

TROC April 29, 2021 Meeting 3 Minutes





The Transportation Revenue Options Commission (TROC) held its third meeting virtually on April 29, 2021. The meeting began promptly at 1:00 P.M., and was conducted via Zoom; it was also accessible through a public link to Zoom.

The session agenda follows:

1. Meeting Objectives
2. Schedule/Milestone Review
3. Commission Chair’s Opening Remarks
4. April 15 Outcomes and Initial Perspectives
 - Multimodal Revenue Sources
 - Mileage-Based User Fees (MBUF)
 - Vehicle Registration Fees
 - Tolling Scenarios
 - Taxing Scenarios
 - Local Solutions
 - Accelerated PSP Funding Reduction
5. Briefings
 - National Perspective – American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA)
 - Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) [Omitted and provided through video link]
6. Meeting Summary and Public Comments
7. Commission Chair’s Closing Remarks

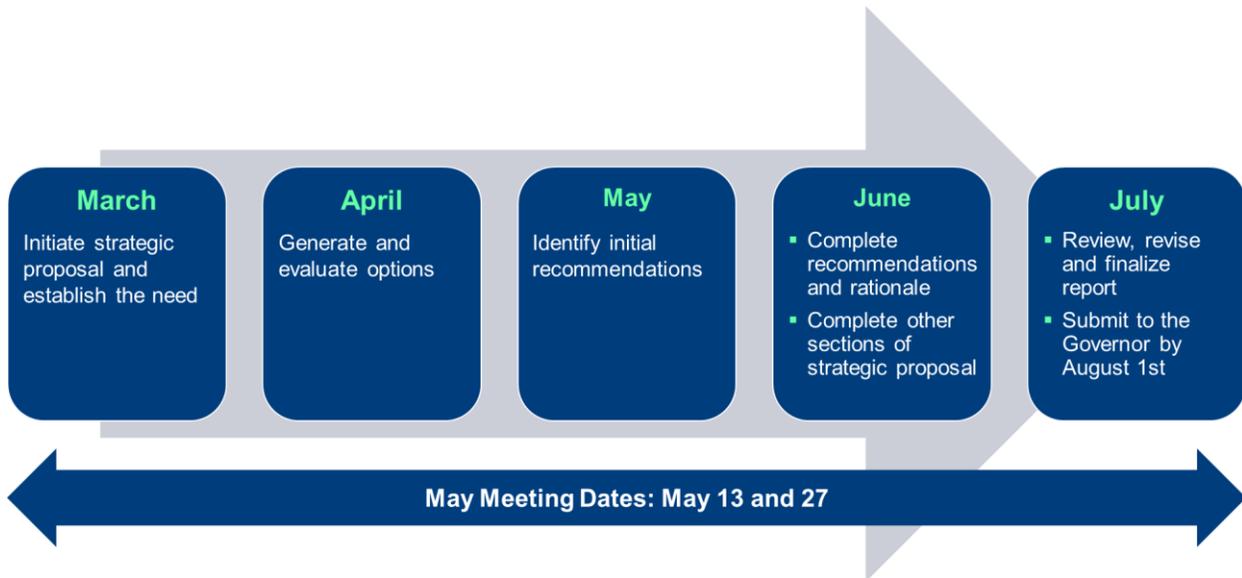
Meeting Objectives

After welcoming Commission members, other guests, and the public, session co-facilitator Paul Caulfield reviewed the interactive features of the virtual platform and presented the following meeting objectives:

- To frame and focus the Commission’s dialogue on key revenue opportunities.
- To brief the Commission on national practices in funding transportation and recent developments of the Planning and Environmental Linkages study.
- To discuss next steps for the evaluation of revenue options.

Schedule/Milestone Review

Paul also briefly reviewed the overall schedule (below), noting that the May dates had been confirmed and invitations would follow.



Commission Chair's Opening Remarks

Commission Chair Yassmin Gramian welcomed participants and explained how she had invited several Commission members to begin to frame the conversations around key revenue-related topics emerging from the April 15th meeting. The intention was to allow Commission members who are knowledgeable on specific topics to offer their perspectives on the issues and opportunities associated with each. With the background provided by these “topic leads,” all Commission members would be better prepared to participate in identifying revenue solutions as the work of the TROC proceeds. (The topics addressed appear in the agenda above.)

As the first official order of business, the Commission Chair asked for and received a motion to accept the minutes of the prior meeting, which was given, seconded, and approved by all, without objection.

April 15 Outcomes and Initial Perspectives (provided by topic leads)

The facilitator provided a brief background on the objectives of the topic leads in helping to frame the key components of need and revenue options. Topic leads offered their perspectives while participants interacted by “unmuting” to ask questions and make comments, and also through the Zoom chat feature and Mentimeter platform. The relevant chat and Mentimeter results for each topic have been affinity-grouped and provided separately (and made available on the publicly accessible website).



Briefings

Dr. Alison Premo Black, Chief Economist, and Carolyn Kramer, Director – Transportation Investment Advocacy Center, of the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) provided an informative presentation, entitled “State and Local Transportation Funding.” Their presentation explored the wide range of states’ practices in funding, including motor fuel taxes, bonds, federal investment, electric vehicle fees, road usage charges and others.

Due to time constraints, the Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) presentation was omitted and provided through alternative public channels.

Meeting Summary and Public Comments

The session concluded with a brief summary of the input received and an overview of the next steps in evaluating proposed options. The facilitator noted that the initial topics explored by the topic leads provided ample opportunity to further explore revenue options, and indicated that the Department’s support team would determine next steps and communicate them to the Commission.

A period for public comment was opened to allow members of the public not otherwise able to submit their input through the public Zoom platform to participate. No additional comments were voiced.

Commission Chair’s Closing Remarks

In closing, Secretary Gramian thanked Commission members for their active engagement throughout the session. She indicated that the presentations by topic leads set the stage for the next phase of analysis and revenue identification, and that further guidance for the effort to prepare for the May 13 meeting would soon follow.

The meeting closed a few minutes after the stated 3:00 adjournment time.