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Technical Advisory Committee

Agenda

Date:	Thursday, August 8, 2019
Time:	1:30 to 3:30 pm
Location:	OCWCOG Albany Office, Upstairs Conference Room 1400 Queen Ave SE, Albany OR
Contact:	Dana Nichols, Transportation Planner
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- 1. 1:30 Call to Order, Agenda Review, and Introductions Georgia Edwards**
- 2. 1:35 Public Comment Georgia Edwards**
- 3. 1:40 Minutes from July 11, 2019 Meeting (Attachment A) Georgia Edwards**
Action Requested: Approve Minutes
- 4. 1:45 Surface Transportation Block Grant Application Review Dana Nichols**
Applications for AAMPO's annual allocation of Surface Transportation Block Grant funding were due on August 2nd, 2019. The TAC will review these applications and make a recommendation to the Policy Board for consideration of final approval.
Action Requested: Recommendation to Policy Board
- 5. 2:45 Carry Forward Project Selection Dana Nichols**
At the previous meeting, the AAMPO TAC discussed multiple project ideas to begin working on in the coming months. With ample planning money in carry forward, the TAC will continue discussion on how best to program this money. AAMPO Staff has provided a list of projects for your consideration.
- 6. 3:15 Discussion of Upcoming Work Items Dana Nichols**
- 7. 3:25 Jurisdictional Updates AAMPO TAC**
- 8. 3:30 Adjourn**

**ALBANY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, July 11, 2019

1:30 – 3:30 pm

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

DRAFT MINUTES

TAC Members Attending: Chuck Knoll, Georgia Edwards, James Feldmann, and Janelle Booth

Guests Present: Ron Irish; City of Albany

Staff: Katie Trebes, Ashton Burris, Stephanie Nappa, Dana Nichols, and Emma Chavez

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION / CONCLUSION
1. Call to Order, Agenda Review, and Introductions	Meeting called to order at 1:33 pm	Added a video.
2. Public Comments		There were no public comments.
3. Minutes from June 13, 2019 Meeting		Consensus to approve the June 13, 2019 meeting minutes as written.
Utrecht: Planning for People & Bikes Video	<p>Staff showed a video from Utrecht on Planning for People and Bikes, Not for Cars.</p> <p>Members held a short discussion on their observations of the video. Feedback provided/discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When asked why the people in the video did not wear helmets; Stephanie Nappa answered that the car collisions with bicyclists there is very low. • Did not look ADA accessible. • Locally, when trying to take a four lane road and put a bike lane in, you lose a lane. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Putting bikes and cars next to each other, is not feasible. It would be best to get to a version similar to the Netherlands, where the bicycle lanes are separate from vehicle traffic. • An incentive in Europe is the price of fuel. <p>Staff advised that there is an Open Streets event in South Town Corvallis on August 18th. Staff, Dana Nichols asked if members would be interested in an Open Streets presentation. Members were interested.</p>	
<p>4. Transportation Options Presentation</p>	<p>Katie Trebes provided details on the OCWCOG Transportation Options (TO) program. She advised that TO serves Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties. COG is the regional coordinator for a statewide ride matching database; <i>Get There Oregon</i> which recently replaced <i>Drive Less Connect</i>. Each October there has been a <i>Drive Less Challenge</i> that will now be the <i>Get There Challenge</i>. Outreach for the Challenge has started, and sponsors are ready, and staff is looking for more. Trebes went on to note that the TO program aims at helping people find other options to travel, rather than using a vehicle, and it promotes various campaigns.</p> <p>Trebes reported that the COG also has an Emergency Ride Home (ERH) program. People who live in the three county area who participate in other modes of transport, can be reimbursed for a taxi return home in case of an emergency.</p> <p>COG collaborates with Cherriots, Point2Point, and Lane Transit District. A new program, Smart, in Wilsonville shares a valley vanpool. If a vanpool is going between Salem, Eugene, Wilsonville, or Portland, it can be subsidized.</p> <p>Additionally, COG provides support to Safe Routes to School (SRTS), and collaborate with Intercommunity Health Network (IHN) CCO. COG provides Travel Training; teaching consumers how to use transit services. As part of TO and with IHN CCO funding, Pedal Corvallis</p>	

