

**MEETING AGENDA**

**Date:** Thursday, January 10, 2019  
**Time:** 1:00 pm—3:30 pm  
**Location:** Clatskanie Cultural Center  
 75 S Nehalem St  
 Clatskanie, OR  
 503/970-3336

Click on Directions for a Map: [Turn south off Hwy 30, Nehalem is between Tichenor & Conyers](#)

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<b>Item 1</b> 1:00 pm	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>		Henry Heimuller
<b>Item 2</b> 1:05 pm	<b>NWACT Minutes/Updates</b> Approval of November 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes (attached) Public Comment (Limited to 5 minutes per person) ODOT Region 2 Updates Oregon Transportation Commission Update Columbia County Transportation Update	<b>Action Item</b>	Henry Heimuller
<b>Item 3</b> 1:30 pm	<b>North Coast Transportation Options Program</b> Presentation and discussion		Matt Weintraub Sunset Empire Transportation Dist
<b>Item 4</b> 1:50 pm	<b>STIP Project Update</b> Discussion		Tony Snyder ODOT Area 2 Manager
<b>Item 5</b> 2:10 pm	<b>Oregon Coast Bike Route Rider Survey</b> Presentation		Ken Shonkwiler ODOT Area 2 Planner
<b>Item 6</b> 2:30 pm	<b>NWACT Other Business</b> COAR Applications Update NWACT Officer Elections		Jim Knight Kathy Kleczek
<b>Item 7</b> 2:45 pm	<b>Member Updates</b>		All

**Attachments:**  
 November 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes  
 2019 NWACT Meeting Schedule

Note: A complete meeting packet is available on the NWACT website at [NWOregon.org/NWACT](http://NWOregon.org/NWACT)

## NW Oregon Area Commission on Transportation

November 8, 2018  
Clatsop Community College  
Astoria, OR

The meeting was called to order by Henry Heimuller. The following members and guests attended.

Bill Baertlein—Tillamook County	Patrick McIntire—Tillamook County Private Citizen
Rachael Barry—Representative Witt’s Office	Patrick McHugh—Tillamook Creamery
Ron Bline—Clatsop County Resident	Tom Messenger—Tillamook County Resident
Representative Boone—Oregon Legislature	John Serra—Congressman’s Schrader’s Office
Mike Borreson—Washington Co Private Sector	Ken Shonkwiler—ODOT
Bob Brajcich—City of Clatskanie	Frank Spence—Port of Astoria
Bill Carpenter—Washington Co Citizen-at-Large	Tony Snyder—ODOT
Mark Ellsworth—Governors NW Oregon RST	Lisa Strader—ODOT ADA
Brett Estes—City of Astoria	Dave Sukau—City of Scappoose
Doug Hayes—Port of Columbia County	Jerry Taylor—City of Manzanita
Henry Heimuller—Columbia County Csm	Lianne Thompson—Clatsop County Commission
Tony Hyde—Columbia County Private Sector	Dave True—City of Clatskanie
Senator Johnson—Oregon Legislature	Jim Young—Port of Tillamook Bay
Marsha Kirk—City of Banks	Joe Younkins—Washington County Transportation
Kathy Kleczek—Sunset Empire Transportation Dist	Suzanne Weber—City of Tillamook
Rosemary Lohrke—Columbia Co Citizen-at-Large	William Wells—Clatsop County Resident
Dale McDowell—City of Seaside	Lonny Welter—Columbia County Roads

Excused: Michele Bradley, Stevie Burden, Susan Conn, Michelle Jenck, Bruce Jones, and Michael Summers

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. NWACT Minutes and Updates

- Approval of September 13, 2018 Minutes—Approved unanimously with one correction, Kathy didn’t open the meeting. (DM/SW).
- Public Comment

William Wells, Swenson. Hwy 30 curves heading east out of Astoria, mp 94. Problematic for crashes, 2 fatalities in last 2 years. Multiple chip truck tip overs. Problem for drivers not familiar with road. Possible to get flashing light? Area that needs more attention. ODOT response: Well familiar with area. Looking to do a study that will identify immediate steps that could be taken to address safety. NWACT members commended ODOT on work they are already doing on the many problem areas in the region.

- Region 2 Update. Still scoping 2021–24 STIP projects. Including all of the region’s suggested additions to the projects. Getting ready to wrap up Warrenton and Tillamook TSPs. Have started looking at next two year’s planning budget and may be looking at more corridor studies.

Timber Rd was reduced to 45 mph during Hwy 47 construction. The preference from all stakeholders is to keep it at 45 mph, but unfortunately, there are national regulations that require speed studies if going to change the speed limit permanently.

The Oregon Transportation Commission—Will be increasing funding for updating the lighting at Arch Cape Tunnel. Question: Been some erosion at the base of the tunnel. ODOT will look at it. Will be requesting additional funding for the Tillamook Hwy 101/6 project where costs have increased from finding underground fuel tanks. Upcoming workshop in Silverton regarding emerging technology issues and how they will affect ODOT policies. ACTs will be receiving a survey regarding future roles and responsibilities of ACTs.

Working on Astoria bridge ends projects.

