

NW Oregon Area Commission on Transportation

November 9, 2017
Clatsop Community College
Seaside, OR

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

Bill Baertlein—Tillamook County Commission
Mike Borresen—Washington Co Citizen-at-Large

Vicki Borst—Elsie Vinemaple RFPD
Bob Brajcich—City of Clatskanie
Sharon Bregank-Candau—City of Gaston
Mark Buffington—ODOT
Stevie Burden—City of Wheeler
Bill Carpenter—Clatsop Co Citizen-at-Large
Nathan Crater—City of Astoria
Tony Hall—City Gaston
Jeff Harrington—City of Astoria
Jeff Hazen—Sunset Empire Transportation Dist
Henry Heimuller—Columbia County Commission

Bill Jablonski—ODOT
Michelle Jenck—Tillamook Co Citizen-At-Large
Diane Jette—Elsie Vinemaple RFPD
Marsha Kirk—City of Banks
Kathy Kleczek—Sunset Empire Transportation Dist
Jim Knight—Port of Astoria
Matt Lawyer—ODOT Aviation
Excused: Doug Hayes, Senator Johnson

Rosemary Lohrke—Columbia Co Citizen-at-Large
Patrick McIntire—Tillamook County At Large
Tom Messenger—Pacific City Resident
Dale McDowell—City of Seaside
LD Mock—Local resident
Lisa Nell—ODOT Region 2
Michael Ray—Columbia County Rider
Amanda Salyer—ODOT ARTS program
John Serra—Congressman Kurt Schrader's Office
Christie Schreckengost--ODOT
Ken Shonkwiler—ODOT
Frank Spence—Port of Astoria
Gary Stockhoff—Washington County
Dave Sukau—City of Scappoose
Jerry Taylor—City of Manzanita
Lianne Thompson—Clatsop County Commission
Dave True—City of Clatskanie
Suzanne Weber—City of Tillamook
Paul Wyntergreen—City of Tillamook
Jim Young—Port of Tillamook Bay

1. Welcome and Introductions—Chair Heimuller opened the meeting. Members and stakeholders introduced themselves.
2. NWACT Minutes and Updates
 - Approval of September 14, 2017 Minutes—Approved unanimously. (SW/LT).
 - Public Comment
 - Diane Jette and Vicki Borst—Thanked ODOT and Lisa Nell, in particular, for their support getting a new flashing yellow warning signal letting drivers know in advance that a fire truck/emergency vehicle could be pulling out, just around the corner at Elsie along Hwy 26.
 - Leo Mock—Local resident spoke to his vision for a new highway route across the Columbia River, from Cornelius Pass Road at Hwy 30 east across the river I-5 in Washington. Goals of the crossing would be to build and complete a beltway around Portland as close into the metropolitan area as possible, improve interstate commerce and travel safety, improve movement of hazardous waste, and through a route that would have the least amount of disturbance to the local communities and environment. He has met with Ken Shonkwiler.
 - Region 2 ODOT Update—October OTC 2021—2024 STIP Workshop. Henry and Lisa were both there. ACT Chairs, MPOs, and multi-modal forms of transportation met with the OTC. Reviewed three difference scenarios, ranging from \$124 million—\$0 for enhance funding. Stakeholders encouraged a balance between enhance and preservation. Also discussed McKenzie Report and roles and responsibilities within ODOT. Developing a Business Strategy. Looking for more accountability on projects that are implemented with ODOT funding. Also,

options for project collaboration. Staffing: Still recruiting a Construction Project Manager, Project Manager to replace Bill Jablonski, and an assistant Project Manager.

- Clatsop County Transportation—Thanks to Michael Summers for helping out Columbia County as they interviewed for a new Road Master.