	<p>was launched as a pilot project that is now self-sustained.</p> <p>Steph Nappa advised that the Park & Ride project continues to be in progress. Nappa went on to provide a presentation on Active Transportation Options and micromobility.</p> <p>Nappa provided details on the Pedal Corvallis program. The program is managed by OCWCOG and it launched in 2016. It consists of 10 stations, 50 bikes, 2 adaptive trikes, a docked system, with Zagster as the vendor. She went on to provide additional data on the program, other bikeshare and e-scooter programs. The presentation included the benefits of the program, and values to the cities. Nappa also added project ideas for AAMPO. These included a feasibility study, level of traffic stress analysis, and a connectivity audit.</p> <p>Staff Dana Nichols questioned if the City of Albany could have the same type of system. Nappa answered that members would need to look at a Regional bikeshare system. To this; Walt Perry questioned who would fund such infrastructure. Nichols noted that members would need to make a case to elected officials of where and how to fund it. Perry stated that if the case is to develop a less automobile dominant society, that in turn loses dollars, there would need to be a way to replace it elsewhere. He went on to question if riders would replace the dollars lost, and if the cost of bicycles would go up. Nappa stated that the argument could be made that there is a business case, a property value case, and it provides a return in property taxes and business sales.</p> <p>Chuck Knoll noted that most people that live in Albany, don't work in Albany. He wondered how a bicycle culture would be set up when most people commute outside of the City of Albany. Staff advised that in other communities, many of the bicycle commutes are something other than traveling to work, and it is not necessary to stop driving, rather the different transportation options.</p> <p>Ron Irish noted that most of the transportation funding comes from gas</p>	
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	<p>tax, and in the next 10 years those funds look to be depleting. Some other alternate mechanism will need to come, and a discussion on what those funds are being spent on will occur.</p>	
<p>5. Safe Routes to School Update</p>	<p>Ashton Burris provided a SRTS presentation. He advised that he is working on a grant that works with the cities of Albany, Harrisburg, Lebanon, Jefferson, and Sweet Home. Burris noted that 50 years ago, approximately 50% of rides to school were via walking or biking. That number has decreased greatly while childhood obesity has increased. He stated that SRTS is a philosophy and network of organizations.</p> <p>SRTS required an Action Plan. Meaning, you come together with stakeholders such as schools, parents, etc. to identify needs and assets. SRTS looks at equity, engineering, encouragement, enforcement, education, and evaluation. Burris gave examples of these.</p> <p>Georgia Edwards stated that her understanding is that kindergarten children are required to ride the bus to school. She questioned whether that would change, if it became safer for children. She noted that oftentimes parents drive their children to school instead because of the uncertainty of their safety. Burris advised that a culture change is encouraged to help address the issue.</p> <p>James Feldmann questioned if Burris' position would include additional grant writing. Burris advised that he is working on the non-infrastructure grant work. Nichols advised that, the current grant wraps up in September 2019 and Burris and Syd Shoaf are completing the activities in the original SRTS work plan.</p>	
<p>6. Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)/Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update</p>	<p>Members received an updated STBG funding projections handout. Nichols stated that after the last meeting; Springhill Drive overlay and Linn County project have been worked out and will be zeroed out by 2020. Staff also worked with the City of Albany to move some of the initial projections. Nichols reported that after adjustments, AAMPO is still looking at \$2.2 million of STBG funding available for the 21-24 TIP cycle.</p>	

	<p>She went on to note that the Policy Board reaffirmed the existing policy on allocation and the application process. The Board also met consensus to remove the fund exchange from the TIP. Removing those projects from the TIP will allow amendments to be made without going to the Policy Board for approval. Changes will still be brought to the TAC and Policy Board as informational items.</p> <p>Lastly, Nichols advised that STBG applications are open from the 11th through the 26th. The Policy Board has agreed to meet with TAC at the end of the fiscal year, to streamline the process. Staff will look to schedule the meeting in December. Members discussed the timeline and requested an extension to August 2nd.</p>	
7. Discussion of Upcoming Work Items	<p>Nichols noted that at its next meeting, the TAC will be discussing carryover funds. Staff will bring three project ideas and members will vote on which one to fund. She advised that there is approximately \$200k in planning funds available.</p> <p>Nichols stated that CAMPO staff, Nick Meltzer will do a presentation on his trip to the Netherlands. AAMPO and CAMPO staff have also set up a NACTO urban bikeway design training on NACTO hosted during the first week of October. It is open to planners, engineers, consultants, etc.</p> <p>Additionally, Nichols reported that at its last meeting, the Policy Board discussed the Hwy 20 letter and requested that signers of the letter submit clarifications.</p>	
8. Jurisdictional Updates		No updates were provided.
9. Adjournment		Meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm.