

TROC May 13, 2021 Meeting 4 Minutes





The Transportation Revenue Options Commission (TROC) held its fourth meeting virtually on May 13, 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. **Commission Chair's Opening Remarks**
3. **Schedule/Milestone Review (May-June Analyses)**
4. **Work Group Reports**
 - Multimodal Revenue Sources
 - Transit Revenue Sources
 - Mileage-Based User Fees (MBUF)
 - Vehicle Registration Fees
 - Tolling Scenarios
 - Taxing Scenarios
 - Local Solutions
 - PSP Funding
5. **Briefings**
 - Multimodal (Jennie Granger)
6. **Meeting Summary and Public Comments**
7. **Commission Chair's Closing Remarks**
8. **Next Meeting Date: May 27, 1:00 – 3:00**

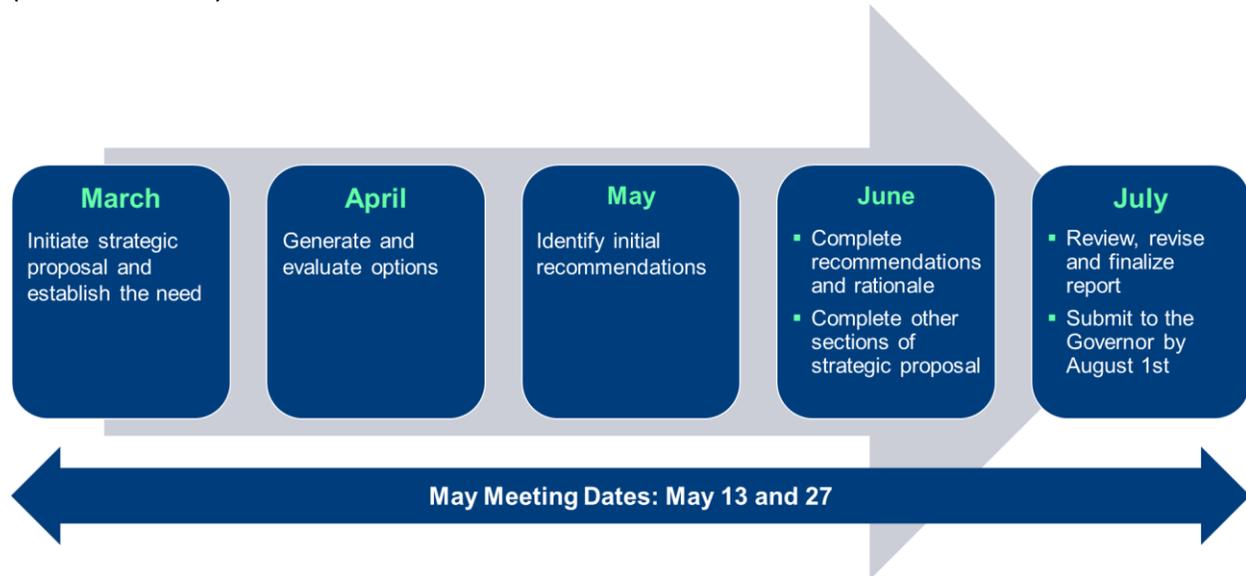
Meeting Objectives

Session co-facilitator Paul Caulfield opened the meeting and presented the following meeting objectives:

- To frame and focus the Commission's dialogue on key revenue opportunities.
- To refine the evaluation of options as the basis for eventual recommendations

Schedule/Milestone Review

Paul also briefly reviewed the overall schedule (below), noting that the June meeting dates (June 10 and 24) had been confirmed and invitations would follow.



Commission Chair's Opening Remarks

Commission Chair Yassmin Gramian welcomed participants and thanked all Commission members for their efforts on topical work group in preparing for the meeting. She noted her interest in hearing from the work groups on their progress across all eight topics. Commission Chair Gramian also noted that today's meeting would also include a presentation on the Department's Multimodal program by Deputy Secretary Jennie Granger.

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.

Work Group Reports (provided by topic leads)

The facilitator provided an overview of the framework used by work groups to explore the needs, potential funding scenarios and other considerations for their assigned topics (as listed in the agenda above). He explained that the emphasis for today's meeting would be on the high-potential funding opportunities, and that the additional work of the groups (needs, data gaps, other considerations) would be compiled and shared with Commission members following the meeting. Accordingly, each work group provided a brief presentation of the revenue options it considered most favorable in addressing TROC's charge. The presentations,



along with the entire meeting, were recorded and made available, along with the relevant chat and Mentimeter results for each topic, through the publicly accessible website.

Briefings

Deputy Secretary for Multimodal Transportation Jennie Granger provided an in-depth presentation on the deputation's operations, components (Aviation; Rail, Freight and Waterways; Public Transportation; Ports; and Bicycle and Pedestrian) its budgets by mode, and long-term forecast of needs (including planned major capital acquisitions). She also covered COVID impacts on modes relative to both use (ridership) and funding, including the major federal relief funding acts.

Meeting Summary and Public Comments

The session concluded with a brief summary of the session's outcomes and a preview of the May 27, 2021, session.

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 the Commission's work-group leads for their insightful presentations. She indicated that the analyses provided by these work groups would provide important information for the Commission as it turns its attention to formulating recommendations on funding options. She also noted that the May 27 meeting would include two briefings, one on MBUF practices by the Eastern Transportation Coalition, and one on Highway Administration by Acting Deputy Secretary Mike Keiser.

The meeting closed a few minutes before the scheduled 3:00 adjournment time.