



Lane Area Commission on Transportation
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Agenda

July 12, 2023 – 5:30 to 7:30 PM

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Meeting highlights

- LaneACT member priority needs
- Review June 26 meeting with ACT and modal committee chairs

Notes:

- *Times listed are approximate. Items may be considered at any time or in any order at the discretion of the Chair and members of the Commission in order to conduct business efficiently. Individuals interested in a particular item are advised to arrive at the start of the meeting.*
- *Included in this agenda packet are attachments relating to some of the agenda items. Page numbers are provided [in brackets] on the agenda indicating the location of the attachments.*

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| 1. | Call to order (welcome and introductions) Quorum = 14 | 5:30 |
| 2. | Review agenda (additions or deletions) | 5:35 |
| 3. | Consent items (quorum required) | 5:40 |
| | <i>The following items are considered routine and will be enacted in one action by consensus, without any discussion. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.</i> | |
| | a. Approve minutes from June 14 meeting [page 3] | |
| | b. Appoint LaneACT environmental & land use representatives [page 10] | |
| 4. | Comments from the audience | 5:45 |
| | <i>The LaneACT Chair will ask if there are any comments. Please state your name and address.</i> | |
| 5. | Announcements and information sharing (please be brief) | 5:50 |
| | a. ODOT update | |
| | b. Central Lane Metropolitan Policy Committee update [page 13] | |

(Announcements and information sharing – continued)

- c. Legislative update – see attachment [page 17]
- d. Member updates – all

6. LaneACT member priority needs – update 6:10

Summary: Members are asked to provide an update on their progress in identifying their priority needs, for the purpose of developing a list of investment policy and project funding priorities for the LaneACT area.

Facilitator: Rob Zako – LaneACT Vice-Chair

Attachment: Summary memo [page 20]

7. ODOT meeting with ACT and modal advisory committee chairs 6:40

Summary: The LaneACT Steering Committee will summarize and discuss with the other members the meeting they attended on June 29 in Salem.

Presenters: Shelley Humble – LaneACT Chair, Rob Zako – LaneACT Vice-Chair, Vidal Francis – ODOT Area 5 Manager

Attachment: Summary memo [page 21]

8. August LaneACT meeting in Florence 7:10

Summary: Identify topics and potential sites of interest for Florence Tour.

Presenter: Bill Johnston – LaneACT staff

Attachment: Summary memo [page 23]

Additional attachments (for information only)

- Calendar of future topics [page 24]
- LaneACT member roster (April 2023) [page 25]

Upcoming meetings

- August 9 – LaneACT special in-person meeting in Florence (4:00 to 7:30 PM)
Visit project sites from 4:00 to 5:15. Regular meeting from 5:30 to 7:30
- August 18 – Steering Committee (11:00 to noon)
- September 13 – LaneACT (5:30 to 7:30 PM)
- September 22 – Steering Committee (11:00 to noon)

Meeting materials are posted at www.LaneACT.org prior to each meeting. To be included on the email notification list, please contact Bill Johnston at bill.w.johnston@odot.oregon.gov or 541-747-1354.

JUNE 2023 -- M I N U T E S

Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LaneACT)
The meeting was held via teleconference

June 14, 2023
5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Shelley Humble, Other Stakeholder, Chair
Rob Zako, Environmental Land Use Designated Stakeholder, Vice Chair
Cathy Engebretson for John Fox, Coburg
Mike Fleck, Cottage Grove
Shelly Clark, Creswell
Jamie Mills, Dune City
Lucy Vinis, Eugene
Sidney Washburne, Junction City
Don Bennett, Lowell
Brian Cutchen, Oakridge
Keith Weiss, Veneta
Tom Schwetz for Heather Murphy, Lane Transit District (LTD)
Vidal Francis, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)
Paul Thompson, Central Lane Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Garrett Grey, Confederated Tribes
Megan Shull, Bicycle & Pedestrian Designated Stakeholder
Eugene Organ, Other Stakeholder.

