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

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Columbia County Transportation, Sunset Empire Transit, Tillamook County Transportation

Representing ODOT:

ODOT Reg 2—NW Area

Representing Others:

Oregon Parks, Oregon Forestry, Transportation Stakeholders, Citizens-At-Large

Connect Oregon V Applications Due November 25th

New for *ConnectOregon V*:

While the *ConnectOregon* program remains mostly the same as it was in previous rounds, there are a few changes for *ConnectOregon V*.

- ✚ *ConnectOregon V* has \$42 million available for projects.
- ✚ Bicycle and Pedestrian projects have been added to the modes eligible for funding. The Oregon Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (OBPAC) will be responsible for evaluating bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- ✚ Grant recipients will be required to develop and report on performance measures for their project.
- ✚ Certain eligibility restrictions will apply to railroads located solely within Linn and Benton counties which may charge landowners fees for easements.
- ✚ Approved projects will have a portion of their funds withheld until project completion (4%) and final submission of performance measurement reports (1%).

More information and application materials can be found at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/pages/connector.aspx#connector5>

Next NWACT Meeting—November 14th Moved to Tillamook

NWACT's November 14th Board location has been changed from Astoria to the Port of Tillamook Bay, as the Land Conservation and Development Commission will be meeting at the same time at the Port, and there will be some overlap of the two meetings.

Mitigation of Hwy 101 Flooding Near Seaside Continues to Receive Kudos

Stuart Tomlinson, in the October 8, 2013 edition of the Oregonian reported on the September series of unusually wet and windy storms which shattered rainfall records across northwest Oregon and southwest Washington. "Despite the usual trouble with downed trees, flooded basements and ponding water on highways, there was one thing that remarkably didn't happen: U.S. 101 south of Seaside remained open. Instead of feet of water pouring over the roadway from Necanicum River and Beerman Creek, there were just a few inches."

The Oregon Department of Transportation credits the lack of flooding to a mitigation plan and habitat restoration project spearheaded by the North Coast Land Conservancy and funded by ODOT.

Senator Johnson and Karmen Fore, Governor's Sustainable Communities and Transportation Policy Advisor Tour NW Oregon

A 12 stop tour of Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook counties provided NW Oregon the opportunity to showcase our transportation assets, as well as discuss the transportation challenges facing our region. Some highlights:

Scappoose



Proximity, accessibility and affordability are transportation strategic advantages to the Scappoose Airport

St Helens



Key concerns are encouraging visitor travel to downtown, safety improvements to Gable Rd and rail traffic and noise.

Rainier



Safety through downtown is paramount. However rail access to Rainier's key businesses is crucial for economic development.

Clatskanie



Rail capacity to Port Westward, Columbia County's energy hub, is key to the future development of the prime industrial land with deep draft marine access.

Westport



Planned is a new ferry landing increasing cross river traffic to Cathlamet WA, shortening travel time for autos and freight.

Astoria



Priorities are safe movement of trucks through downtown, fixing access to Tongue Point, and renovations of the Port of Astoria piers.

Warrenton



Most immediate transportation need is dredging of the Skipanon so boats can get to the Pacific Seafood facility. Levee certification is an ongoing issue.

Garibaldi



Main transportation issue is dredging of the Tillamook Bay channel, followed by dredging of the boat basin. The Port has received major transportation funding for renovation of its wharf.