

# Oregon Department of Transportation 2016 Disparity Study



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Public Meetings

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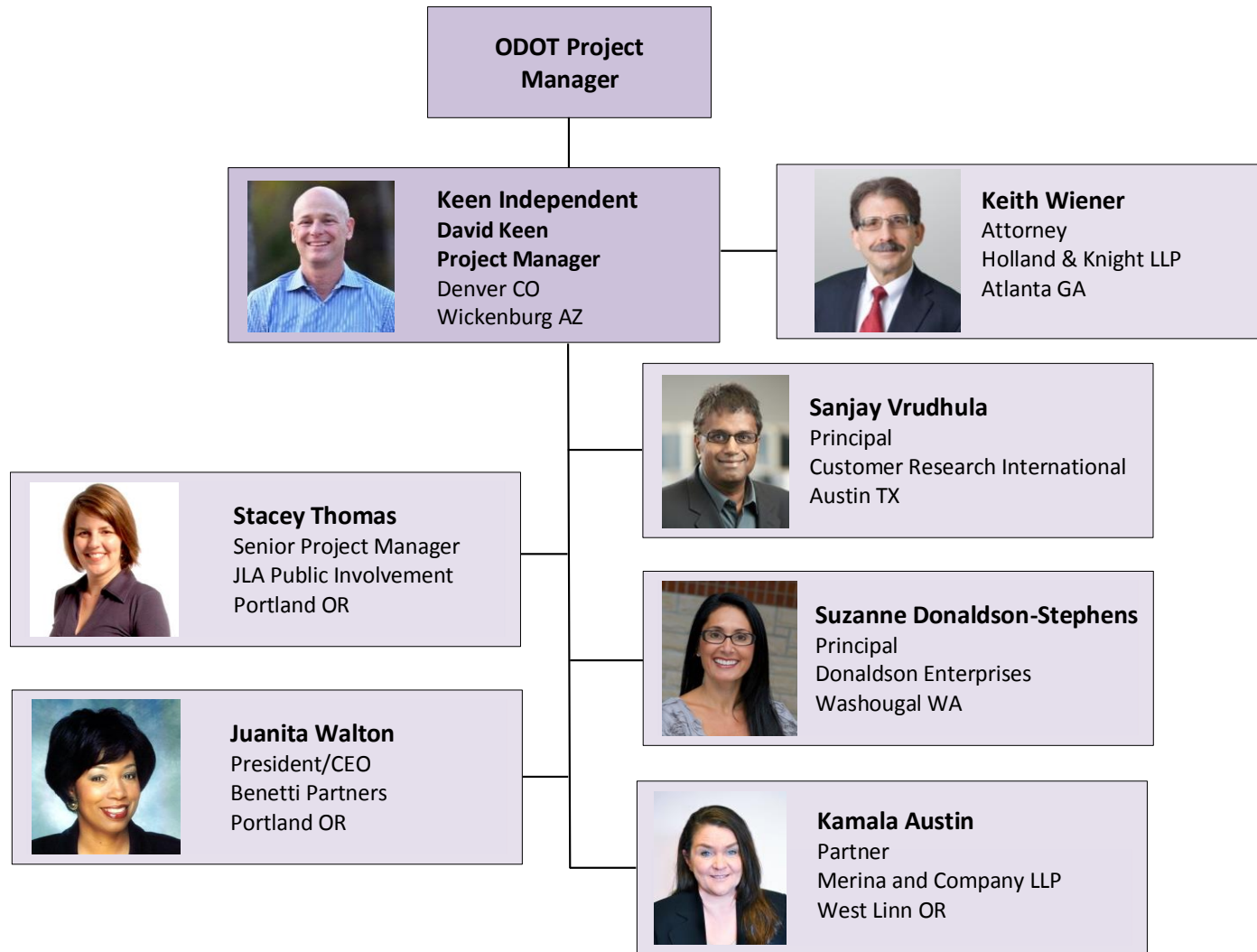
## Public meeting ground rules

1. Please silence your cell phones
2. Listen with intent to understand
3. Wait for others to finish (don't interrupt)
4. Please treat everyone with respect (no personal attacks)
5. We may limit time to make sure everyone has the opportunity to speak

# Objectives for Disparity Study Public Meetings

1. Introduce key study team members
2. Review USDOT requirements for state DOT implementation of the Federal DBE Program and explain why a study is necessary
3. Explain components and schedule for the disparity study
4. Explore how Keen Independent will interact with businesses and groups outside ODOT
5. Questions and comments
6. Contact us

