

OBPAC Meeting Minutes
April 3rd & 4th, 2008
Portland, Oregon

Attendees

OBPAC: AJ Zelada, David Lewis, Kathryn Beaumont, Alison Wildman, Peter Durant

Staff: Rodger Gutierrez, Sheila Lyons, Basil Christopher

Visitors: Lyn Lindgren Schroeder – Willamette Pedestrian Coalition
Jonathan David – City of Gresham
Constance Beaumont – Dept. of Land Conservation and Development
Lidwien Rahman – ODOT TGM Program
Terry Cole – ODOT Planning, Region 1
Jason Tell – ODOT Region 1 Manager
Shelli Romero – ODOT Region 1 Community Affairs
Steve Harry - ODOT Region 1 Community Affairs
Kate Freitag – ODOT Region 1 Traffic
David Kim – ODOT Region 1 ACT (NW)
Fred Eberle – JPACT
Pat Fischer – ODOT Transportation Enhancement Program
Kristin Stallman – ODOT Scenic Area Coordinator
Mark Barry - Historic Columbia River Advisory Committee

NEXT MEETING: July 17-18, 2008 - in Eugene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

April 3, 2008

9:35 AM Meeting called to order

Introductions

9:10 AM Public Comment Period – no comments or testimony received.

Minutes: Oct 07 and Jan 08 minutes were approved unanimously.

Meeting Date – tabled until Day 2.

Lyn Lindgren-Schrueder – Willamette Pedestrian Coalition

Lyn introduced herself as the new part time director of the WPC. In existence for many years this is a new direction for the WPC as this is the first time they have had paid staff.

The WPC administers the ODOT Safety Division's Pedestrian Enforcement Grants, lobbies for pedestrian issues in Salem and works with Ray Thomas to provide pedestrian safety clinics. They are developing a walking challenge and looking for funding opportunities. Lyn and the WPC look forward to working with OBPAC.

Constance Beaumont - DLCD/Lidwien Rahman- TGM

The Transportation Growth Management (TGM) program is a joint program of the Dept. of Land Conservation and Development and the ODOT planning section. Constance and Lidwien provided an overview of the program including the grants available to local communities for planning activities related to reducing single occupancy vehicle use. The Core Idea of the TGM program is to provide more transportation choices thru improving connectivity, and integrating transportation modes. The TGM Program encourages transportation efficient development and bicycle and pedestrian friendly design. The TGM grant program is administered by ODOT, distributing 4.5 million per biennia. The ODOT/DLCD TGM Partnership also provides community planning assistance. They held 30 workshops in the last biennium. The next TGM grant cycle will start in Oct/Nov '08.

The TGM program came out of Transportation Planning Rule, Goal 12 Transportation. The key is that DLCD got ODOT funding for land use planning and to implement the rule. Some typical projects have included: Bike/Ped Master Plans, almost all the TSP's in ODOT Region 1, and Trails Master Plans, Downtown Streetscape Plans and Highway Corridor Plans.

The TGM Program has an Advisory Committee that includes members from Metro, local cities, the home builders association and 1000 Friends of Oregon, among others.

Terry Cole ODOT Planning

Terry Cole gave an overview of the ODOT Planning sections activities. ORS 184.618 Requires the Oregon Transportation Commission to plan a multimodal transportation system. Transportation Planning Rule Goals 1,2,3,4,12,14 apply.

Jason Tell ODOT Region 1 Manager

Jason welcomed the committee to Region 1. He has been Region Manager for 2 years and expressed a strong interest in bicycling and walking. He introduced Shelli Romero. Key bike/ped issues in Region 1 include the 82nd Ave. of Roses safety issues, Safe Routes to School initiative, among other items.

The committee asked how OBPAC could become more involved in transportation decision making. Jason said it's a labor and time intensive process, requiring multiple meetings.

Steve Harry Region 1 Community Affairs Manager

Steve gave a brief overview of the activities the community affairs office is involved in. They seek public input and involvement in ODOT's planning and decision making.

Basil Christopher – Region 1 Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

Basil gave a Power Point presentation of bicycle and pedestrian projects recently completed in Region 1.

Shelli Romero and Kate Freitag – Region 1 Community Affairs and Traffic

Shelli and Kate gave an overview on the 82nd Ave. of Roses safety project that ODOT has undertaken with the City of Portland.

David Kim – ODOT Area Commission on Transportation (NWACT)

David is an ODOT Area Manager and is the ODOT staff person for the North West ACT. There are 12 ACTS statewide. The Portland Metro area does not have an ACT, JPACT is Portland's transportation planning group.

Fred Eberle – ODOT Staff to JPACT

Fred Eberly described JPACT and JPACT's activities. JPACT is closely linked with METRO, the Portland Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Pat Fischer – ODOT Transportation Enhancement Program

Pat gave an overview of her grant program's activities.

Adjourned 4:40 PM

4 April 08

9:00 AM Meeting Called To Order

Discussion of Grant Criteria, Application, and Questionnaire

Grant Criteria – list of amenities are suggestions only and are not required. Request to put criteria on web site and to provide photo examples. Organize the examples by project type – intersections, bike facilities, streetscape enhancement, sidewalks, with good better best examples. Show examples from rural Oregon, small town Oregon, similar to the communities we are soliciting grants from with urban, suburban and rural examples.

Simple projects should be kept simple – i.e. route signing need not add other elements to compete. Just make it an excellent route signing project.

Points – show points but make very clear that projects are NOT AWARDED based on points alone. Points used to rate projects good, fair, poor, once that is done projects complete based on merits of the scope of work. For example, The Recreational Trails grants have 15 – 20 discretionary points.

Match – eligible matches include cash, in-kind, materials, construction (check with parks).

Move to retain 5% match and define as broadly as possible - Passed unanimously.

Moved to keep bonus points same – passed unanimously.

Maps – discussed required maps and reviewed map examples provided by Rodger Gutierrez.

Next Meeting – June 25, 26, in Eugene (later rescheduled due to conflict with US Track and Field Olympic Trials also in Eugene).

Historic Columbia Gorge Scenic Highway Presentation

Kristin Stallman – ODOT Scenic Area Coordinator and Mark Barry - Historic Columbia River Advisory Committee gave a presentation on their efforts to complete the HCRH. Current push is to reconnect HCRH between Troutdale and The Dalles, by 2016. Alignment has been identified. Currently preparing cost estimates for fundraising, estimated between \$50-\$60 million.

Noon: Meeting Adjourned.