

**Albany Area Metropolitan
Planning Organization (MPO)
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Introduction

The Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) was formed in 2013 to serve as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Albany Urbanized Area and to facilitate continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning within the urbanized area. AAMPO members include the City of Albany, City of Jefferson, City of Millersburg, City of Tangent, Linn County, Benton County, and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

As part its planning activities, AAMPO produces an annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) outlining planning activities to be performed during the state fiscal year. The UPWP must describe planning activities including deliverables, cost estimates, federal fund allocations, and the lead agency for each work item. To ensure efficient implementation of the UPWP, MPO staff prepares quarterly reports outlining activities and accomplishments, as well as an annual report. Accomplishments listed in this report correspond to tasks outlined in the FY17-18 UPWP.

AAMPO is staffed by the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG), including Planning, Fiscal, and Administrative support. Additional assistance is also provided through separate contracts with consulting agencies, for example, for development of AAMPO's first Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), adopted in May 2018.

FY 2017-18 Overview

The FY17-18 Work Program had an emphasis on long range planning, with key tasks including development of the 20-year RTP, and a corresponding Transit Development Plan (TDP) for the Albany area. The MPO also developed its 4-year Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). In addition, there is continued emphasis on regional collaboration, particularly concerning inter-city travel and public transportation.

Primary goals established, and accomplished, for FY 17-18 include:

- Regional Transportation Plan, Adoption, May 2018
- Transit Development Plan (Albany), Approval, May 2018
- Transportation Improvement Program, updates as needed, originally adopted May 2017
- Obligated Projects List, Published, March 2018
- Participation in Linn Benton Loop intercity transit planning and service analysis related to House Bill 2017 transit funding, ongoing

Task 1.0

MPO Program Management

MPO Program Management involves the coordination of all MPO activities for daily operations and adherence to applicable state federal and local regulations. This includes program administration, coordination of the MPO Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee, public involvement efforts, financial management, developing the UPWP, as well as staff travel

and training, interagency and inter-jurisdictional coordination, and participation in statewide planning efforts, legislative coordination, and policy work.

Key Accomplishments for FY17-18

Administration

- Implemented FY17-18 UPWP and prepared required quarterly reports
- Prepared and Adopted FY18-19 UPWP, following public outreach
- Facilitated 7 Policy Board meetings, 6 Technical Advisory Committee meetings, and additional project-specific meetings as needed
- Completed updates of AAMPO webpage(s) at www.ocwcog.org/transportation/aampo
- Partnered with Linn County on a Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) grant application for ADA Transition Planning for Public Rights of Way in the AAMPO area
- Facilitated ongoing member communications related to House Bill 2017 transit funding, and other funding opportunities affecting AAMPO jurisdictions as related to the legislation
- Attended quarterly Linn Benton Loop Policy Board and TAC meetings, and participated in Service Analysis Scope development and contractor selection
- Attended regular OCWCOG meetings, including transportation planning staff meetings, to facilitate regional coordination on transportation planning efforts

Outreach and Title VI Efforts

- Per requirement of Title VI Audit Report conducted in July 2017, continued implementing new process for gathering demographics from TAC and Policy Board members, per requirement from ODOT; form to gather demographic information was presented to TAC and Policy Board for approval, and implementation started in March 2018.
- Ongoing implementation of Public Participation Plan, including email announcements to Interested Parties, meeting notifications in local paper(s), and direct outreach to stakeholders
- Continued to implement Title VI / Nondiscrimination Plan through direct outreach to transportation-disadvantaged groups, and stakeholder interviews with people who work with, represent, or are members of transportation-disadvantaged groups.
- Included Title VI / Non-Discrimination notices in applicable documents and on the AAMPO website. No Title VI complaints were received.

Interagency Collaboration

- Continued to participate in Benton County TSP development process as member of Stakeholder Advisory Committee.
- Participated Oregon MPO Consortium, STIP Coordinators Group, CWACT and (to a lesser extent) MWACT
- Continued to build capacity and foster interagency coordination through attendance at: Regional Human Service Coordination meeting, Oregon Active Transportation Summit, and other local meetings and public events (Transportation Options, for example).

Tasks to be Continued into FY18-19

- A review and update of the 2014 AAMPO Demographic Profile and corresponding maps on the AAMPO website is underway.
- Title VI Annual Accomplishments Report will be due to ODOT in October 2018.
- An update of the Title VI Plan will be due August 2019 (three years from August 2016 update).

Task 2.0**Long Range Transportation Planning**

This task includes activities related to the development and maintenance of the Regional Transportation Plan and other long-range planning efforts as directed by the Policy Board. Tasks were completed AAMPO staff, a consultant team, ODOT, and local partners.

Key Accomplishments for FY17-18**Regional Transportation Plan**

- Facilitated adoption of RTP and TPD in May
- Facilitated final reviews and edits by federal partners, TAC, and Policy Board for both plans
- Completion of Public Outreach process including legal notices, websites, interviews, and robust meeting schedule with local interested parties
- Reviewed monthly invoices for consultant work

Performance Measures

- Policy Board adopted Safety performance measures in December in alignment with ODOT's adopted measures. A discussion of performance measures is included in the UPWP and RTP staff continue to monitor statewide best practices and guidance, including participating in FHWA trainings regarding Performance Measures

Tasks to be Continued into FY18-19

- Continuing to monitor statewide best practices and guidance with regard to performance measures, including future RTP updates

Task 3.0

Transit and Short-Range Planning

Regional Transit Coordination

- Participated in quarterly Linn Benton Loop Policy Board and TAC meetings
- Participated in scope development for Loop Service Analysis including contractor selection and survey development
- Participated in Linn County STF meetings as available

Albany Transit Development Plan

- Facilitated review and completion of Albany TDP, including technical review with Albany Transit System and consultant team, public engagement, review by TAC, and Policy Board final approval.
- Coordinated briefing by Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACT)

Transit System (ATS) – Coordination and Planning Support

- ∇ Coordinated with City of Albany, ODOT and FTA to ensure ATS federal funds are programmed

Tasks to be Continued into FY18-19

- Ongoing Loop Service Analysis contracting work; project to be delivered by contractor in fall 2018; HB2017 transit funding conversations and strategies are ongoing

Task 4.0

Transportation Programming

This task includes near-term activities related to the development and maintenance of the Transportation Improvement Program, including prioritization and programming of projects for federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds.

- Adopted FFY18-21 TIP, compliant with FTA Program of Projects requirements. Adoption followed STBG funding application and project prioritization process and public comment period.
- Ongoing coordination with City of Albany staff regarding the programming of transit projects in FFY18-21 TIP. A
- Ongoing FY15-18 TIP maintenance, including processing amendments, preparing Obligation Report, and attendance at Statewide Transportation Improvement Program meetings

Tasks to be Continued into FY18-19

- Coordination with state and federal partners in preparation for FY21-24 STIP process; amendments and updates to previous TIPs as needed.