

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: 11-12-2014 **Approx. Start Time:** 10:45 am **Approx. Length:** 45 Minutes

Presentation Title: Update on the Area Commission on Transportation (ACT)
Task Force discussion

Department: Department of Transportation and Development and
Public and Government Affairs

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WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?

Does the Board of County Commissioners have input into the Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) membership model developed at the last ACT Task Force meeting?

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (why and why now):

Area Commissions on Transportation (ACT) are advisory groups chartered by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) to improve communication and interaction between the OTC and local stakeholders who share a transportation-focused community of interest. ACTs address all aspects of transportation, but primarily the state transportation system.

- ACTs consider regional and local transportation issues that affect the state system.
- They establish a public process for area project selection priorities for the STIP through which the ACT prioritizes transportation problems and solutions, and recommends projects from its area to the OTC to be included in the STIP.
- ACT recommendations, which are provided through biennial reports to the OTC, play a key role in the development of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), which identifies the schedule and funding of transportation projects.

ACT project considerations are based on local, state, and federal adopted transportation plans, policies and procedures, as well as additional criteria to select and rank projects, provided the criteria do not conflict with any criteria established by the OTC. Clackamas County is not part of an ACT; they are included in ODOT Region 1 with Hood River, Multnomah, and Washington counties. ODOT Region 1 is the only state transportation region in Oregon without an ACT.

Since May of 2014, the Transportation Coordination Task Force (also known as the ACT Task Force) has been meeting to discuss the formation of one or more ACTs in ODOT Region 1. The ACT Task Force is working to decide whether ODOT Region 1 should have one or two ACTs to address stakeholder input into the State transportation system planning and project programming. The Task Force is also considering possible membership composition for a one-ACT solution for the region.

Members of the Task Force are charged with making a recommendation to the OTC by December of 2014 regarding this issue. In October, the Task Force agreed that one ACT should be created to consider state projects for Clackamas, Hood River, Multnomah, and Washington counties. A list of potential members was drafted and sent to member counties for consideration along with proposed language for the by-laws (Attachment 1).

It is anticipated that the Task Force will finalize the membership recommendation and discuss the details of the by-laws for the ACT at the November 17th Task Force meeting. In preparation for this meeting, the ACT membership model will be discussed at both the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee (C4) Metro subcommittee and at the full C4 meeting on Thursday, November 6th.

Input from those meetings, as well as any additional materials that will be available to the Task Force, will be distributed at the BCC Policy session on November 12th prior to submitting the Final recommendation to the Oregon Transportation Commission.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

If an ACT is created for ODOT Region 1, it will not have direct financial impacts, but would likely have an impact on staff resources.

LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:

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PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:

Six members of the current Transportation Coordination Task Force represent various stakeholders in Clackamas County.

OPTIONS:

1. Support the proposed ACT membership model and proposed input into by-laws.
2. Provide additional recommendations into the proposed membership of the Region 1 ACT.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners discuss the ACT membership proposal and provide input into the model currently under consideration.

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit 1: ACT Membership Proposal

SUBMITTED BY:

Division Director/Head Approval _____

Department Director/Head Approval _____

County Administrator Approval _____

Exhibit 1: ACT Membership Model

1 ACT Membership Proposal

		ACT Voting Membership	elected/port/transit 50% minimum*
Multnomah County			
8 members	County Commissioner	1	1
	Portland elected	1	1
	Other City Rep elected	1	1
	4 Stakeholders nominated jointly by Portland and EMCTC	4	
	Business Stakeholder nominated jointly by Portland and EMCTC	1	
Washington County			
6 members	County Commissioner	1	1
	City Rep elected	1	1
	3 Stakeholders nominated by WCCC	3	
	Business Stakeholder nominated by WCCC	1	
Clackamas County			
6 members	County Commissioner	1	1
	City Rep elected	1	1
	3 Stakeholders nominated by C-4	3	
	Business Stakeholder nominated by C-4	1	
Hood River County			
4 members	County Commissioner	1	1
	City Rep elected	1	1
	1 Stakeholder	1	
	Business Stakeholder	1	
OTHER Stakeholders			
6 members			
Metro	JPACT Chair	1	1
ODOT	Region 1 Manager	1	
TriMet	General Manager	1	1
Port of Portland	Executive Director	1	1
Small Transit Provider		1	1
Active Transportation		1	
Ex-Officio Members			
DEQ			
Stakeholder appointments must include representatives from the following:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health • Freight • Environmental Justice 			
Stakeholder appointments should be considered from the following:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Timber • Tourism • Citizen reps, such as from Hamlets and Villages • Additional City representatives 			
*At least 2 stakeholders must be an added Port, Transit or City Reps to reach the 50% minimum			
Total Reps		30	13