3. District Maintenance—Winter Update

Mike Buffington—Expect the same type of weather this winter as had last year. Hwy 53 slide fixed, as well as 3 slides on Hwy 47 around Mist. Last year had a lot of snow and ice. During inclement weather, will run 2 shifts, so most of the day covered. Watch the weather websites and try to predict what the weather is going to do. By December 1, will have night shift starting, and working as dictated by the weather, eg, laying down de-icing. Little bit of science and a lot of guesswork as to what the weather is going to do. Can't use de-icer if there's a good chance of rain, because it will be washed away. Important for people to drive carefully, watch driving conditions. Can get high water, downed limbs. Potholes worse in the winter. Handed out ODOT's Callout and Response Information Sheet, with contact names and numbers. ODOT prioritizes Oregon's major freight routes for support in times of serious weather events, which tends to be mostly in the Willamette Valley, may pull maintenance out of NW Oregon. ODOT also prioritizes maintenance activities, plowing and scraping, de-icing and sand. Not likely to do any salting of the roads in the area.

Concern was raised again about the high water on Hwy 101 south of Seaside. Important to have warnings out particularly after dark, with a lot of out-of-area visitor travel. Tillamook County has a very efficient emergency management notification system that ODOT could plug into.

Wheeler—thank you for new culvert and for fixing Hwy 53.

4. ODOT All Roads Traffic Safety (ARTS) Program

Amanda Salyer presented. Responsible for improving safety on Oregon's roads. Crashes tend to occur 49% on State highways, 27% on city roads, 24% on county roads. Priority is to reduce fatalities and serious injuries. Based on fatalities, not on frequency of crashes. Emphasis is on public roads. Requires performance-based measures. Fatal and serious injury crashes per Vehicle Mile Traveled (VMT). Number of fatalities and serious injuries. Maintain emphasis on data-driven approaches. Benefit cost analysis. Higher benefit cost, the more competitive a project. Bike/Ped looks more at road characteristics because severity of crashes is so much higher. Data all comes from DMV reported crashes.

Program is being overseen by ODOT regions, rather than centrally managed. Engage local agencies in the project selection process. Solution Areas: 1) Systemic (50%), eg, intersections, roadway departures, bike/ped lanes, signage, lights, beacons. 2) Hot spot (50%) \$35 million for 3 year period. Region 2 averages about 34% of total funding. Winter application submittals, with a Spring 2018 Project. Amanda will send website information to Mary.

Local projects—8th and Commercial intersection in Astoria. Perkins Lane off Ft Stevens improvement. In Columbia County have done some tree removals.

5. Critical Oregon Airport Relief COAR Applications

Matt Lawyer presented. Three statutory tiers/priorities: 1) FAA match, 2) Safety and Infrastructure development 3) Economic development. Match requirements highest for Tier 1. Regions rank their projects by end of the 2017. Then ODOT does an internal technical jurisdictional blind review, and sends the applications on to the Statewide Aviation Review Committee, which Jim Knight chairs. This biennium, NW Oregon has 8 applications, out of 59 applications statewide. Only have \$1.5 million annually in funding and received over \$2 million in Tier 1 projects applications. Criteria: Includes readiness to proceed and life of the project. Looking forward, would like to include resiliency. Looking potentially at a statewide airport resiliency plan, if there is enough seismic funding. Eg, will coastal airports be refugee airports getting people out/in. Last year funded all FAA applications. This year, won't be able to do that. Without ConnectOregon funds to use as match, difficult to get the FAA funding.

Jim Knight—All good applications. First time for Seaside, two good applications. NWACT Sub-Committee, comprised of Jim, Doug Hayes and Michele Bradley, recommend all the projects. Without enough funding to fund beyond the Type 1 projects, the applications weren't ranked. (JK/LT)

6. NWACT 2018 Officer Nominating Committee

- NWACT 2018 Officer Nominating Committee—Kathy Kleczek communicated that the Nominating Committee was proposing the current NWACT officers as the slate for next year: Henry Heimuller, Chair; Lianne Thompson, Vice-Chair, and Suzanne Weber, Second Vice-Chair.
- NWACT Biennial Report—Mary provided an updated report. The Oregon Transportation Commission will be meeting in Astoria next July, so NWACT members decided to table the report until the OTC comes to NW Oregon next Summer.

7. Member Updates

- Gaston—Couple of transportation issues. Safe route to schools along Hwy 47. Spot open for small city representative in western WA.

Recorded: Mary McArthur, Staff

Henry Heimuller, Chair