

**ALBANY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, May 14th, 2015
OCWCOG Albany Office, Upstairs Conference Room
MINUTES**

TAC Members Attending: Chuck Knoll and Josh Wheeler

TAC Members Absent: Georgia Edwards, Valerie Grigg Devis, Chris Bailey, Darrin Lane, and Gregg Gorthy

Staff Attending: Theresa Conley and Emma Chavez

Guests Attending: Jon Goldman, Mark Volmert, Zoe Kellett, and Lee Lazaro

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION / CONCLUSION
I. Call to Order and Agenda Review	<p>The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Introductions were conducted.</p> <p>The Chair added a discussion regarding federal transportation funding as Agenda item VII.</p>	
II. Public Comment	There were no comments from members of the public.	
III. Minutes of February 12 th 2015 meeting		A quorum was not met and the minutes were tabled for next month's meeting.
IV. North by Northwest Connector	Lee Lazaro, Benton County STF Coordinator gave a presentation on the North by Northwest Connector Alliance. Members of the Connector Alliance include Columbia County Rider, Sunset Empire Transit District, Tillamook County Transit District, Lincoln County Transit, and Benton County Rural Transit.	

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	<p>The Connector Alliance is a collaborative effort with goals including: to increase connectivity, to brand the regional transit service across the five-county area as a single service, to improve coordination, and to promote tourism. The overarching purpose of the project is to reduce greenhouse gases and fossil fuel dependence through increased transit use by visitors and commuters.</p> <p>A website has been created for this project. The website provides a trip planner. It also includes additional travel options for commuters. Lee advised that they will be adding a link to the Corvallis Transit Services (CTS) and would also like to add links to the Albany Transit System (ATS) and the Linn Shuttle. Lee stated that to become part of the network, there is a \$10,000 fee per year. AAMPO staff suggested that having different levels of partnership may be beneficial.</p>	
<p>V. TIP Development – Preliminary Discussion</p>	<p>Members received attachments of the interim process and a sample list of projects as reference.</p> <p>Staff advised that, during the prior STP application process, the MPO sought to keep the application process simple and to ensure equitable distribution of funds. It was suggested that projects be rotated amongst the smaller jurisdictions to help ensure equitable distribution. Staff requested direction from the TAC on how the interim process worked, and what should change or remain the same during the development of the 4-year TIP.</p> <p>Staff discussed how this process will differ from the previous process:</p> <p>Last time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target amounts based on what jurisdictions received previously 	<p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – June meeting agenda to include discussion of process and criteria. – July meeting agenda to include discussion of regional projects. <p>TAC members to email Theresa changes to the project application.</p>

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	<p>(Benton, Linn, Marion, Albany): City of Albany (\$595,000 each year), Benton County (\$6,000 each year), Linn County (\$31,000 each year), Marion County (\$31,000 each year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 years’ worth of funds • Interim process, did not have to be tied to the RTP. More flexible <p>This time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects must be tied to the Regional Transportation Plan • 4-year TIP • All jurisdictions eligible to apply • No jurisdiction target amounts • MAP-21 requirements for performance based planning (still a bit unclear, but should be indicated in prioritization process) <p>Members discussed potential criteria, including prioritization of fix-it or enhancement projects. Members discussed the ability to use subjectivity during the prioritization process. Members discussed having a list for project coordination that is not part of the funding list.</p> <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – June meeting agenda to include discussion of process and criteria – July meeting agenda to include discussion of regional projects <p>Staff also requested for TAC members to email feedback/changes to the project application.</p>	
<p>VI. Jurisdictional Updates</p>	<p><u>Linn County</u> – Chuck provided a Linn County list of projects in the AAMPO area and briefly reviewed them.</p> <p><u>Benton County</u> – North Albany Road is currently under construction. Putting in a mini roundabout at Quarry and Springhill. At Crocker Lane</p>	

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	<p>the developer is looking at putting a residential subdivision which requires urban improvements. In connection with that, the county would receive ten acres of land for a park that is currently forested land. During the summer the County will also be working on other small projects on County roads within the city of Albany.</p> <p><u>CWACT</u> – The Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) has met twice with all the ACT Chairs to discuss the 2018-2021 STIP. They are assuming a 10% reduction of federal funds which would reduce enhancement projects.</p>	
<p>VII. Informational Items</p>	<p><u>MAP-21 Data Discussion - MPO staff meeting with ODOT and FHWA</u>- ODOT continues to work with MPO staff on performance based planning requirements. At the most recent meeting, they discussed data coordination. Staff will continue to keep members informed.</p> <p><u>TGM Application for OCWCOG Health and Transportation Forum</u> - The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) approached Benton County and CAMPO to hold a Health and Transportation Forum. OCWCOG in partnership with Linn County and Benton County submitted an application for funding to hold the forum.</p> <p><u>MPO Training – Update on reimbursement for attendance</u> - The AAMPO Policy Board supported sending two members to the training in Seattle. Josh and Darrin will be attending the training. Members will receive reimbursement.</p> <p><u>Federal Transportation Funding</u> – Chair Josh Wheeler advised that local elected officials went to the capitol to lobby for long term transportation funding. Cities, CAMPO and Benton County are submitting letters to</p>	

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	<p>Congressman DeFazio in support. Josh suggested that AAMPO may want to do submit a letter of support. Members discussed talking with ODOT or AOC, or inviting representative to an MPO meeting, prior to submitting a letter, in order to fully understand the flow of federal funding and implications of different proposed funding strategies.</p>	
Adjourn	<p>Next Meeting June 11th, 2015.</p>	