

**Deschutes County Transportation Coordination Project
Core Team Meeting #8 – November 30, 2006
Deschutes County Services Center, Bend
DeArmond Meeting Room**

In Attendance:

Project Core Team Members:

Mike Daly, Deschutes County Commissioner
Jeff Monson, Commute Options
Tyler Deke, Bend MPO
Judith Ure, Deschutes County
Kristi Ottenti, La Pine Community Action Team
Osmar Blanco, T-Mobile
Karen Friend, COIC/Cascades East Ride Center
Jeff Nielson, Bend Chamber of Commerce
Allan Flood, Bend Community Action Team
Andrew Spreadborough, COIC
Lupita Lewis, Central Cascade Lines
Ray Lewis, Central Cascade Lines
Darrel Wilson, Opportunity Foundation of Central Oregon
Carol Maszk, Central Oregon Council on Aging
Gary Daniele, WorkSource Central Oregon
Laurie Thom, Redmond Area Community Action Team
Dan Vizzini, Oregon Solutions (By Phone)

Introductions

Commissioner Daly welcomed attendees, and asked for a round of introductions. Andrew Spreadborough reviewed the agenda, and noted that Dan Vizzini, project facilitator, was participating in the meeting by phone.

Announcements

Andrew provided a summary of the November 9 COACT meeting regional transit discussion. He reminded the group that COACT is a regional commission that is made up of reps from each of the local governments, ODOT, and other stakeholder groups. It is one of several Area Commissions on Transportation statewide, and serves as a forum for discussing regional transportation issues and a venue for providing priorities and other information to the Oregon Transportation Commission. The regional transit discussion included a summary of the October Chambers of Commerce forum, presentations from various initiatives including this project, Commute Options/vanpools, and the Bend Area Transit. The discussion centered on the concept of a regional approach to public transportation. A work group that developed the meeting agenda recommended that a regional market analysis study was needed to answer the questions posed by COACT leadership: who will ride a regional transit system, where will it travel, and who will pay for it? The COACT meeting outcomes were mixed. COACT leadership was not convinced of the need or support for a regional system.

Also – there was no discussion or agreement on whose responsibility it is to develop and pay for a system. COACT will discuss again in January.

Dan said that this project can serve as a model for how COACT handles the public transportation issue – this group could form a foundation for discussions with COACT. He acknowledged that the case for coordination of transportation services needs to be better made.

Judith Ure announced that the League of Women’s Voters will have a lunch meeting that will include a presentation on the Mobility Franchise project. The meeting is scheduled for December 7 – Judith will send additional info by email.

Review of Draft Deschutes County Public Transportation Plan

Dan introduced the draft Deschutes County Public Transportation Plan, explaining that the document was a summary of the work completed by the Core Team over the past 8 months. He explained that he used the template for a regional plan that was developed by ODOT Transit division. Andrew reminded the group of how we got to this point – that this project meets the needs for a federally-mandated human services coordinated transportation plan. The county needs to complete the plan for state and federal funds to flow into the region. Our work aligns with the federal planning requirements in terms of assessment, planning, stakeholder involvement and identification of priorities. And, it provides a formal endorsement of the core team work since the county board of commissioners will need to approve/adopt the plan. Dan suggested that one outcome of this plan is that the County can look to the Core Team as an advisory body on public transportation.

Judith discussed the county’s timeline for approving the draft plan and applying the plan to prioritization of funding priorities. She said the draft plan needs to be in place by January 8 – which is the first meeting of the Special Transportation Fund (STF) committee. A final plan will be due to ODOT in June of 2007. Dan discussed our meeting schedule, noting that the next meeting of the Core Team is scheduled for January 4. This provides time to review the document today, revise, and revisit on January 4.

The group reviewed the document, and decided on a number of edits and modifications. The group focused on several sections – including “Guiding Principles”, “Transportation and Mobility Priorities”, and “Action Items”.

After discussion and group editing, Dan agreed to work on the revision to the plan. He will distribute to the Core Team in early December for continued review and editing. The Core Team will reconvene in January to take action on the draft.

Next Steps:

Dan and Andrew will revised the draft plan.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 4, 2007
9:00 AM to Noon
Deschutes Services Center
DeArmond Meeting Room
1300 NW Wall Street, Bend**