ABSENT: Florence, Springfield, Westfir; Lane County; Lane County Transportation Advisory Committee (LC TrAC); Highway 126 East; and Port of Siuslaw.

OTHERS: Lee Beyer, Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC); Mark Bernard, Bill Johnston, Naomi Zwerdling, ODOT; Becky Taylor, Lane County; Curtis Thomas, City of Creswell; Matt Michel, City of Veneta; Denise Walters, Lane Council of Governments (LCOG); and Anais Mathez, 3J Consulting.

1. Call to Order (Welcome and Introductions)

Chair Shelley Humble called the Lane Area Commission on Transportation (LaneACT) meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. She suggested doing Introductions as part of Member Announcements.

2. Review Agenda – Additions or Deletions

Mr. Zako asked to add to the agenda “Items for the next meeting”.

3. Consent Agenda

Ms. Humble noted an error on Page 3, second paragraph: “proposalts” should be “proposals”.

- **Approve Minutes from May 10, 2023 meeting.**

Consensus: Approve the Minutes from the LaneACT May 10, 2023 meeting as corrected.

4. Comments from the Audience

No one wished to address the LaneACT members.

5. Announcements and Information Sharing

- **ODOT Update**

Mr. Francis explained the change in who staffed LaneACT was driven by a desire to consolidate contracts at ODOT. He noted work had begun on the 2027-2030 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). ODOT staff was working on ways to improve public input.

- **Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) Update**

Mr. Thompson highlighted at the June MPC meeting they received an update on the MPO Public Participation Plan and discussed data needed for updating the Regional Transportation Plan. He explained staff had met with representatives from the United States Department of Transportation and ODOT to review the performance of the MPO, part of the certification process that occurred every four years. Mr. Johnston added one item raised was outreach to the tribes and the response had included their participation in LaneACT.

- **Legislative Update**

Mr. Thompson discussed the impact of the inability to reach quorum in the Senate. There had been no votes taken in the Senate. Mr. Zako added two transportation bills had been signed by the Governor: House Bill 2095 (expanded use of radar cameras and ways to lower speed limits) and Senate Bill 895 (created new provisions for the offense of passing in a no passing zone).

Mr. Beyer observed there were negotiations happening among the Senate members, just not on the floor of the chamber. He highlighted two items important to the OTC awaiting action were state funding for the I-5 bridge (required to get federal funding) and confirmation of two new OTC Commissioners.

- **Other Member Updates**

Ms. Humble asked LaneACT members to give their name, jurisdiction, and something coming up in their jurisdiction during the summer months.

Councilor Washburne thanked Mr. Francis for ODOT staff completing the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) projects in Junction City. He said the Junction 4 Junction event was well attended.

City of Creswell Councilor Clark, thinking of upcoming camping adventures, expressed her appreciation for how well rural roads were maintained enabling great travel experiences.

Councilor Fleck said the City of Cottage Grove had created an ad hoc committee looking at street funding. He expressed concern that their pavement condition index had dropped and they needed to fill a \$1 million a year funding gap.

Ms. Shull, Bicycle and Pedestrian Designated Stakeholder alternative representative, planned to spend the summer months exploring bicycle and transit options available in rural Lane County.

OTC Commissioner Beyer announced he had been assigned to be the OTC liaison to LaneACT.

Councilor Engebretson discussed a resurfacing project for Industrial Way in the City of Coburg. She highlighted it included a separated bicycle/pedestrian path.

Mr. Francis described a forest road bicycling trip he had taken between Cottage Grove to Oakridge. He appreciated the bicycle wayfinding signage installed by Lane County.

Mayor Weiss, City of Veneta, relayed he had invited Senator Manning to attend a recent Council meeting. After Mayor Weiss reported on LaneACT's Priority Needs project, Senator Manning requested more information on the projects identified.

Mayor Vinis noted it was road repair season for the City of Eugene. She highlighted 8th Avenue Streetscape project from Lincoln to Mill, including the Market Pavilion and Park Blocks.

Mr. Schwetz, LTD Mobility and Planning Manager, said LTD staff was embarking on a number of planning projects, including "Reimagining the Ride", in order to best serve the County.

