

2015—2017 Biennial Report (October 2017)

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
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

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From NWACT Chair Henry Heimuller:

2015—2017 was an eventful biennium for our Area Commission on Transportation. In addition to our scheduled Work Plan, NWACT, in response to Federal and State funding shortfalls, actively participated in identifying priority NW Oregon projects for ODOT 2017 Legislative budgeting. NWACT communities also partnered with ODOT during significant winter storms, assisting with emergency repairs to the region's state highways restoring vehicle and freight traffic between the Metro area and the Coast and along Coastal Highway 101. And we are pleased to report that we accomplished a lot over the last two years, accomplishments that will improve and enhance our region's transportation for years to come:

- **Port of Garibaldi Partners with ODOT to Complete a \$6.9 Million Wharf Rehabilitation**



Replacing the storm-damaged wharf was a multi-year process, underwritten by ODOT Connect, EDA and federal Tiger funding. To date, all the new space has been leased out, including a new facility for a third generation fisherman. The Port of Garibaldi is now looking at additional business development opportunities, which has attracted additional private and non-profit funding.

- **NW Oregon Successful with *Connect Oregon 6* Applications**
NW Oregon projects totaling \$2,955,000 were approved. Teevin Bros Mooring Dolphins, LifeFlight Hangar improvements, Port of Astoria Pier 2 West rehabilitation were among the 39 projects funded statewide.
- **Over 35 2015—2018 STIP Projects were Approved and are Under Way**
These projects received over \$130 million in ODOT funding. As of September 2017, XX of the projects have been completed.
- **Work was Completed on Local Transportation System Plans (TSPs)**
These plans will support further community and economic development as NW Oregon faces future population and business growth.

Northwest Oregon Area Commission on Transportation Overview

1. Geographic Boundaries

Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and western Washington counties formed the NW Oregon Area Commission on Transportation because of their community, related economies and transportation interconnectivity. State highways (OR 6, 26, 30, 47 and 101) provide the primary means to and from NW Oregon for residential, visitor and freight travel. The geographic boundaries match with those of NW Oregon's federally-designated economic development district—Columbia-Pacific EDD and the Governor's NW Oregon Regional Solutions Team. ODOT's Region 2 Area 1 boundaries include Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and western Washington counties.

2. Membership Categories and Coordination with Regional Public Agencies

NWACT has 29 voting members, each of whom has an alternate to ensure representation at all commission meetings. Members are responsible to report to their individual constituencies the content of discussions and decisions. They are also responsible to contribute the interests of their constituencies to NWACT for the overall benefit of the area. Ex-officio (non-voting members) of NWACT include adjacent ACTs and MPOs, the Clatsop—Nehalem tribe, Congressional delegates, economic development councils, State legislators and the Oregon Transportation Commission. NWACT also includes over 100 general stakeholders on its electronic list serve for ongoing public communications.

3. Membership Representation

Membership includes county, city, port and transit district elected officials, the private sector, freight, pedestrian/bicycle, local community interests, and State agencies—ODOT, Forestry, State parks. NWACT membership will be conveyed immediately should a tribe become federally-recognized.

4. Coordination with Adjacent ACTs and state legislators

Adjacent ACTs receive all NWACT communications, and representatives will attend meetings on occasion. NWACT's state legislators are active in NWACT, and attend most NWACT meetings when the Legislature is not in session.

5. NWACT Workplan

NWACT's Executive Steering Committee develops an annual Work Plan which is approved by NWACT members. The work Plan can be amended at any time.

6. NWACT Public Involvement

NWACT meets all requirements of Oregon's Public Meeting Law for all of its meetings. Meeting notices and materials are distributed electronically to over 125 NWACT members and stakeholders. Meetings are held bi-monthly, and rotated throughout the region, with the meeting schedule posted on NWACT's website, along with meeting notices, meeting packets and minutes of all meetings.

7. NWACT General Operational Structure

NWACT's Executive Steering Committee consisting of the Chair, Vice-Chair and 2nd Vice-Chair review and approve meeting agendas drafted by NWACT and ODOT staff. In addition, the Committee reviews and monitors NWACT's Work Plan and mentors new NWACT members.

8. NWACT Technical Assistance

NWACT does not have an established Technical Advisory Committee, relying instead on ODOT and/or local transportation member expertise on technical transportation issues. NWACT will, on occasion, establish sub-committees to review and report on local transportation issues.

9. NWACT Support Staff

Since its inception, staff support for NWACT has been provided by Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District (Col-Pac) with the assistance of ODOT Region 2.

10. NWACT Decision-Making Process

NWACT uses a collaborative approach to problem solving where all members agree to support decisions made by majority vote or by consensus. Decisions shall be sought by consensus first, and by majority vote if a consensus cannot be reached. Consensus means that all members agree to accept the decision even though they do not fully agree with the decision.

