

MEMORANDUM

TO: Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners (BCC)
FROM: Dan Johnson, Director and Mike Bezner, Assistant Director
RE: 2045 Transportation System Plan Public Advisory Committee Roster and Board Member
DATE: October 21, 2025

REQUEST: Approval of the 2045 Transportation System Plan Public Advisory Committee roster and nomination of a Commissioner to serve as an ex-officio member of the committee.

BACKGROUND: The Clackamas County Transportation System Plan (TSP) guides transportation-related decisions, identifies the transportation needs and priorities in unincorporated Clackamas County, reflects all relevant national, state and regional transportation and planning requirements, and provides policies, guidelines and projects to meet transportation needs for residents, businesses and visitors in unincorporated Clackamas County for the next 20 years – through 2045.

An extensive public engagement strategy has been created to support the development of the 2045 TSP. It includes both a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and a Public Advisory Committee (PAC). The recruitment for Project Advisory Committee (PAC) members began on August 25th and lasted through October 10th. Staff used the following methods to announce the PAC recruitment:

- Project website with background information and engagement opportunities
- Direct emails via the TSPupdate@clackamas.us email address
- Project content and PAC application opportunity noted in ClackCo monthly (12K+ subscribers), CPO/Hamlet quarterly newsletter, direct email list and county social media accounts
- Public presentations including the September 23rd Board of County Commissioners Policy Session project update.
- Verbal communications leveraging existing relationships and outreach, informal conversations, phone calls, sharing with complementary transportation project teams, and program work groups
- Announcements at county and regional groups and committees including Good Morning Damascus, Clackamas County Community Road Fund Advisory Committee, Clackamas County Pedestrian and Bikeway Advisory Committee, Clackamas County Traffic Safety Commission, the Clackamas Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) and Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC)

After reviewing submittals, staff conducted a review and selection process described in **Attachment 1**. Staff propose a PAC roster shown in **Attachment 2**.

In a similar format to the previous TSP update, staff wishes to invite both a member of the Board, as well as a member of the Planning Commission, to be ex officio members. This will help to keep communication open between the work underway within the project and the important decision-making bodies that are engaged at the end of the process. The first meeting of the PAC is scheduled for Wednesday evening, November 12th from 6-8 pm.

There will be 5 PAC meetings total. The meetings will likely be in person, although virtual attendance will be possible for at least some meetings.

The tentative meeting dates are as follows:

- Wednesday, Nov 12th from 6-8 pm (plus an earlier start at 5:30 pm for an introductory meet and greet)
- Thursday, Dec 18th from 6-8 pm
- Tuesday, April 14th, 2026 from 6-8 pm
- Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 from 6-8 pm
- Tuesday, January 26th, 2027 from 6-8 pm

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the Public Advisory Committee roster as shown in Attachment 2 and nomination of a Commissioner to serve as ex-officio member.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Johnson

Dan Johnson – Director Transportation
& Development

Attachments:

1. 2045 Transportation System Plan – Public Advisory Committee (PAC) – Selection Process
2. 2045 Transportation System Plan – Public Advisory Committee (PAC) – Roster

Attachment 1:

SELECTION PROCESS:

To help evaluate applicant submittals, staff created a short application form that introduced the project, described the purpose, membership, role and expectations, and expected number of meetings to occur, and described how to apply. The application form was provided in English and Spanish. This approach was informed by the following considerations within local, regional, state, and national guidance or best practices for community engagement:

- Clackamas County Public and Government Affairs (PGA) best practices and guidance
- Clackamas County Department of Transportation and Development: Framework for Engagement and Decision-Making with Underserved Populations
- Oregon Land Conservation and Development Department: Statewide Planning Goal 12 (Transportation): Transportation Planning Rule 660-012-0125 Underserved Populations
- International Association for Public Participation (IAP2): Nationwide organization that leads, advances and advocates for best practices in public participation

A team of staff collaborated to review application submittals including the following criteria and information that together form a blend of both quantitative and qualitative characteristics for consideration:

- Live, work, or go to school within the county
- Able to meet PAC membership expectations
- Represent a business owner or business management, church or community of worship, community planning organization or neighborhood group, or a Community Based Organization (CBO)
- Age: Under 18 years old, 18 to 30 years old, or over 65 demographics
- Demonstrates passion for transportation in their application, are a community leader or have a wide reach in their community, and/or articulates they offer a unique lived experience or perspective
- Representing an underserved population as defined in the Oregon Administrative Rules, Transportation Planning Rule (TPR): OAR 660-012-0125
- Lives in an unincorporated area of Clackamas County and/or represents one of six project specific geographic sub-areas of the county
- Demonstrates and/or articulates their ongoing or action-specific community involvement efforts in unincorporated Clackamas County
- Typical transportation mode(s) used

After careful review of all submittals, staff propose a balanced PAC roster as shown in Attachment 2.

Attachment 2:

Clackamas County Transportation System Plan (TSP): Public Advisory Committee (PAC) Roster

	Name:	Highlight Summary from Submittal Form:	East County	Southwest	Northwest	CRC – East	CRC – West	Greater McLoughlin
1	Ulla Brunette	Government Camp CPO, Road District, Sanitary District						
2	Devin Edwards	Owner of Speed's Towing, works throughout Clackamas County						
3	Santa Avila	Spanish-language community liaison, Hacienda CDC						
4	Warren Holzem	Delivery driver, former business owner, Community Road Fund Advisory Committee						
5	Sahara Defrees	Artist and designer, Steps in the City, National Organization of Minority Architects, Metro Parks and Nature Equity Advisory Committee						
6	Robert Bittle	Clackamas County Traffic Safety Commission, longtime county resident						
7	Iryna Semenyuk	Operations coordinator for nonprofit, advocate for Ukrainian community						
8	Nicole Riehl	Damascus area business owner and operator, advocate for rural residents						
9	Jay Panagos	Vice-Chair Community Road Fund Advisory Committee, Bike Milwaukie						
10	Vasiliy Safin	Clackamas River Water Budget Advisory Board, works in education and has volunteered and worked for various non-profits including Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) and Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO)						
11	Troy Love	Project manager for roadways, pavement rehabilitation, lives and works in various areas of the county, and participation in Gladstone Education Foundation						
12	Franklin Ouchida	Lifetime county resident, public transit rider, leader of Oregon Wheelchair Hiking						
13	Vanessa Dane-Slagle	Oak Grove Community Council CPO, parent, safe infrastructure advocate						
14	Scott Davis	Transportation Advisory Council member, Driver for Transportation Reaching People program, Clackamas Women's Services Board of Directors						
15	Nataliia Makohon	Peer support at Folk Time Connection Center, leader in Ukrainian community						
16	Jay Tomlinson	Countywide community organizer and advocate, Unite Oregon representative						
17	Board of County Commissioners	To be determined						
18	Planning Commissioner	To be determined						