Rob Zako, Better Eugene Springfield Transportation (BEST), said he planned to take a bike trek on the McKenzie Pass. He announced his term expired at the end of the month. He had submitted an application to be reappointed.

Mayor Bennett, City of Lowell, noted the rowing competition season was ending. He listed a number of events on nearby Dexter Lake.

Mr. Michel, Veneta City Administrator, talked about a newly discovered feature on the bicycle he uses for commuting.

Mr. Johnston, ODOT Transportation Planner, shared he had recently returned from a trip to Washington, D.C. He was impressed with the Metro public transit system and the tolling system used in the metro area and Virginia.

Eugene Organ said after overcoming a number of health issues, he was thrilled to be alive and returning to LaneACT.

Ms. Taylor, Lane County Senior Transportation Planner, described an Association of Oregon Counties pilot program enabling counties to designate safety corridors. Lane County had designated London Road as a safety corridor. She was pleased to say there had been no fatal crashes since the signage had been installed. They had extended the designation one more year.

Mayor Cutchen invited everyone to come to Oakridge for the Oregon Trail Gravel Grinder (a mountain bike event) June 22-24, 2024 and the Bus Fair (featuring “skoolies”, i.e., school buses refurbished as campers) on June 24-25, 2024.

Mr. Thompson announced the June meeting was the last one for which LCOG would staff LaneACT. He recognized and thanked Ms. Walters for her support of the Commission.

Ms. Mathez, 3J Consulting, announced she was hired by ODOT to facilitate the LaneACT Steering Committee and LaneACT meetings.

Mr. Grey, Confederated Tribes Planner, said an important activity during the summer was providing transportation for tribal youth to attend summer culture camps.

Mr. Bernard, ODOT Region 2 Principal Planner, said he was working on getting a Goal 18 exception from the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCDD) for the slide area at Beverly Beach/Highway 101.

Mr. Thomas, Creswell Planner, highlighted the upcoming Fourth of July parade in Creswell. He added the Planning Commission was scheduled to review an application from Taco Bell.

Ms. Humble explained Creswell normally had an influx of 10,000 people for the Fourth of July. She described a number of events at the Creswell Airport, including flyovers.

Ms. Humble and Mr. Zako also thanked Ms. Walters for her work staffing LaneACT. In return, Ms. Walters thanked LaneACT members for their participation on the Commission. She added the August meeting would be held in Florence.

Later in the meeting, Jamie Mills, Dunes City City Recorder, discussed their work on adding a bicycle/pedestrian trail to connect areas of the city that currently require people traverse Highway 101.

6. LaneACT Chairs' Meeting with the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC)

Ms. Humble referred to the upcoming June 29, 2023 OTC meeting with ACT chairs. She referenced the material in the agenda packet and noted the letter submitted in March 2021 was still relevant. She reviewed the key points and asked if there were additional topics that members wanted to raise.

Mr. Zako noted the transitions in membership occurring at the OTC. He recognized Commissioner Beyer's newly appointed role as liaison to LaneACT as progress in improving communication between the two groups.

Mr. Francis emphasized communication was a two-way street. It was also imperative the OTC knows what's important to LaneACT members.

When Mr. Zako asked if the agenda for the meeting had been set, Mr. Francis said he hadn't received anything yet but would share it when it became available. Mr. Zako expressed hope the agenda would be available for the upcoming Steering Committee meeting.

Ms. Humble encouraged members to email any additional ideas to Ms. Walters.

7. LaneACT Member Priority Needs Update

Mr. Zako requested each LaneACT member share how they planned to identify their priority needs. He added the Steering Committee was targeting the September LaneACT meeting for staff to present the compiled list.

Mr. Zako, the environmental land use dedicated stakeholder, said he planned to convene a Zoom meeting with representatives from BEST, Better Housing Together, and Friends of Oregon to identify their priority needs.

