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# MEETING OF THE MINDS, July 2008

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23. A number of participants have already told us we missed some important topics during the original event (sustainable mobility in rural communities, freight, rail, pedestrian and bicycle strategy ...) that merit examination and dialogue. Were we continue Meeting of the Minds as an occasional series (probably not two-day sessions, but perhaps a half-day format) what subjects or topics would you like to see considered that weren't addressed at Meeting of the Minds in late July?

#	Response
1	What if humans don't affect global warming very much? How does all this fit? I am concerned how we are going to fund future transportation infrastructure needs.
2	lessons from Northern Europe and Western Europe that are applicable inside US cities
3	Engaging the public in how to invest in new transit/road improvements.
4	Simply more detail into particular topic areas. How do you translate the learning cities idea into infrastructure? How do we initiate change in these areas? Voluntary work groups?
5	I think you need to allow for more robust presentation by panelists who are challenged by moderator or other panelists...moderators tended to talk on and on, leaving more time for name intros than real cutting edge thoughts---got more quick sound bites than critical thinking we could have read and do read daily
6	rural and suburban issues - sustainable cities are important,but not sufficient
7	Light affordable transportation options for commuters and students
8	people paying taxes to support transportation needs to be addressed in a new way and so far we are not approaching the problem of public investment at the scale we will need to
9	You mention them above--rail, bicycle and rural transport
10	Much more interdisciplinarity - please include urban designers and architects. Fuel and tech fixes were too dominant the first day.
11	1. The future of rail as a sustainable transportation. 2. The role of distributed generation power in the new world of renewables. 3. Travel is a necessity for cultural understanding. How will we travel the world in a fuel and resource constrained economy?
12	* Non-car commuting options--including 2 and 3-wheeled vehicles, small electric vehicles, kick scooters and folding bikes--emerging products that aren't strict car, transit, or bike/ped. * Opportunities for private sector transit, e.g. the minivans used around so much of the world.
13	Make the program less Portland-centric. Consider the rural areas as well.

	Flexibility Policy
14	Socio-economics of freight flows mobility standard incentives to nodal development
15	Serious look at land use as a transportation policy. Problem with half day format unlikely to get people from outside the area of the meeting. Too expensive to travel for half a day.
16	Best practices in increasing bicycle use.
17	Serving rural and suburban communities
18	More discussion of national efforts. I believe meaningful change must be an effort from BOTH the bottom-up (grassroots regional efforts) AND top-down (national change from lobbying Senators and Congressmen/women)
19	Freight transportation needs/issues Pricing/tolling/ demand side strategies Rural/intercity transportation Oregon as an important link interstate traffic
20	I attended Thurs session only. I missed talk of RR, Air and Sea/Water and I missed rural and transportation needs of the aging population. Maybe there was discussion on Wednesday.
21	Serious consideration of the socio-political issues tied to the technical topics discussed.
22	develop the concept how Portland can be the national leader.
23	More information on car sharing
24	The meeting was Portland-centric. Having discussions about changing transportation outside of urban areas may lead to more global change.
25	More urban design discussion
26	How do we educate the public to break the inertia of the current system?
27	All of the above - Freight, Rail, Bicycle, etc.
28	how to engage citizens in this conversation effectively
29	Sustainable Governance.
30	The role of freight rail and what we can do to get the feds to move on this issue.
31	I think there is a Portland vector, and a broader vector, perhaps by topic area. It is really great to get diverse views in the room. But questions of the price to cross the river made it clear that some people were focused on really local issues. It is hard to believe that anyone would consider building a new crossing in the current climate. But it was not easy for the meeting to go there.  On both vectors there is a need for ongoing dialogue, and it should be enabled to occur as it needs to, perhaps with a review of the dialogue and more inclusive debate on an occasional basis. I could see value for Portland in having an ongoing discussion. I can also see a different series that lands elsewhere for the broader discussion to continue.
32	Barriers to changing the way people drive. Present some new driving surveys to see how people really drive, since much of the data seems to be skewed.
33	Role of artists and designers in multi-disciplinary problem solving.  Deep exploration on the real ways transportation decisions affect people below the poverty line.
34	more on rail, what would it take to make it a reality in US and our region. what would a sustainable mobility plan statewide look like
35	The effect of land use on transportation infrastructure. Other issues effecting sustainability of our cities Crafting flexible regulations which will allow for community appropriate transportation solutions.
36	Careful examination of whether rail-oriented land-use actually changes mode use behavior enough to justify rail investments, or is a more road and rubber-tire transit model more sustainable.
37	Health, social and safety costs of single occupant vehicle transportation devices that are powered by non-fossil fuel propulsion methods. ie. a battery operated car still makes people fat, isolated and in danger of being killed in crashes--is this acceptable?
38	The thinking behind congestion pricing is more advanced than I thought.

39	Freight, first and last mile solutions, how to change public acceptance of change.
40	More dialogue with the audience!
41	Other than transportation issues, including sustainable energy solutions, green buildings, strategies for reducing carbon footprints, etc.
42	motorcycles, 'trikes', bike and pedestrian
43	I'd be interested in more in-depth discussion about (1) Rural development...is it a only feature of our past; (2) air transport...only for the rich and famous; (3) Rail...can it be resuscitated
44	How will the current infrastructure of US suburban/edge cities become viable, livable and sustainable?
45	Approaching transportation as an integrated system. Transportation Funding. Least Cost Planning and Transportation System Plans.
46	I come from rural NW Oregon. I kept trying to translate what I heard into how it would affect where I live, and how it would work. What do these potential changes mean for the rest of us Oregonians who don't live in the metro area?
47	Integration of transportation with the economy, land use and environment.
48	city development and design. zoning. how do we make our cities more livable on a human scale so that we don't have to be so dependant on cars?
49	bike/ped public health accessibility vs. mobility transportation disadvantaged (35% of people who can't participate in car-dominant system)

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