2015—2017 Northwest Oregon Area Commission on Transportation Highlights

NW Oregon 2015—2018 STIP Projects

Status

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| | Astoria Waterfront Bridge Replacements | \$ 9,487,000 | Nearly Complete |
| | US 101 Youngs Bay Bridge Repair | \$12,436,000 | In Design |
| | US 101 Dooley Bridge/Hwy 101 Junction | \$ 2,400,000 | In Design |
| <u>Clatsop</u> | US 30 Gnat Ck/Burnside Rd | \$ 8,595,000 | Complete |
| <u>County</u> | Seaside Ave G/Hwy 101 New Turn Lane | \$ 3,649,600 | In Design |
| | Sunset Beach/Cullaby Lake Turn | \$ 548,400 | In Progress |
| | OR 202 Highschool Sidewalks | \$ 2,500,000 | In Progress |
| | Arch Cape Tunnel Lighting | <u>\$ 650,000</u> | Construction |
| | | \$40,266,000 | |
| | Pebble Creek Bridge Replacement | \$ 2,693,000 | Complete |
| | Old Portland Rd/Millard Intersection | \$ 5,538,000 | In Design |
| <u>Columbia</u> | Clatskanie Bluff Rockfall Improvements | \$ 1,309,000 | Construction |
| <u>County</u> | US 30 Wonderly Rd/Swedetown Lanes | \$ 7,200,000 | Complete |
| | Scappoose Park and Ride | \$ 1,558,800 | Beginning |
| | St Helens Gable Rd Sidewalks/Bike Path | \$ 3,136,101 | In Progress |
| | Rainer A St Rail Safety Improvements | <u>\$ 6,596,264</u> | In Progress |
| | | \$28,031,165 | |
| | Hwys 101/6 Interchange Modernization | \$28,000,000 | In Progress |
| | Hwys 101/6 Streetscape/Bikeways | \$ 1,600,000 | In Progress |
| | Nehalem River/Miami Foley Bridge | \$ 9,155,411 | Construction |
| | US 101 Farmer Ck Bridge Rehabilitation | \$ 1,207,000 | In Design |
| | OR 6 Zig Zag Creek Culvert Replacement | \$ 4,826,000 | In Design |
| <u>Tillamook</u> | Cedar Creek Bridge Replacement | \$ 1,209,000 | In Progress |
| <u>County</u> | E Beaver Creek Bridge Replacement | \$ 1,882,000 | Construction 2018 |
| | Sand Lake Bridge Replacement | \$ 2,298,000 | In Progress |
| | US 101 Jetty Creek Slide Repair | \$ 500,000 | Canceled |
| | US 101 Beaver Creek Slide Repair | \$ 825,000 | In Design |
| | S Fork—Trask River Bridge Repair | \$ 1,806,000 | In Progress |
| | Cloverdale Bus Stop/Wayside | \$ 784,200 | In Design |
| | Hwy 101 Rockaway Beach—Bay City ADA | <u>\$ 1,150,000</u> | Complete |
| | | \$55,242,611 | |
| <u>Washington</u> | OR 47 Beaver Creek Bridge Replacement | \$ 2,826,030 | Construction |
| <u>County</u> | NW Mountindale Rd—Glenco Rd Paving | \$ 3,480,000 | Complete |
| | Stub Stewart Trail Improvements | <u>\$ 102,622</u> | In Progress |
| | | \$ 6,408,652 | |
| Regional | NW Connector Transit Access Study | \$ 340,000 | In Progress |
| NW Oregon Grand Total | | \$130,288,428 | |

2015—2017 NWACT Transportation Public Information

One key tenet to NWACT's mission is to "Provide a local public forum for information, discussion and coordination of transportation issues." Topics over the last two years included:

- ❖ Oregon Transportation Infrastructure Bank
- ❖ Transportation System Plans
- ❖ ODOT Audit/Management Review
- ❖ ODOT Active Transportation Program
- ❖ Oregon Transportation Investment Strategy
- ❖ Safe Routes to Schools
- ❖ Oregon Public Transit Program
- ❖ Bicycle Pedestrian Program
- ❖ Salmonberry Rails and Trails
- ❖ Oregon Resiliency Plan
- ❖ Transportation Safety Action Plan
- ❖ Critical Oregon Airport Relief Program (COAR)

Key NW Oregon Transportation Issues

In March 2015, NWACT members and stakeholders met with the Governor's Transportation Visioning Panel. In the Fall 2016, NWACT met with the Interim Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation and described NW Oregon's priority projects. Generally, key issues are safety, road maintenance and congestion during peak traffic and travel times.



Issues raised during the Public Comment time on NWACT's agenda during the past biennium include:

- Bicycling safety on Hwy 131. ODOT has added warning signage
- Relook at the Wilson River Loop/Hwy 6 intersection. ODOT reviewed.
- Hwy 26 at Elsie safety. ODOT reviewed.
- Hwy 6 safety. ODOT reviewing.

2015—2017 Work Activities

Key activities included:

- *ConnectOregon* 6 Application Review
- Review and Prioritization of 2018—2021 STIP Projects
- Review and Prioritization of Critical Oregon Airport Relief Program (COAR) applications
- Development of a Regional List of Key Transportation Projects
- Provision of Public Information on ODOT Programs and Resources
- Regional Input into ODOT's Transportation Visioning and Legislative Funding Request
- Sub-Committee Technical Assistance on the Wilson River Loop/Hwy 6 Intersection Safety
- Charter and Bylaws Review and Updating

2017–2019 Workplan

Key activities planned include:

- Review and Prioritization of 2021–2024 STIP Projects
- Review and Prioritization of Critical Oregon Airport Relief Program (COAR) applications
- Development of a Regional List of Key Transportation Projects
- Provision of Public Information on ODOT Programs and Resources

In Memorium

Long time commission member and chair, Shirley Kalkhoven, City of Nehalem Mayor passed away in 2015 and Don Larson, Seaside Mayor and NWACT commission member passed in 2016.

Recognition of Retiring Board Members

Long time Commission member and chair, Mark Labhart, Tillamook County Commissioner and Ron Puzey, Clatskanie City Councilor

Attachments

- Board List
- Charter
- Bylaws

NWACT Website—NWOregon.org/NWACT