Mayor Cutchen explained the Oakridge City Council had delegated the task to the Parks and Community Services Committee. They reviewed their community paths and transportation plans and had identified a cross-section of projects, including Highway 58 safety improvements, railroad noise abatement, and pedestrian/bicycle projects.

Councilor Engebretson said a priority for the City of Coburg was improvements to the bridge over Interstate-5. It needed to better serve the proposed light industrial area and be made safer for alternative modes.

Mayor Weiss described how he worked with Veneta's City Administrator to identify a list of projects. They were now narrowing the list of fifteen projects to the top three.

Ms. Shull discussed a survey Ms. Mazze and she had developed. They had sent it to a number of individuals and groups and offered to distribute it to others, especially representatives of smaller

communities. They were also reviewing jurisdictions' Transportation System Plans (TSPs) and long-range bike plans.

Mayor Vinis said the priority projects for the City of Eugene were the Beltline arterial bridge, Franklin Boulevard, re-engaging the Moving Ahead project with LTD, and retrofitting/rebuilding bridges to withstand a Cascadia event.

Councilor Clark relayed she worked with Creswell's Mayor to expand the charge of their Transportation and Public Works Committee. Their recommendation on the priority projects would be forwarded to the City Council for concurrence. She anticipated a top priority would be the "jog" in Creswell. Councilor Clark shared Creswell had not been awarded a Great Streets grant to mitigate the problem.

Mr. Schwetz identified three areas of need for LTD: replacement, maintenance, and expansion of the bus fleet; technology improvements; and preservation of fixed assets. He also stressed the importance of jurisdictions' planning processes to encourage density along identified corridors.

Councilor Fleck had asked Cottage Grove's Public Works and Community Development Manager Faye Stewart to identify their priority projects.

Mr. Francis said ODOT's priorities were Beltline improvements, Highway 126 Veneta-Eugene, Highway 126 East (implementing the recommendation from the safety study), and Highway 58 at Oakridge.

Ms. Walters reminded people priorities could be programming changes in addition to capital projects. She cited improved driver education for young people as an example.

Mr. Thompson pointed out stabilizing the state revenue stream for transportation was important for all jurisdictions.

Ms. Walters posted Eugene Organ's priorities via [the Zoom chat](#).

8. Lane County Community Powered Bicycle Projects

Becky Taylor, Lane County Senior Transportation Planner, gave a Powerpoint presentation entitled *Community Powered Bicycle Projects*. She said Lane County had received grant funding from the LCDC to conduct a survey via direct mail survey (with incentives) and hold stakeholder interviews to learn more from rural residents about their experiences on County roads and to identify potential equity issues. Lane County staff planned to use the results to help prioritize projects in the Lane County Bicycle Master Plan. Ms. Taylor explained a key finding in the stakeholder interviews was that increased housing costs were forcing people to move further away from metro areas and rural areas didn't support alternative modes as well.

Ms. Taylor reported 3,625 people responded to the survey, of which 661 were from Florence. She discussed the survey results by community and equity components. Respondents indicated

if they were currently walking/biking on County roads, how frequently, and for what purpose. She noted that although recreation was the most common reason cited, for low-income households the reason was to meet basic needs, e.g., get groceries. Many people identified safety concerns, dominated by narrow road shoulders and driver behavior (for example, speeding). Drivers also raised safety issues when needing to share narrow roads. Ms. Taylor summarized safety concerns limited bicycle and pedestrian use on rural Lane County roads. People indicated they would use alternative modes more if there was a greater separation from vehicle traffic. Ms. Taylor reviewed the demographics of the respondents and outlined next steps. She offered to share infographics for each community when they were available.

Mr. Johnston added ODOT maintenance safety committees also addressed alternative modes. He reminded people it was summer bicycle season.

9. Items for the Next Meeting

Mr. Zako suggested topics for the July LaneACT meeting: wrap up of the legislative session; debrief of the all ACT meeting with OTC; and, check-in on members' Priority Needs.

