

# nwACT

Northwest Oregon Area Commission on Transportation

## September 2008 Newsletter

### Representing Counties:

Clatsop County Commission  
Columbia County Commission  
Tillamook County Commission  
Washington County Commission

### Representing Cities:

City of Astoria  
City of Banks  
City of Bay City  
City of Cannon Beach  
City of Columbia City  
City of Clatskanie  
City of Garibaldi  
City of Gaston  
City of Gearhart  
City of Manzanita  
City of Nehalem  
City of North Plains  
City of Rainier  
City of Rockaway Beach  
City of Scappoose  
City of Seaside  
City of St Helens  
City of Tillamook  
City of Vernonia  
City of Warrenton  
City of Wheeler

### Representing Ports:

Port of Astoria  
Port of Garibaldi  
Port of Nehalem Bay  
Port of St Helens  
Port of Tillamook Bay

### Representing Transit Districts:

Columbia County Transportation  
Sunset Empire Transit  
Tillamook County Transportation

### Representing ODOT:

ODOT Region 1 -- NW Area  
ODOT Region 2 -- NW Area

### Representing Others:

NW Oregon Regional Partnership  
Transportation Stakeholders  
Citizens-At-Large

4336 SW Condor Ave  
Portland, OR 97239  
503.228.5505

NWOregon.org/NWACT  
Email: [NWACT@NWOregon.org](mailto:NWACT@NWOregon.org)

### **Recap of bi-monthly NWACT meeting, September 11, 2008 in Rockaway Beach**

Transportation Enhancement Applications. Four applications were received and ranked:

#### Region 1:

1. Crown Zellerbach Trail—Project will develop 2 trailheads and open up a 9 miles segment of the trail to users. Currently, the trail lacks accessible parking between Scappoose and Vernonia. A \$1.3 million project, with \$95,000 match.
2. City of St Helens/Hwy 30 Landscaping, between Hwy 30 and the adjacent railroad. \$839,000 project, with \$95,000 match.

#### Region 2:

1. Warrenton Airport Dike Shared Use Path—Second time an application has been submitted, with match from multiple sources. A \$483,000 project, including \$58,000 cash match. Provides bicycle and pedestrian connectivity to Miles Crossing through Premark Shopping Center. Hopefully, this would eventually connect to the Astoria riverwalk trail.
2. Port of Tillamook Bay Historic Railroad Artifact Restoration—Project will construct a facility where visitors can view historic railroad equipment and the technology used to maintain it. A \$1.8 million project with a the majority of the match donated labor and services.

The two projects ranked highest were seen as impacting the most people, both local residents and visitors.

Federal Earmarks—Only 1 project was received, and forwarded to Salem: Staley's Junction improvements at the intersection of Hwys 26 and 47 in Washington County. This project has been ranked highest of NW Oregon's Region 1 STIP projects since 2004—2007.

### NWACT Public Involvement

One of the NWACT's goals is to re-energize involvement of the public: Both how NWACT gets the word out, and how it hears back from constituents. NWACT is asking members and the public four questions:

1. How can we receive information back from the people we serve? How willing are NWACT members to go and talk to constituents? What would it make it easier, eg, surveys to help guide the questions?
2. How do NWACT members want NWACT to get information out? Electronic newsletters, radio, printed ads, through the website?
3. What do NWACT members think about adding standing items to each agenda? Hear from one county commission 4 times a year, 1 meeting for transit districts, and 1 meeting for rail. An opportunity to hear from constituents. Set up established agendas ahead of time.
4. How do we measure NWACT's effectiveness with its public involvement? Eg, Level of public feedback?

### Council Creek Regional Trail—

NWACT agreed to send a letter of support for the trail which would connect with the Banks/Vernonia/Scappoose linear trail and go south through the cities of Forest Grove, Cornelius and terminate near the light rail line in Hillsboro.

### Transportation Funding—

A lot of decisions will need to be made about how people and vehicles are going to be moved around, as it is really going to change over the next 10 years. In 10 to 12 years the world will hit peak oil. Lack of fuel/cost of fuel will have major impacts on rural areas. The only significant sources of renewable fuel are wind and hydro in the United States.