

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES
November 14, 2006**

Date: Monday, November 14, 2006
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Location: 555 Court St NE, Salem, OR

Members Present:

Bob Lowry, Chair, Oregon Passenger Rail Advisory Committee (OPRAC)
John Wenholz, Assoc. of Oregon Counties (AOC)
Debbie Wert, Department of Human Services (DHS)
Jeff Hamm, Salem Area Mass Transit District (SAMTD)
Sally Lawson, Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging & Disabilities (O4AD)
Dennis Dick, Intercity Bus Service Provider
Frank Synoground, Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)
Claire Potter, TriMet
Steve Dickey, Oregon Transit Association (OTA)

Interested Persons Present:

None.

Members Absent:

Janice Wilson, Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC)
Terry Thompson, Assoc. of Counties (AOC)
Terry Parker, Lane Transit District (LTD)
John Helm, Governors Commission on Senior Services
Ernie Palmer, Rural Transit Service
Raye Miles, Private for Profit Transportation Service Provider

ODOT Public Transit Staff Present:

Troy Costales, Public Transit Interim Administrator
Dinah Van Der Hyde, Operations Manager
Adam Torgerson, Public Affairs Specialist
Diana Huitt, Fiscal Analyst
Sharon Peerenboom, Small City & Rural Program Manager
Sherrin Coleman, Planning Program Manager
Matthew Barnes, Intercity Program Manager
Kathy King, Transit Network Program Manager

Guest Speakers:

- Matt Garrett, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Director
- Michael Ward, ODOT, DMV/Public Transit
- Robin Freeman, ODOT, Government Relations
- Roger Martin, Oregon Transit Association

ITEM B

11:00 a.m. Speakers delivered presentations on legislative proposals.

- OTA Proposals
 - E&D tobacco tax \$0.03 increase
 - State match for bus purchases
 - CDLs (change requirement that any driver for a contracted service have a CDL regardless of vehicle type driven)
 - Independent contractors (workers comp)
 - LTD/TriMet, keep appointed boards
 - Transit Districts (bring laws into synch for different legal transit entity types)
 - Protect payroll tax
 - Connect Oregon 2
 - Support PTD
 - Measure 39 (increased costs of condemnation process)
- ODOT Proposals
- Governor's Proposals
 - ConnectOregon 2 submitted identically to ConnectOregon
- DHS Proposals

12:00 p.m. LUNCH (on your own)

ITEM C

1:00 p.m. Legislative discussion continued

ITEM D

2:00 p.m. Final PTD Business Overview and Discretionary Grant Program materials were presented.

Approval of 2006 JARC funding requests in the amount of \$254,491 was unanimously accepted.

The draft PTAC/OTC meetings calendar was distributed to members.

- January PTAC meeting confirmed with 5 agenda items
 - Update to the Public Transit Division State Management Plan for Administering Transit Programs
 - 07-09 PTD Budget Update
 - March Discretionary Review Meeting Preparation
 - OPTIS Grant Management System Update
 - 2007 PTAC Calendar
- March PTAC meeting confirmed with 1 agenda items
 - Discretionary Grants

ITEM E

2:30 p.m. The Committee adjourned at 2:30 p.m.