz Stoppelman to all panelists: 1:41 PM*
 - @Vineeta yes, we can reshare the packet
- *from Vineeta Lower to everyone: 1:41 PM*
 - Thank you @Liz
- *from Stacy Thomas to everyone: 1:44 PM*

- @Vineeta you can also access meeting materials on the project website.
Tinyurl.com/OTP-update
- *from Michael Rock to everyone: 1:45 PM*
 - I second Amanda's answer on work groups. Our vision was to have separate members for the work groups to hear more voices, but we are open to have PCC members observe or follow discussions based on interest.
- *from Marcilynn Burke to everyone: 1:47 PM*
 - Love the glitter!
- *from Mike Montero to everyone: 1:54 PM*
 - Wednesdays@ 1:00 works fine for my schedule
- *from Erik Havig to everyone: 1:54 PM*
 - Thanks Juan. It is a valid point and we will continue to explore some options. Still trying to balance getting as many voices as we can and also not overwhelming PCC members. and as mentioned even if PCC members are not official work group members looking for ways that PCC members can at least fully listen to the in depth discussions and conversations. Thanks for the feedback and recommendations.
- *from Marcilynn Burke to all panelists: 1:56 PM*
 - I have to pop out to welcome the new students to our master's degree program. I will return.
- *from Tom Mills to everyone: 1:56 PM*
 - Transit?
- *from Stacey Goldstein to everyone: 1:56 PM*
 - @Tom - Yes, transit. Thx!
- *from Erik Havig to everyone: 1:57 PM*
 - Thanks for the heads up Marcilynn. Look forward to having you rejoin after welcoming our future leaders.
- *from tori reis to everyone: 2:03 PM*
 - you
 - are doing great!!
- *from Nick Meltzer hel/him - OCWCOG to everyone: 2:05 PM*
 - can the strategic action plan be added to the project website please? I didn't see it there when i looked
- *from Stacy Thomas to everyone: 2:05 PM*
 - Hey we lost you.
- *from Amanda Pietz to everyone: 2:05 PM*
 - Nick - yes, we will add that
- *from Adam Argo to everyone: 2:06 PM*
 - Technical difficulties on my end - my apologies
- *from Stacy Thomas to everyone: 2:06 PM*
 - @nick will add to the meeting materials on the website
- *from Stacy Thomas to everyone: 2:08 PM*
 - ODOT Strategic Action Plan
https://www.oregon.gov/odot/Pages/SA_P.aspx
- *from Nick Meltzer hel/him - OCWCOG to everyone: 2:09 PM*
 - @Stacy thanks!
- *from Michael Rock to everyone: 2:10 PM*
 - ODOT Strategic Action Plan (SAP) Focus Areas - Equity, Modern Transportation System, Sufficient and Reliable Funding
- *from Erik Havig to everyone: 2:31 PM*
 - Robin, appreciate the comment about land use and communities. To build on Amanda's response I think there is also a third component that at the statewide level there is also the need for connecting various communities with the diverse areas, destinations, recreation areas, economic areas, etc of the state and even the state with the country and world as we think about national and global economics. But as

Amanda stated the feedback about land use and messaging is something we can definitely look at. thank you for the suggestion.

- *from Jana Bader Jarvis to everyone: 2:32 PM*
 - New technology that will reduce carbon in the transportation sector
- *from Liz Stoppelmann to all panelists: 2:32 PM*
 - Poll Link:
<https://www.menti.com/5qdz1ofnfp>
 - Menti.com and use code 63348048
- *from robin mcarthur to everyone: 2:33 PM*
 - Critical need to prioritize limited resources.
- *from Amanda Pietz to everyone: 2:35 PM*
 - Break ends at 2:45 - see you back here then
- *from Andrew Johnson to everyone: 2:49 PM*
 - Here's that link one more time:
[Tinyurl.com/OTP-update](https://tinyurl.com/OTP-update)
- *from Marcilynn Burke to all panelists: 2:53 PM*
 - Did the slide list the groups?
- *from Sarah Iannarone, The Street Trust she/her to everyone: 2:55 PM*
 - That's a fantastic idea, Sara. +1 on community capacity building.
- *from Sara Wright to everyone: 2:58 PM*
 - I think it would be really worthwhile to double down on outreach to people who do not have regular, reliable access to a personal vehicle. Those voices have been absent in a lot of conversations in the past, and deserve weighting more heavily now.
- *from Stacy Thomas to everyone: 3:02 PM*
 - @Sara agreed
- *from Erik Havig to everyone: 3:03 PM*
 - Thanks Tori. As Stacy covered, we agree and definitely want to reach a

wide audience and groups that have not traditionally participated in these processes before and appreciate anything you can do to help with that.

Thank you!!

- *from Stacy Thomas to everyone: 3:07 PM*
 - stacy.thomas@hdrinc.com
- *from Michael Rock to everyone: 3:09 PM*
 - Any of the staff listed on our project website are happy to collect comments or hear about technology issues that you ran into.
- *from Michael Rock to everyone: 3:09 PM*
 - Or what we can do better next time!
- *from Michael Rock to everyone: 3:11 PM*
 - As mentioned, staff will share the comments that we get with the PCC.
- *from Vineeta Lower to everyone: 3:13 PM*
 - I would like to encourage us to include coastal communities into the plan. While we're rural we're high destination for not just Oregonians but for people around the world along with transportation of goods both in and out of coastal communities.
- *from Stacy Thomas to everyone: 3:16 PM*
 - @Vineeta yes. We heard this loud and clear in the stakeholder interviews conducted in preparation for this project. Faces unique challenges.
- *from Michael Rock to everyone: 3:16 PM*
 - Definitely! The coast is a unique region and an important part of our work.
- *from Stacey Goldstein to everyone: 3:18 PM*
 - @Vinetta Agreed 100%! Staff recognizes the importance of your comment - thank you.
- *from Erik Havig to everyone: 3:19 PM*
 - Thanks Vineeta. Building on your comment, it will be important to recognize we have many unique regions



and areas across all of Oregon (the coast being one for sure), but there are others as well. This plan will need to work for all of Oregon. Great reminder!

- *from tori reis to everyone: 3:20 PM*

- your phone number is missing a digit
- *from Vineeta Lower to everyone: 3:21 PM*
- Thanks. Well done
- *from Stacy Thomas to everyone: 3:21 PM*
- Well send out the number



Appendix B

Written Public Comment

Date received	9/19/2021
Source	CognitoForms.com
From	Jim Martin

Isn't this what Oregon transportation already do for our state?