



Northwest Oregon Area Commission on Transportation

September 2010 Newsletter

NWACT is an advisory committee to the Oregon Transportation Commission on NW Oregon transportation needs and project priorities

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
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Recent News and Recap of NWACT July 8th meeting in Banks, Oregon

ODOT Summer Construction Schedule

ODOT has 13 highway projects underway in the NWACT region:

- US 101 12th St to Farmers Creek: Paving 17 miles of highway south of Tillamook
- US 101 Business Old Young's Bay Bridge deck replacement near Astoria
- US 26 N Fork Quartz Creek Bridge Retrofit, MP 24 near Elsie
- US 26 Military Creek Rd to Wolf Creek: Paving 11 miles of road and realigning curve at MP 33
- US 26 E Fork Dairy Creek Bridge Replacement, between North Plains and Banks
- US 26 McKay Creek Bridge Replacement, west of North Plains
- US 26 Staley Junction Variable Speed: Installation of variable speed limit signs to allow better access from Hwy 47 during peak drive times
- US 30 Havlik Dr Extension: Adding a fourth leg to the intersection at the Fred Meyer intersection in Scappoose.
- US 30 John Day River Bridge to 33rd St in Astoria. Paving and drainage and safety improvements.
- OR 6 Wilson River Devils Lake Fork Bridge: Repair bridge at MP 32.
- OR 53 Necanicum River Bridge Replacement. Also improves fish passage. Temporary bridge in place.
- OR 53 Bergsvik Creek Culvert Replacement. Will be completed early September.
- OR 202 Banzer Bridge Replacement: MP 44 near Birkenfeld

NWACT Updates

- ConnectOregon III Final Recommendations— Shirley Kalkhoven, Tony Hyde and Ed Wegner attended the meeting where final recommendations to the OTC were decided. NW Oregon projects totaling \$18 million out of the \$97 million total were recommended. NW Oregon had very good projects, which is why the region was so successful.
- 2014—2015 STIP Project Identification—Modernization funds are limited. Region 1: Still in project identification phase. The 2011 public involvement process will get input from outside ODOT.
Region 2 starting to look at scoping projects that would normally be slotted into the 2014—2015 STIP. NWACT will still need to prioritize projects, in case funds become available.
- Greening Rural Oregon Energy Grant—Awarded \$3.5 million of \$5 million US Dept of Energy grant application. Goal is to develop a regional transportation system. Only 20 grants were awarded in the country, so this is a significant award. Will allow major improvement in service.

Next NWACT Meeting:

November 4, 2010
Clatsop Community College
Seaside, Oregon
1:00 pm — 3:30 pm

NWACT meetings are open to the public and accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities. If a sign language interpreter is needed, please call Mary McArthur at 503.228.5565 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.