

**MEETING AGENDA**

**Date:** Thursday, May 9, 2019  
**Time:** 1:00 pm—3:30 pm  
**Location:** Clatsop Community College  
 Columbia Hall—Room 219  
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 Astoria, OR  
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<b>Item 1</b> 1:00 p	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Welcome new Seaside Board Member, Steve Wright		Henry Heimuller
<b>Item 2</b> 1:05 p	<b>NWACT Minutes/Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Approval of March 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes (attached)</li> <li>✚ Public Comment (Limited to 5 minutes per person)</li> <li>✚ ODOT Region 2 Updates</li> <li>✚ Oregon Transportation Commission Update</li> <li>✚ Clatsop County Transportation Updates</li> </ul>	<b>Action Item</b>	Henry Heimuller
<b>Item 3</b> 1:30 p	<b>North Coast Travel Studio</b> Visitor Transportation Management Update		Ken Shonkwiler Mary McArthur
<b>Item 4</b> 2:00 p	<b>NW Transit Access Update</b>		Ken Shonkwiler
<b>Item 4</b> 2:30 p	<b>Other NWACT Business/Updates</b> Funding Opportunities		Mary McArthur
<b>Item 6</b> 3:00 pm	<b>Member Updates</b>		All

**Attachments:**  
 March 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

March 14, 2019  
Port of Tillamook Bay  
Tillamook, OR

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

Michael Borresen—Washington Co Citizen-at-Large  
Stevie Burden—City of Wheeler  
Bill Carpenter—Clatsop Co Citizen-at-Large  
Jeff Harrington—City of Astoria  
Henry Heimuller—Columbia County Csm  
Juliet Hyams—City of Wheeler  
Marsha Kirk—City of Banks  
Kathy Kleczek—Sunset Empire Transportation Dist  
Jim Knight—Port of Astoria  
Rosemary Lohrke—Columbia Co Citizen-at-Large  
Patrick McHugh—Tillamook County Creamery  
Tom Messenger—Tillamook Co Citizen  
Arla Miller—ODOT Public Transit

Doug Pilant—Tillamook Co Transportation Dist  
Scott Schriber—Tillamook County Creamery  
Ken Shonkwiler—ODOT  
Frank Spence—Port of Astoria  
Tony Snyder—ODOT  
Dave Sukau—City of Scappoose  
Jerry Taylor—City of Manzanita  
Lianne Thompson—Clatsop County Commission  
Patrick Trapp—Port of Columbia County  
Dave True—City of Clatskanie  
Jim Young—Port of Tillamook Bay  
Suzanne Weber—City of Tillamook  
Lonny Welter—Columbia County Roads  
Jerry Willey—Washington County Commission  
Todd Wood—Columbia County Rider

Excused: Michele Bradley, Brett Estes, Senator Johnson, Bruce Jones, Patrick McIntire, Paul Wyntergreen

1. Welcome and Introductions—Henry Heimuller opened the meeting. Members and guests introduced themselves.
2. NWACT Minutes and Updates

- Approval of January 10, 2019 Minutes—Approved unanimously. (PT, JY).
- Public Comment—None.
- Region 2 Update. Tony Snyder reported they have been keeping busy because of the legislative session. In the field, they are still working on the Astoria bridge ends. Will finish 3 this year, and 3 next year.

Starting on the Arch Cape Tunnel lighting replacement in April. Expect to do most work during the evening hours. Will try to get communications out close to real time as possible, have a list of public agencies to notify when there will be a closure. Advance notice as much as possible of closures. Suggestion, work with County Emergency Communications which can send out phone alerts. ODOT's Trip Check has added some close to real-time capability and in future will be linking to Google. Recognize need for more real-time communications, working on improving. People are used to having information pushed to them, rather than seeking it out.

Preservation project—South of Seaside to junction with Hwy 26. Will be removing asphalt and level it out, this construction season. Question: When is this going to happen? Communication? Will be using variable construction boards but will be generic signing. ODOT's has a webpage that lists all the projects, and Trip Check lists the construction sites. City of Seaside will be posting information, Transit districts have a transit app that displays real time for buses.

