

## **Community Development Steering Committee Transportation Steering Committee**

### **Association of Oregon Counties**

September 12, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Members: Diane McKeel, Chair of Community Development, (Multnomah), Wayne Fording, Vice-Chair of Community Development (Jefferson); Gary Thompson (Sherman); Mary McArthur (EDD's); Tony Hyde (Columbia); Seth Crawford (Crook); Loretta Smith (Multnomah), Mark Labhart (Tillamook); Craig Pope (Polk); Leslie Lewis (Yamhill), Mary McArthur (OEDDA)

Guests: Sean Files (Multnomah), Robin Hunt-Palazo (Wheeler County) Sean Files (Multnomah), Chris Warner (Multnomah), Bill Worcester (Marion), Troy Rayburn (Clackamas), Alex Cuyler (Lane County), Kathy Hart (Wheeler County), Matthew Crall (DLCD), Michael Rock (ODOT), Robert Maestre (ODOT), Greg Wolf (Regional Solutions)

AOC Staff: Ann Hanus, Doris Penwell, Mike Eliason, Jon Oshel, Mike McArthur

Chair Diane McKeel convened a joint meeting of the Community Development and Transportation Steering Committees at 8:04 am. Since a quorum was not available, approval of minutes was deferred.

### **Transportation Planning Rule, Michael Rock (ODOT); Matthew Crall (DLCD)**

Michael Rock provided handouts on the TPR. He said they are moving closer to a formal rule process. The Commission asked that ODOT focus on highest priority areas. The public process was initiated earlier this year and collected input from public and focus groups. Two themes arose: (1) Economic development objectives need to be balanced with transportation objectives. (2) Does it make it more difficult for compact development? A recommendations report was compiled and released in April 2011.

The Legislature passed SB 795 and acknowledged the work of ODOT and DLCD but included a tight deadline for LCDC to adopt rules by January and report back by February 2012 session.

Matthew Crall discussed the Draft Amendments to TPR 0060 which he handed out to the committee. A new section 11 has been added regarding congestion and balancing economic benefits with transportation effects. Commissioner Hyde asked about development of an Economic Opportunities Analysis (EOA). DLCD asked whether projects would be consistent with a local government's EOA. Commissioner Pope asked why ACT's were not asked to weigh in? Matthew Crall responded that his suggestion was a good one. Commissioner Fording said his county's issues deal more with cities and requirements for development such as for curbs and sidewalks.

Michael Rock said they are trying to change the mindset regarding mobility and broadening this objective with other objectives on livability and economic development. Commissioner Labhart urged that the term "transportation provider" be clarified. Matthew Crall said it was really aimed at local government, transit district, or port rather than any transportation provider. Commissioners were concerned about who could stop a project. Commissioner Hyde urged that there be consideration for smaller counties and wanted Option 2 to be selected (see p. 11 of TPR 0060).

Matthew Crall talked about the other remaining changes in TPR and the timeline. There will be a RAC meeting next week. The draft rule will be published in November with a hearing before DLCD and adoption in December/January. ODOT will meet with ACT's on Highway Plan and try to incorporate the TPR changes as well.

A set of draft policy rules will be presented to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) next week and a formal public hearing will be held in November before the OTC with final action in December.

Michael Rock provided a status report of the Highway Plan. The Oregon Highway Plan is where ODOT sets its mobility standards and thus impacts the TPR. The OTC has asked that ODOT and DLCD coordinate its Plan with the TPR. ODOT is broadening the Highway Plan to include other objectives such as economic development. The mobility "standard" is proposed to change to a "target" in order to change mindsets. ODOT has tried to build in some leeway and flexibility. Alex Cuyler asked whether road classification systems were included. Michael Rock responded that tables are being revised and more flexibility is being included in the Plan. Alex Cuyler is concerned about any new requirements that may be added. Matthew Crall urged that members sign up to receive updates. Charlotte Lehan and John Boyd are included on the Advisory Committee.

## **Minutes**

Since a quorum was available, the Community Development Steering Committee took action on their minutes. A motion to approve minutes was made by Commissioner Hyde and seconded by Judge Thompson. The motion was approved.

### **Least Cost Planning, Robert Maestre (ODOT)**

Robert Maestre discussed how Least Cost Planning has been used and why it was developed. He discussed how to achieve the most cost-effective way over the long haul to meet transportation needs. Least Cost Planning was first adopted in Washington State. ODOT is now applying Least Cost Planning because the Legislature required it and because it makes sense. ODOT's Least Cost Planning methodology can be used on a regional or corridor level. How do we evaluate objectives/actions with transportation options?

He said Least Cost Planning is like benefit/cost analysis on steroids, and ODOT will try to monetize/quantify actions and allow for comparisons. The STP Committee will review and provide guidance. He is talking to a lot of groups and asking for feedback. Commissioner Hyde is worried that we do not box ourselves in and take away flexibility. Robert Maestre responded that it will not be an exact process. The smaller the scale, the less robust will be the analysis. The toughest part will be the beginning part to identify goals and create bundles of options. Commissioner Pope asked about how the packages will work. Robert Maestre said they will have a test version by next summer 2012.

### **Update on Regional Solutions, Greg Wolf (Governor's Office)**

Greg Wolf provided an update on Regional Solutions. He said the Governor said the economic situation requires a new level of effort and this has motivated trying the Regional Solutions approach. We can no longer afford single objective investments and we need to leverage investments.

He is setting up advisory committees around the state by regions. The regions follow the economic development districts' boundaries. Conveners have been chosen for the regions (see handout which will be sent out electronically to members). DEQ, OBDD, ODOT, and Housing have been co-located at universities. Some recent examples where Regional Solutions have been used are the tsunami, Arlington land use boundary change, and various economic development projects. Bobby Leeb (? Spelling) has been appointed as the coordinator for the metro area. Ann Hanus said Scott Fairley did a great job talking at the District 1 meeting and noted that Commissioner Labhart will talk to new county commissioners at this week's County College on using Oregon Solutions.

### **Update on Land Use, Mike Eliason**

Mike Eliason provided an update on land use. A workshop on Sage Grouse and Goal 5 is tentatively scheduled for September 28, 2011 in Baker.

Art Schlack testified and urged LCDC to allow counties to be able to rezone lands that were mis-zoned. There will be a pilot program for one county.

SB 766 is aimed at finding 10 industrial sites around the state that would be expedited and a Committee will find 5-15 regional significant industrial areas to protect.

Counties are working on how to implement the Farmland activities and winery.

Judge Thompson said there will be a September 13 meeting in Bend with LCDC on solar rulemaking. Judge Thompson asked why there are no county commissioners are included on this advisory committee?

### **Other Business**

Ann Hanus mentioned the change in portfolios as a result of Art Schlack retiring this year for Mike Eliason and herself. Mike Eliason will be handling land use and Ann Hanus will handle transportation policy issues. Jon Oshel will still handle the implementation side with road officials.

Ann Hanus informed members that Gail Achterman has resigned as the OTC Chair due to health related issues. She also said that Sondra Lino, former Grant County Commissioner and leader in economic development has serious health problems, too.

Ann Hanus asked for ideas for topics and speakers for the AOC Community Development and Transportation Steering Committee meetings at the upcoming AOC Fall Conference.

The OEDA Conference is scheduled for September 26-27, 2011 in Newport and Ann Hanus urged members to attend.

Jon Oshel said House and Senate have agreed to extend federal programs and maintain current gas tax. However House is proposing a 30% cut but Senate wants a higher funded program. He referred to an email sent by Travis Brouwer (ODOT) which Ann Hanus subsequently sent out to members.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.