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Vision and Goals for the Access Management Discussion - 2010

During the initial meeting of the Access Management (AM) Committee on April 29, 2010, it was determined that the members would focus on the following items;

- SB 1024 requires ODOT to develop separate access management rules for low volume state highways within Oregon [Highways with less than 5,000 Average Daily Traffic (ADT)].
- Medians and physical barriers. An agreement is needed on when median barriers can be required and how to get local buy-in. The ODOT Deputy Director noted that median barriers should only be required when other mitigation measures will not work.
- Reasonable access. The concept of reasonable access is in the existing administrative rule, but is not always interpreted consistently. The concept of what constitutes “reasonable” needs more definition.
- Focus on the balance between safety and the flow of traffic while recognizing the need to support economic development.

At the June 1, 2010 meeting, the AM Committee agreed that the focus items could be best dealt with in smaller sub-group discussions. Five sub-groups were established to develop proposed text and policy language and advance a recommendation to the AM Committee. The five sub-group assignments are;

1. Reasonable Access,
2. Standards that conform to reality (also considering the urban and rural environments). The sub-group will also consider revised administrative rules for highways with less than 5,000 ADT,
3. Mitigation,
4. Medians, and
5. Reviewing the proposed text for temporary administrative rules to meet the immediate requirement of SB 1024 for “Change of Use”.