Looking at Hwy 6—Haven't found any highway priority needs yet, which would immediately trigger funding. Ken has looked at traffic counts, traffic flows, traffic congestion delays. Hwy 26 and 101 have more traffic volume and congestion compared to Hwy 6. Looking a potential for adding communication call boxes where there isn't cell service. Hope to have the analysis done in time for the May or July NWACT meeting. NWACT interested in volume of freight/truck traffic vs cars. If can get visitor traffic vs local traffic would be helpful.

Wilson River Loop—Working on some improvements.

Oregon 30/Bennett—Millard Rd project should start in 2020.

- Tillamook County Transportation—Striping most of downtown with bike routes. Urban Renewal granted \$40,000 to improve 3<sup>rd</sup> and Stillwell intersection for trucks. ODOT has hired a contractor to remove Shell Station by the end of Summer.

### 3. Public Transit STIF Applications

Arla Miller with ODOT Public Transit provided an overview of the STIF Discretionary and Statewide Transit Network Program (Attached). Oregon's Area Commissions on Transportation are tasked with reviewing the applications relevant to their area, and providing comments related to the evaluation criteria, their local knowledge of transportation planning and investment, and on potential opportunities for leveraging additional funds. The first round of applications was due February 1, and 7 applications were received for the NWACT region:

• Columbia County GPS/Online Bus Tracking System	\$ 31,050
• Columbia County Longview/Kelso Intercity Service	\$ 140,978
• Sunset Empire Transportation District Astoria—Portland Intercity	\$ 738,000
• Tillamook County Alternative Fuels Project	\$ 432,000
• Tillamook County Tillamook—Salem Intercity Service	\$ 504,000
• Tillamook County/NW Connector Website Trip Planner Enhancement	\$ 134,640
	\$2,268,668

NWACT members recommended all 7 applications for funding (LT/MB) with three abstentions: Kathy Kleczek, Doug Pilant and Todd Wood, the region's public transit managers.

Bank noted that they would like to see increased coordination with public transit their community. Tillamook stops there, and Columbia County Rider is working on stopping at Banks as part of their Vernonia route. WestLink is also working on improving connections between Banks and North Plains. Needed is scheduling that will accommodate workers hours.

#### 4. COAR Applications Update

Jim Knight reported that the Statewide Committee has reviewed all applications. Received \$3.8 million of requests from across the state, down \$2.5 million in requests from last year. Reduction in requests is likely due to the lack of funding for projects. Only \$2.3 million available for 42 applications, 26 which were funded. Port of Astoria was recommended for its ramp rehabilitation outside of the hangars \$1.1 million FAA funding with an \$83,000 COAR match, and taxiway improvements of \$3.47 million FAA funding with a \$150,000 COAR match. Scappoose seismic resiliency plan for the Airport for \$112,000 FAA funding matched with a \$28,000 COAR match was also recommended. A related funding program Rural Oregon Aviation Relief (ROAR) focuses on getting air service to rural Oregon. The Aviation Review Committee (ARC) is now reviewing all aviation grants: COAR, S(State Owned)OAR and ROAR. ARC will be reviewing more than just applications, such as, a project business, financial and marketing plans related to projects.

#### 5. Member Updates

- Scappoose—Agree with NWACT ongoing discussions about the challenges getting communications out to people, that they will see. Particularly preparing drivers for upcoming transportation and traffic changes, such as the upcoming closure of Cornelius Pass Rd, a main commute route for Scappoose residents working in Washington County.
- Wheeler—Small rural communities are at a disadvantage in terms of road preservation, economic development, access to services and safety in large part due to deficiencies in our transportation system. City Manager will be taking grant strategy and funding approval taking to City Council, including safety improvements along Hwy 101.
- Columbia County—Survived winter weather.
- Tillamook County Creamery Association—Traffic volume and congestion still an issue, but working on solutions.
- Tillamook—Opening up new parks and first completed leg of Salmonberry Trail
- Messenger—Look at making connections to fiber optic along Hwy 6.
- Banks—Salmonberry Trail Banks/Railroad trailhead. Will no longer have rail switching beyond there, so now can proceed planning on a roundabout. Also, looking at a roundabout on Hwy 6 at golf course road.
- Astoria—Pleased to see bridge ends projects proceeding. At Tongue Point, old Hwy 30 received grant funding to improve access to two marine businesses. Finishing up sidewalks on West Marine. Bond St reopening is gone well, as are pedestrian cross signs.
- Port of Astoria—Pacific Telecommunication Conference—Focus on fiber optic cable, potential for landing on sub-marine cable on the coast in Clatsop County. Demand is growing for fiber optic. Potential for connecting not only north and south along the North Coast but connecting to Hillsboro and up to Seattle. Would provide redundancy. Tuesday, Commission will be considering a harbor tax on passing ships. Needed to maintain moorage at Pier 1. Would generate approximately \$500,000 per year. \$300/vessel, 1,500 ships a year. Would guarantee Port could always maintain Pier 1 (logs shipping, cruise ship dockings, and dredging). Next month will have first log ship go out to China since November. East Mooring Basin ramp dock needs to be repaired and will be done in time for spring fishing season.
- Bill Carpenter—Thanks to ODOT for work done on Hwy 101 at N St in Seaside. Pleased everyone was able to come up with a satisfactory solution.

