

**ALBANY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, December 3, 2015
2:30 – 4:30 pm**

Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments
Upstairs Conference Room / 1400 Queen Ave. SE, Albany

Policy Board Members Attending: Frannie Brindle, Darrin Lane, Dave Beyerl, Floyd Collins, Gary Powell, and Roger Nyquist
Alternates: Georgia Edwards, and Valerie Grigg Devis
Members Absent: Annabelle Jaramillo
Staff Attending: Theresa Conley and Emma Chavez
Guests: Ron Irish and Josh Wheeler

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION / CONCLUSION
I. Call to Order and Introduction	The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.	
II. Agenda Review		There were no changes to the agenda.
III. Public Comment		There were no comments from the public.
IV. Minutes of October 28, 2015 Meeting		Consensus from the Policy Board to approve the October 28, 2015 meeting minutes as written.
V. Interim TIP Amendment	ODOT has requested an amendment to the Interim TIP to include additional funds for the construction phase of ODOT’s I-5 N. Jefferson – N. Albany resurfacing project. The amendment would also combined this project with a related pavement preservation project.	Consensus from the Policy Board to amend the Interim TIP.

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<p>VI. FFY15-18 STP Funding Recommendation</p>	<p>Three applications were submitted to the TAC who reviewed and prioritized the projects. Those projects are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hill Street – Queen to 34th (City of Albany) 2. Old Salem Road Preservation, Safety and Modernization (Linn County Road Department) 3. 24th Avenue – Jackson to Geary (City of Albany) <p>Project presentations were conducted for each project. Question and answers were conducted. Staff recommended for the Policy Board to wait for the full TIP to be developed before final approval. Darrin requested a preliminary approval in order to begin designing the Linn County project.</p>	<p>Consensus of the Policy Board to approve on a preliminary basis, and pending final adoption of the FFY15-18 TIP, funding for the projects as presented</p>
<p>VII. Regional Transportation Plan Updates</p>	<p>Staff gave a presentation on the consultant’s work thus far and gave an overview of public comments received.</p> <p>The consultants looked at existing conditions components and regional networks. Consultants reviewed the conditions of safety, motor vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle and additional modes such as truck freight, rail freight, airport, water and ITS. A full report will come of these reviews.</p> <p>Members discussed the importance of broader regional connectivity as a planning consideration, and the impact of travel through the MPO. Members also discussed the impact of technology, including GPS navigation, on travel patterns within and through the AAMPO area. AAMPO will bring these concerns to the project management team for consideration and ODOT staff will bring these concerns to ODOT and the ODOT TPAU unit. Members also recommended a consideration for intermodal freight facilities and reaching out to smaller freight companies.</p>	<p>Staff will discuss with consultants and suggest the consideration of impacts of technology and driving patterns in the study as well as looking into regional connectivity outside the AAMPO. ODOT staff will also discuss this concern with their technology staff and TPAU.</p>

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	<p>For the Public Involvement; a survey was conducted and translated for the Spanish speaking community, stakeholder interviews took place, a website was created and there is ongoing outreach via an interested parties list. A total of 174 responses were received for the survey. Staff reviewed the survey results with members.</p> <p>Members received a summary from the stakeholder interviews of major items that surfaced. Staff reviewed those key issues with members advising that a more in depth summary from each interview is available upon request.</p> <p>Next steps in the RTP process include public meetings in January. Josh Wheeler suggested for a meeting to take place in North Albany. He stated that there is concern that the area may be felt left out due to being in Benton County, even though they fall under the AAMPO. Staff advised that the work program calls for only four meetings which have already been set, however; staff can look into putting together an additional meeting.</p>	
<p>VIII. Jurisdictional Updates</p>	<p>City of Jefferson – its MPO-funded project has been postponed until Spring of 2016. The project lead is Marion County.</p> <p>City of Albany – the Urban Renewal District in constructing major improvements to down town. These improvements will address safety and parking issues. Floyd advised that city councilors are interested in fixing Hwy 20 through Albany to I-5, focusing on the fire station site.</p> <p>City of Tangent – provided a survey to residents on Tangent Drive looking for feedback on desired improvement. Most residents do not want a change. City staff believe that residents may fear that the cost of the improvements will come out of their pockets. Additional outreach will be done to clarify matters and receive additional feedback.</p>	

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	<p>Benton County – two surveys have been conducted on the Corvallis to Albany path; one scientific survey via phone to landlines and cell phones. A supplemental online survey was also conducted and had 1,000 people who had taken the survey after only two days. At this time the county is focusing on solely identifying if there is a need for a trail.</p> <p>ODOT – the Safety Study on Hwy 20 kicked off in November. The consultant firm will be looking at existing conditions. Field observations are taking place at November to January. The Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings will begin in January. A first community event is set to take place the second week of February 2016.</p>	
IX. Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.	