

**Date:** October 10, 2011  
**To:** AOC Board of Directors  
**From:** Mike McArthur, Executive Director  
**Subject:** Appointment to the Oregon Freight Advisory Committee  
**Staff:** Ann Hanus, Policy Manager

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The Oregon Freight Advisory Committee (OFAC) advises the Director and Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) on issues, policies and programs that impact multimodal freight mobility in Oregon. This includes identifying high-priority freight mobility projects for consideration in ODOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Programs (STIP) as well as TIPS at regional and local levels. OFAC also review freight related transportation projects and provides recommendations to the Director and the OTC. Linda Modrell has previously served on OFAC but the position is now vacant.

Commissioner Unger has a deep interest in transportation and economic development issues and has expressed interest in serving as the AOC representative on OFAC.

**Requested action:**

Recommend the appointment of Deschutes County Commissioner Alan Unger to the Oregon Freight Advisory Committee

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**From:** Mike McArthur, executive director  
**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation to administer Online Rideshare Technical Assistance Contract  
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**Requested Action:**

Authorize the executive director to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to accept funds to subcontract a project to provide technical assistance for an online tool to enable individuals to find ride-matches.

**Background:**

The Public Transit Division for ODOT has asked AOC to administer a contract that will provide technical assistance and a free online tool that will help individuals and groups easily create ride pools and find ride partners. This tool is part of the Drive Less Connect program and can be helpful for both urban and rural Oregonians. The online tool can be tailored for individual groups and events. It will also be available in Washington and Idaho for regional ride-shares.

We anticipate that AOC's contract with ODOT will amount to \$150,000 and last a maximum of 18 months. AOC will receive 15% (\$22,500) of the total for its compensation.

AOC has had a successful partnership in the past completing projects for the Public Transit Division of ODOT, and this proposed project will continue that partnership.

***Senate Bill 264 -  
New Access Management Laws  
Emphasize Economic Objectives***

# ***New Access Management Laws***

- **Senate Bill 1024 passed in early 2010**
  - Directs ODOT to develop clear, objective standards and streamline permit process.
  
- **Senate Bill 264 passed by 2011 Legislature**
  - Places new access management laws and technical standards in state statute.
  - Establishes a new direction for managing highway access for ODOT.

## ***A Collaborative Effort***

- ODOT convened the Access Management (AM) Committee for work on SB264.
  - **The Committee's 25 participants included ODOT, senators, representatives, city and county staff, and external industry stakeholders from the Oregon Trucking Association, private engineering firms, developers, the Retail Task Force, and the Oregon Home Builders Association to develop proposed changes to Oregon's access management rules.**

# ***Goals***

- **Goals of the Stakeholder Committee:**
  - Broaden access management objectives to include the economic development needs of property abutting a highway.
  - Develop clear objective standards and streamline permit procedures.

## ***Changes focus on 4 topics***

### ■ **Objective Standards**

- Establishes clear and objective spacing standards based on importance of the highway

### ■ **Reasonable Access**

- Eliminates alternative access

### ■ **Mitigation measures**

- Significantly reduces mitigation s for small and med. Developments

### ■ **Medians**

- Limits when medians can be used

## ***Procedural Updates***

- **New dispute resolution and appeals process includes representatives of local government and business sector.**
- **Requirement for highway users to participate in ODOT decisions on use of medians or traffic barriers.**
- **Responsibility for ODOT to document analysis of highway safety and operations problems used in making decisions.**
- **A new 11-member Legislative Access Management Task Force to provide oversight for SB 264 implementation.**

# ***Implementation***

- Draft Temporary Rules to be reviewed by A.M. Committee Oct. 18th
- Finalize Temporary Rules January 1 2012
- Permanent Rules June 1 2012

## ***New Direction for Managing Highway Access***

- **ODOT is giving more emphasis to economic development needs of property abutting a highway in management of highway access, while continuing to focus on traffic safety, operations, and mobility.**

## ***A Positive Direction***

- **Partnership with legislators and developers**
  - Achieve state access management goals, and
  - Solve perceived barriers to economic development.
- **New objective standards clarify and bring consistency to permit application process.**
- **Streamline procedures improve work flow and reduce costs both externally and internally.**