- Clatsop—Working on getting walkers/hikers off highways.
- ODOT—Many states don't share their federal gas tax funds. Oregon provides 30% to counties and 20% to cities. ODOT highways are safer, but the rural area fatalities are still happening. ODOT is looking at how to address some of that.
- Tillamook County Transportation District—Happy to get through the winter drive season. Working on next year's budget. Looking forward to summer tourism season with shuttles starting up
- Sunset Empire Transportation District—Finishing up strategic plan, working on budget, and looking for new board members.
- Columbia County—Henry was in Washington last week for the National Association of County Organizations (NACO) conference. Radio stations there send out chuck hole alerts and the City sets out signage. NACO has launched a new app, Test IT, which will identify how strong Internet coverage is. Using the app to identify a true baseline of how much service is currently available, and track coverage nationally.
- Ron Puzey, a long time NWACT member, passed away last week.

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Recorded: Mary McArthur, Staff

Henry Heimuller, NWACT Chair

# STIF Discretionary and Statewide Transit Network Program Guidance for ACT comments on Applications

Regional Transit Coordinators:

Theresa Conley, Mark Bernard, Frank Thomas,  
Arla Miller, Jason Kelly, Jennifer Boardman



# Topics

- Statewide priorities
- Selection process
- Project selection criteria
- Schedule



# Overview – Two Solicitations

- **Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Discretionary** solicitation (5 % of STIF)
- **Statewide Transit Network Program** discretionary solicitation, funded from two sources:
  - Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 (f)
  - STIF Intercommunity Fund (4 % of STIF)





# Statewide Priorities

STIF Discretionary and Statewide Transit Network Program investment priorities are guided by:

- Oregon Public Transportation Plan
- Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 732, Divisions 40 and 44
- FTA Circular C 9040.1.G



# OTC Investment Priorities

## Discretionary and Statewide Transit Network

- Improve transit for vulnerable populations
- Improve coordination between providers
- Fill gaps in the statewide transit network
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve public health
- Encourage sustainable funding plans
- Maintain fleet condition
- Improve use of active transportation



# Fund Availability

<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>STIF Discretionary Fund (5%)</b>	<b>\$11.2 M</b>
<b>Statewide Transit Network Program</b>	<b>\$10.3 M</b>
STIF Intercommunity Fund (4%)	\$9.0 M
FTA Section 5311 (f)	\$1.3 M



# Project Selection Process

- Applications due Feb. 1, 2019
- ODOT reviews for eligibility and completeness
- Area Commissions on Transportation and STIF Advisory Committees review
- ODOT Project Selection Committee scores and ranks
- Public Transportation Advisory Committee recommends to Oregon Transportation Commission
- OTC reviews and decides which projects will be awarded funds
- ODOT notifies applicants of award decision, August 2019



# Role of Area Commissions on Transportation

- Review applications relevant to ACT jurisdiction
- ACTs may provide comments on applications related to:
  - Evaluation criteria
  - Local knowledge of transportation planning and investments
  - Opportunities for fund leverage

The ODOT selection committee will consider ACT comments when ranking projects. ACT comments will be provided to PTAC and OTC.



# Resources

- Solicitation Materials:  
<https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/RPTD/Pages/Funding-Opportunities.aspx>
- STIF Web Page:  
<https://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/RPTD/Pages/STIF.aspx>

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