- Clatsop County Transportation—Michael Summers had a scheduling conflict and couldn’t attend the meeting but provided the following report by email: The Road Department promoted a Road Maintenance Worker into a supervisory role as Astoria Road Foreman, after the previous

Foreman retired with 40+ years of service at the Road Department. The Road Department is busy catching up on some ditch maintenance and winterization of projects, and vegetation control. The October weather has been excellent for this type of work. The engineering services group is busy designing and planning next year's projects. This coming Spring the County Road Department plans on completing a Bridge Abutment Replacement for the Stavebolt Bridge over the Lewis and Clark River on Logan Road, which is a back road between Seaside and Astoria. The Department is planning on some reconstruction of a portion of the Roads in Westport, Oregon, a rural Community along Highway 30 about 9 miles West of Clatskanie.

3. ADA Transition Plan

ODOT was sued to implement new ADA improvements. Settlement agreement was \$40 million. Most cities and counties are required to have ADA Transition Plans that include full program access to buildings, documents and forms, transportation system, communications, employment, meetings and testing. Any time an ODOT highway goes through a community or the community receives ODOT funding for road improvements, the ADA improvements must meet ODOT standards. Increased percentage of non-compliance is a result of rules changing over the years, stricter measurement than in the past, and degradation of ADA improvements over the years. Many of improvements are incorporated in existing STIP projects.

4. Hwy 6 Passing Lanes Proposal

ODOT Response: Not high enough number of accidents comparatively, nor does it compare as competitively for Fix-It or updating funds. NWACT comments: A lot of things on the list, in addition to passing lanes. May want to change perspective from catching up on what needs to be done, to what should the transportation system look like in 40 years? Plan going forward, not reacting to what has gone on in the past or what is missing now. Response: Locally cities and counties have Transportation System Plans (TSPs) and Comprehensive Plans (Comp Plans), and ODOT conducts corridor studies and collects data on the conditions of highways and bridges. ODOT: A lot of what is needed on Hwy 6 could be handled by maintenance, but the highway doesn't have the volume of traffic of Hwys 30 and 26. Maybe what's needed is Portland/Salem/ Eugene to the Coast plan. No corridor plan has been done on Hwy 6 but will see more studies from 2017 Transportation funding. Looking at potentially doing an origin/destination study. Looking for a letter of support for this proposal. NWACT members agreed to send a letter that improvements are needed on Hwy 6. (LT/KK)

5. Oregon Coast Bike Route Rider Survey

Postponed until January meeting.

6. Local Government Pavement and Bridge Conditions Reporting

HB 2017 Funding requires ODOT to collect and display state, county and city road conditions on major collectors. Need to demonstrate that money is going to highest need. Reporting forms will be available December 1, 2018.

7. COAR Applications

Postponed until January meeting.

8. NWACT Officers Nominating Committee Report

Kathy Kleczek reported that the Nominating Committee is recommending the same slate of officers for 2019: Henry Heimuller—Chair, Lianne Thompson—Vice Chair, and Suzanne Weber—2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair. A vote on the recommended slate will be taken at the January NWACT meeting. Other nominations may sent in between now and the January meeting.

9. Member Updates

- ODOT—In January will need to go through harassment training.
- Seaside Safety training, all cities required to do.
- Scappoose—Progressive yellows. Supposed to stop and then proceed. Hard to get info out to folks.
- How to get out traffic education information out to the public may be a good agenda item.
- SETD—All fares now \$1/trip. Ridership and revenues are both up.

- North Coast Tourism Studio—Need more city and county participants. Needed for implementing action items.
- Astoria—Had a kick-off meeting for TGM-funded study of Uniontown. Bridge end project has kicked off and will be working with local merchants that are affected by temporary closure. Re-opening Bond St to two-one travel in December. Over the past few years as have been doing CSO work and pavement repaving and have included updating ADA access as part of repaving.
- Clatskanie—Sidewalk across Hwy 30 has concluded. Thanks to ODOT.
- Columbia County—Working with ODOT on seismic study of County and ODOT bridges. Looking at whether more cost-effective to upgrade bridges or develop viable ways around the bridges. All counties in the State are going through.
- Senator Johnson—Been a series of town halls in Columbia County, the next will be on transportation. Been a joy to work with Rep Boone, and thanks doing such a good job for the region.

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Recorded: Mary McArthur, Staff

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Henry Heimuller, NWACT Chair

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**NWACT MEETING SCHEDULE  
2019**

Meetings will be held the **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of the month

All meetings are from 1:00 pm—3:30 pm, unless otherwise scheduled.

January	Columbia County	Thursday, 1/10	Clatskanie Cultural Center Clatskanie
February			
March	Tillamook County	Thursday, 3/14	Tillamook County Port of Tillamook Bay Officers Mess Hall Col-Pac Annual Meeting/Luncheon
April			
May	Clatsop County	Thursday, 5/9	Clatsop County Clatsop Community College
June			
July	Tillamook County	Thursday, 7/11	Tillamook County Port of Tillamook Bay Officers Mess Hall
August			
September	Washington County	Thursday, 9/12	Washington County To Be Decided
October			
November	Clatsop County	Thursday, 11/4	Clatsop County Clatsop Community College
December			