

**ALBANY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 28th, 2015
2:30 – 4:30 pm**

Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments
Upstairs Conference Room / 1400 Queen Ave. SE, Albany

Policy Board Members Attending: Amy Ramsdell, Darrin Lane, Dave Beyerl, Gary Powell, and Roger Nyquist

Alternates: Walt Perry and Valerie Grigg Devis

Members Absent: Annabelle Jaramillo and Floyd Collins

Staff Attending: Theresa Conley and Emma Chavez

Guests: Frannie Brindle, Chris Baily, Jon Goldman, and Josh Wheeler

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION / CONCLUSION
I. Call to Order and Introduction	The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:32 pm.	
II. Agenda Review		Additional agenda item: Linn Benton Loop Update
III. Public Comment		There were no comments from the public.
IV. Minutes of September 23, 2015 Meeting		Consensus from the Policy Board to approve the September 23, 2015 meeting minutes as written.
V. RTP TAC Appointments	Following feedback from the TAC and interest expressed during stakeholder interviews, the Board is requested to consider appointing three additional members to the Regional Transportation Plan TAC.	Consensus from the Policy Board to appoint the three new members.

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	<p>Members for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Deputy Carl Ang, Linn County Sheriff’s Office • Cody Meyer, Planner, Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) • John Pascone, President, Albany-Millersburg Economic Development Corporation (AMEDC) 	
<p>VI. Regional Transportation Plan Updates</p>	<p>The RTP TAC will meet on December 7. This will be a two parts meeting with the first part focusing on transit. During the transit discussion members will participate in an exercise using ReMix, an online tool where people can draw transit routes and receive immediate feedback on demographics served, costs, and other related data. The second part of the meeting will focus on reviewing documents that have been completed to date. Those documents will be brought to the AAMPO TAC for additional input. At its December 3 meeting, the Policy Board will be briefed on progress to-date and have an opportunity to provide feedback.</p> <p>Staff has been focused on Public Outreach. A survey went out and over a hundred responses were received. Consultants have reached out to community groups and stakeholder interview have taken place. Staff discussed public meetings planned in each city during both daytime and evening hour, and also via an online ‘virtual open house’. Board members discussed the importance of holding public meetings at accessible hours, such as the evening. Staff anticipates for the Plan to be completed in the late summer of 2017.</p>	
<p>VII. Transportation Improvement Program Update</p>	<p>AAMPO is accepting application for FY2015-2018 STP funds. Approximately \$670,000 will be considered for each year with a total of \$2.7 million over the four year period. Applications are due to Theresa by 5:00 pm this Friday, October 30th. The TAC will rank and propose a project list to the Policy Board for consideration in November.</p>	
<p>VIII. Linn Benton Loop Updates</p>	<p>AAMPO and CAMPO staff and representatives (prior MPO Chairs) have been working with OSU and LBCC staff to develop a governance IGA</p>	<p>Joint meeting agenda items:</p>

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	<p>for the Linn Benton Loop. After legal review, it was decided to include the City of Albany in the Draft IGA as the Operator. As a signatory, they can assume a lot of the liability which was a concern to the signing parties. Staff is still waiting to hear from OSU.</p> <p>Staff is looking into scheduling a joint meeting of the two MPOs in January to review the draft IGA. Members were asked to discuss agenda items for the joint meeting. Items discussed include: Linn Benton Loop Governance IGA, Highway 20 and 34 Corridor, and the OCWCOG Health and Transportation Workshop. AAMPO staff will work with CAMPO staff to finalize the agenda and date for the joint meeting.</p> <p>ODOT staff advised that the Governor’s Vision Panel meeting is scheduled for January 28th and suggested that any MPO issues be taken to that meeting. Members agreed that it would be best to meet prior to that meeting to discuss any issues that may need to be brought forward.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linn Benton Loop Governance IGA • Highway 20 and 34 Corridor • OCWCOG Health and Transportation Workshop
<p>IX. Jurisdictional Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Millersburg – There is substantial amount of development occurring in Millersburg, including a new small subdivision. The city is pursuing formation of a municipal electric utility. The TSP is moving along. • City of Tangent – It is possible that the higher speed rail corridor will go through Tangent and there are related concerns about local rail crossings. To this, ODOT mentioned that there will be more public involvement during the IE phase of the project. • ODOT – A presentation on the 34 Corridor will be given to the City of Tangent. The District Manager and Amy continue to pursue additional funds for the project. The Hwy 34 bike path project is wrapping up and should be finalized in mid-November. There will be a Regional ACT meeting in January. Amy has taken a position in Salem and Frannie Brindle will be overseeing Region 4 and Region 	

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	<p>5. Her work will include Linn County, Benton County, Lincoln County and Lane County. To assist her, ODOT will be hiring additional staff for each Region. A handout was provided to members with ODOT’s planning projects in the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Jefferson – The pedestrian sidewalk project has been delayed. However, additional work will be done. City of Jefferson members noted that it was very difficult to get to the RTP online survey and that it is possible that many did not take the survey because of this. • Linn County – Hwy 34 continues to be hazardous. Another car crash occurred yesterday. A vehicle taking a left turn from Columbus to 34 was hit, causing a three vehicle collision. Linn County is hopeful that the signal project will assist with the issue. Bidding for that project will go out in November and it is hoped that the signal will be in place by mid summer. Amy stated that center line rumble strips will also be placed in that area. • Benton County – In collaboration with the City of Albany, the County will be removing the ovalabout. The intersection will go back to a stop East and West with through traffic on Springhill. Outside of the AAMPO area, a new jail is on the current ballot. • City of Albany – The dual left turn lane at Springhill will not take place. The city will be submitting projects for STIP funds. ODOT gave a presentation to the city of the Sheep Creek Bridge project. There are downtown streetscape projects taking place. • It was also announced that the ACT forwarded two of AAMPO’s projects to the Super ACT for the Non-Highway Enhanced funds. 	
X. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.	