# OREGON MODELING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



#### Third Oregon Symposium on Integrated Land Use & Transport Models

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## WELCOME TO OREGON







## EARLY MODELING IN OREGON - 1990s

- Modeling done for air quality conformity, major project development
- Metro, ODOT, LCOG did transportation modeling
- RVCOG and MWVCOG relied on ODOT
- Modeling only in MPOs and Bend
- Even then, Metro was a leader



### **1990s MANDATES**

- Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA)
- Transportation Efficiency Act (TEA 21)
- Oregon Transportation Planning Rule (TPR)
- Oregon Growth Management and Quality Communities Policies



#### WHY DID OREGON START OMIP?

- Modeling methods were outdated
- Content with "all or nothing" ADT model
- Drifting away from acceptable modeling practices
- Could not meet agency requirements
- Could not provide vital information in a timely manner
- ODOT losing ability to effectively participate in decision-making in Oregon



#### Oregon had entered the



#### of transportation modeling



## FIRST STEP

- Establish best practice modeling guidelines
- Perfect transport models before moving to integrated models
- California only state with documented minimum tolerance levels
- Parsons Brinckerhoff promised to do even better for ODOT



## **CHANGE IN PHILOSOPHY**

The type of analysis required for an area dictates the level of model sophistication, not population.

*Importance*: Set precedence for modeling for Transportation System Plans in small jurisdictions.



### **NEXT STEP**

- Communication among agencies is the norm, not the exception
- MPOs, ODOT, DEQ, DLCD discussing best practice guidelines
- Started the Oregon Modeling Steering Committee (policy) and Users Group (technical)
- Agreement that this would be a voluntary program



## **GROWING PAINS**

- Regulatory agencies wanted mandatory guidelines under state air quality conformity rule
- ODOT planners wanted required consultation for Transport Improvement Plan development
- Small MPOs wanted to talk technical not big picture
- Oregon GIS program wanted total control



### **AND MORE GROWING PAINS**

Built a best practice model in Salem/Keizer

- ODOT and MWVCOG staff do work with consultant guidance
- Document process
- Prepare model development procedures manual

Communications broke down Ran out of time and money Competing expectations Everyone unhappy



### **LESSONS LEARNED**

- Local groups work well together
- Technical folks quickly build good working relationships
- Consultants can get in the way
- Federal TMIP affirmed Oregon vision



### AND NOW THE REAL CHALLENGE

Management understanding and buy-inFunding



# FIRST GENERATION MODEL

#### Mid-1990s

- Developed 5 tracks resources, outreach, development, implementation, data
- Brought all stakeholders together for 3-day workshop
- Conducted policy-maker interviews
- Integrated model highest priority
- Prepared Request for Proposal/hired consultant





1995 Oregon Modeling Steering Committee (OMSC) formalized
1996 Transportation-Land Use Model Integration Program (TLUMIP) Peer Review Panel



## DATA & EDUCATION BLITZ

Data

Collected data from all over Oregon

Convened Delphi panel to fill voids

*Training*Huge training budgetTrained the "experts" and everyone else



## WHY IS OREGON CONTINUING OMIP?

- Interactions between the state's economy, land use and transportation are complex and interrelated
- Relationships of different modes affect mobility needs
- Decision-makers need estimates of results to make good policy choices
- Policy documents need tools to measure success



## WHAT DOES OMIP LOOK LIKE TODAY?

#### HOW DO OMIP AND TLUMIP RELATE?



#### **OMIP STRATEGIC ELEMENTS**

























### **THE BOTTOM LINE IS:**

# We think about things in a different way.





## **INTERACTIVE & ITERATIVE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS**





## CST AND TRADITIONAL APPROACHES TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT





#### OREGON MODELING STEERING COMMITTEE

Partnership among federal, state and local agencies and jurisdictions



## HOW ARE WE USING OUR MODELS?



#### **BIG PICTURE BRAINSTORMING ON POSSIBLE FUTURES**

#### Willamette Valley Livability Forum Alternative Transportation Futures



#### Purpose A long-range, comprehensive, regional look at the future of land use and transportation in the Willamette Valley.

#### INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT DECISIONS House Bill 3090 Alternatives





## INDUCED GROWTH ANALYSES

#### Newberg-Dundee Bypass Environmental Impact Statement

Statewide model used to look at:

- # of households/jobs in the Hwy. 99W/18 corridor in Yamhill County
- Passenger and truck trips to/from the corridor
- Passenger and truck *miles* traveled
- Passenger and truck *hours* traveled



## **INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIZATION**

#### **Oregon Bridge Deficiency Analysis**

Identify economic, land use and transport impacts:

- Load-limiting bridges
  - costs to trucking industry
  - costs to consumers
  - land use changes
- Diversions because of key bridge closures
- Prioritize future bridge investments



### JOINT MODELING PROJECTS

- **Objective:**
- Develop *best* models using data from all four Oregon MPO areas and 8-counties.
- Urban Joint Model Estimation
- Rural Joint Model Estimation



# HOW DOES THIS PROGRAM HELP ODOT?

- Help Oregon meet federal and state mandates
- Make better choices for transportation investments
- Tools to address Governor's sustainability and quality communities agenda
- Assist CST in multi-agency decision-making
  - Support local priorities
  - Holistic and integrated decisions
- Foster collaboration and maximize resources (staff, funds)



## NEXT STEPS

#### • Resources

- Streamlined cooperative modeling program
- Reinforce multi-agency and jurisdictional cooperation
- Outreach
  - Extensive outreach to inform and engage users
    - -Inside and outside of Oregon
    - -Inside and outside of ODOT
  - 3rd Integrated Modeling Symposium in July
  - North American and European consortium



## NEXT STEPS

- Development
  - Complete next generation of statewide model
  - Build interactive link between statewide model and local urban and rural models
  - Expand interactive capabilities of urban models
  - Incorporate environmental considerations
- Implementation
  - High profile modeling projects
  - Day-to-day support of cities, counties, state agencies
- Data Longitudinal panel survey



## NEXT CHALLENGES

• Institutionalize the program - within ODOT, universities, schools

• Build European partnerships - needs to be broader than the U.S. for the next efforts

• Move beyond research - JUST DO IT!



### THE MEASURE OF SUCCESS

# "Become the way Oregon does business"