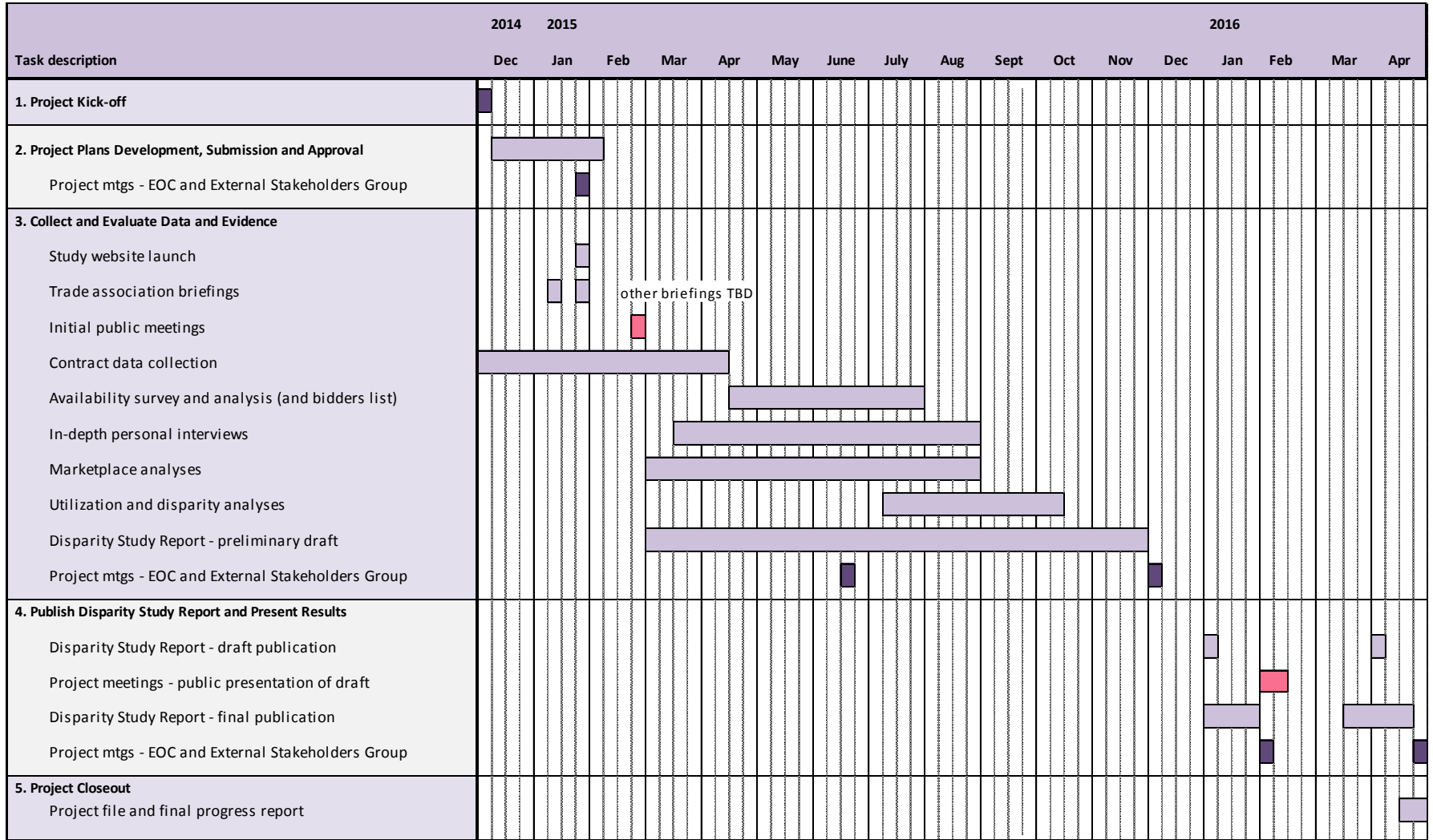
# 1. Keen Independent study team



## 2. Why conduct a disparity study?

- ODOT must implement the Federal DBE Program, per 49 CFR Part 26
- Disparity study provides information to help ODOT:
  - Set overall goal for DBE participation on FHWA-funded contracts
  - Consider whether ODOT can achieve overall DBE goal solely through neutral means
  - If ODOT needs to continue DBE contract goals, assess the specific race/ethnic/gender groups that may be eligible for that program component
- USDOT instructed agencies to conduct disparity studies after 2005 Ninth Circuit decision in *Western States Paving v. Washington State DOT*
- Also, outside review of ODOT practices and other policies is useful

# 3. Key tasks and schedule



## 4. How Keen Independent will interact with external groups

- Provide information to outside groups through website, email address, press release and other means
- Discussion of ODOT contract data, other data, policies and procedures
- Meetings with trade associations
- Telephone interviews with 10,000+ businesses in the Oregon transportation contracting industry
- 65 in-depth personal interviews with business owners and managers, industry group representatives and others
- Opportunities for any interested individuals or groups to submit comments
- 4 initial and 6 later public meetings throughout the state
- Public presentations to ODOT
- Distribution of draft and final report to the public

## 5. Examples of topics for discussion

- Experiences starting, growing and sustaining a business in the transportation contracting industry in Oregon
- Access to capital
- Bonding
- Informal networks
- Attempting to work on ODOT and local agency contracts
- Attempting to work on private sector contracts
- Prime contract opportunities compared with subcontract opportunities
- The Federal DBE Program
- Specific issues you recommend that the Disparity Study examine



## 6. Contact us

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