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

**Wednesday, October 26, 2016**

**2:30 – 4:30 pm**

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

**Policy Board Members Attending:** Roger Nyquist, Frannie Brindle, Darrin Lane, and Gary Powell

**Members Absent:** Annabelle Jaramillo, Dave Beyer, and Floyd Collins

**Alternates Present:** Ray Kopczynski, and Walt Perry

**Staff Attending:** Theresa Conley, and Emma Chavez

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION / CONCLUSION
I. Call to Order and Agenda Review	Staff requested the addition of three agenda items: A debrief on the visit by the Joint Interim Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization, and update on the DLCD Target Rule Committee, and appointment of a representative to the Linn-Benton Loop Board.	<b>The meeting was called to order at 2:32 pm, with changes to the agenda as noted.</b>
II. Public Comment		<b>There were no comments from the public.</b>
III. Minutes of September 28, 2016 Meeting		<b>Consensus from the Policy Board to accept the September 28, 2016 meeting minutes as written.</b>
IV. OMPOC Transportation Funding Priorities	At its October quarterly meeting, OMPOC discussed priorities for a 2017 state transportation funding package. Based on findings from the Governor’s Transportation Vision Panel, the Oregon Transportation Forum, and the Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and	<b>Ray Kopczynski moved for the AAMPO Policy Board to defer on making a position statement until a</b>

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	<p>Modernization, a white paper was prepared listing potential priorities for consensus among the MPOs. Staff reviewed the document. The Board was asked to consider supporting the document listing OMPOC priorities for a state transportation funding package.</p> <p>Members discussed the increase in gas tax and found that there are differences in opinion on amount of increase and how it should be implemented. Members noted that bridges are not listed in the document; however, it was clarified that there is a special allotment for bridges through the AOC.</p> <p>It was suggested that AAMPO not take a motion on the document but rather wait until a package is brought forth to review at that time.</p>	<p><b>funding package is proposed by legislature. Consensus from the AAMPO Policy Board.</b></p>
<p>V. Federal Performance Based Planning Requirements</p>	<p>Staff provided an update to the Board on the requirements for performance based planning established by the prior federal transportation bill, MAP-21. Staff noted that the final rules are currently being established and will require states and MPOs to track pavement condition, bridge condition and congestion on the NHS. It also requires tracking of fatal and serious crashes on all roadways and development of a transit asset management plan. Staff noted that MPOs are able to develop their own targets or defer to the state's, and that AAMPO's has time actively pursue the matter. Staff advised that the Albany Transit System will need to set up Transit Asset Management targets by January, 2017.</p>	
<p>VI. November / December Meetings</p>	<p>The November and December Board meetings fall close to holidays. Staff recommend for the November and December meetings to be combined into a single meeting in early December. Members suggested that a Doodle Poll be emailed out to members for a meeting on the week of December 12<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p><b>Staff will email out a Doodle Poll to search for a meeting date on the week of December 12<sup>th</sup>.</b></p>
<p>VII. OCWCOG Program Updates</p>	<p><i>Travel Training</i></p>	

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	<p>COG has been providing training to RideLine clients who are interested and able to ride the ATS bus system. At this time, training can only be provided to OHP, IHM members. The goal is to provide people with more independence. The program is designed to help them use the transit service by providing an individualized training with no time limit. Members receive a personal travel guide for reference. Staff may meet members at their home, bus stop, etc. An assessment is initiated and trips via the bus are taken to familiarize members with routes and transit requirements. Staff has worked with Albany members and is starting to work with Corvallis members. The hope is to move into Lincoln County as well. There is a check in process at three and six months after training.</p> <p>Commissioner Nyquist stated that he was in the Advisory Committee for the creation of the Brokerage, RideLine and that it's been "neat" to watch the program grow into what it is now.</p> <p><i>Safe Routes to School</i></p> <p>OCWCOG received a \$129,682 award from ODOT Safety Division to support the Safe Routes to School programs in the School Districts of Sweet Home, Lebanon Community, Greater Albany, Jefferson, and Harrisburg. OCWCOG has partnered with ODOT since 2013 on the Safe Routes to School program. The current grant period is October 2016 to October 2019.</p>	
<p>VIII. Information Sharing</p>	<p><u>Rules Advisory Committee on MPO Planning on GHG Reduction</u> - Theresa Conley advised that some MPOs around the State are working on Scenario Planning. AAMPO has talked about the importance of not working on Scenario Planning at this time due to limitation and a need to focus on core planning tasks. Conley recalled that DLCDC formed a Rules Advisory Committee on Metropolitan Planning on GHG Reduction Committee in order to consider how to update the optional greenhouse</p>	

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	<p>gas reduction targets for each MPO. The Committee quickly recognized that when addressing transportation planning rule requirements, feedback from MPO jurisdictions is important. Members received memos with additional information. Per direction of the MPO, AAMPO had suggested recommended that targets be developed based on travel shed. Staff provided that information to the committee. The committee decided to have two targets; one for Metro, and one for the rest of the State. Staff questioned members whether AAMPO would prefer to see the lowest target possible for itself and the biggest target for Metro or somewhere in between? Members agreed to ask for the least restrictions, with maximum flexibilities. Regarding potential amendments to the Transportation Planning rule, Board members discussed a preference to create exemptions for cities under 5,000 but also expressed concern regarding major revisions to the requirements.</p> <p><u>Joint Interim Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization, October 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting Notice</u> – Conley reported that notice went out to all the AAMPO email lists and the newspaper. The Chair thanked everyone who participated in the event. The Chair noted that legislators heard the need for transit dollars, discussed a reload facility in Linn County, after a luncheon they toured US 20, OR 34, I-5 and stopped in Millersburg.</p>	
IX. Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.	