10. Adjournment

Ms. Humble thanked LaneACT members for their participation. She reminded them the next Steering Committee meeting was scheduled for Friday, June 23, 2023, and the July LaneACT meeting was to be held on July 12, 2023. Ms. Humble adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

(Recorded by Beth Bridges)



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Agenda Item 3.b (consent)

Appoint LaneACT environmental & land use representatives

Presenter (if this item is pulled from the consent agenda for full discussion)

Bill Johnston – LaneACT staff

Action requested

Decide whether to reappoint Rob Zako as the LaneACT environmental & land use representative and appoint Brett Morgan as the alternate. The LaneACT may either (1) consider the appointments together in a single motion, or (2) consider them separately. Approving this as a consent item will result in appointing both representatives.

Summary

Rob Zako has been serving as the LaneACT environmental & land use representative. This is one of the four *Designated Stakeholder* positions described in the LaneACT Bylaws.

Mr. Zako's second 4-year term expired at the end of June. He has indicated to the Steering Committee that he would like to continue to serve. In order for him to continue, the LaneACT needs to reappoint him to a another 4-year term.

Mr. Zako is proposing that Brett Morgan be designated as his alternate. The alternate position is currently vacant. (Alexis Biddle previously served as the alternate.)

According to the LaneACT Bylaws, Section IV.B, the "LaneACT may appoint an alternate member for each Designated or Other Stakeholder primary member, or may authorize an organization with which the primary member is affiliated to designate an alternate member." This means that the LaneACT may either (1) appoint Mr. Zako and Mr. Morgan together, with a single motion and affirmative vote, or (2) appoint them separately.

Attached is the application Mr. Morgan provided to the LaneACT Steering Committee for consideration. Note that Mr. Morgan works for 1000 Friends of Oregon, which is a respected but somewhat controversial special interest group that advocates for land use, transportation, and environmental regulation. They frequently appeal local land use decisions. Note also that Mr. Morgan lives in Portland.

Neither of these affiliations disqualify Mr. Morgan from being appointed as an alternate. LaneACT staff is simply bringing this to the attention of the LaneACT for their consideration.

Attachments

Application from Brett Morgan to serve as LaneACT environmental & land use alternate



Applicant Criteria

1. Be able to attend monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. primarily in Springfield but at times at alternate locations;
2. Be willing to serve an up to 4-year term; and
3. Live in Lane County OR represent a business or organization that operates in Lane County.

Name:			
Residential/Business Address:			
	Street	City	Zip
Mailing Address:			
	Street	City	Zip
Home Telephone:		Work Telephone:	
FAX:		E-Mail:	
Employment:			

The LaneACT is recruiting for the following positions:

- Environmental/Land Use program alternate.

Stakeholders will be appointed to 4-year terms and may be reappointed to subsequent 4-year terms by LaneACT.

(OVER)

Please answer the following questions. Attach additional pages if necessary.

1. **Please describe how your background, training and experience prepare you to represent the appropriate stakeholder position(s).** Include employment, educational, vocational and skill training, degrees and certifications, licenses, participation on boards and committees, memberships, life experience, etc.

2. **If you are a member of an organization representing the appropriate stakeholder position(s), and/or if you have received an endorsement to serve on LaneACT from such an organization, please describe your membership(s) and/or endorsement(s).**

3. **Please provide any additional information about yourself which will help LaneACT select you.**

In addition to answering the above questions, you may attach a resumé to provide additional information about yourself if you wish.

Thank you for applying to be a LaneACT Stakeholder!

Demographic Information (Optional):

The LaneACT collects information on race, ethnicity, national origin, and gender of applicants to the Commission to ensure the inclusion of all segments of the population affected by LaneACT. You have the option of providing this information. You may apply and be selected to be a LaneACT Stakeholder even if you do not wish to provide this information.

Gender					Number of Persons in Your Household									
Annual Household Income:														
<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than \$25,000	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25,000-\$44,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$45,000-\$74,999	<input type="checkbox"/>	More than \$75,000							
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Senior	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Youth	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	African American	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/>	American Indian/Alaskan Native				<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander			<input type="checkbox"/>	Multiracial	<input type="checkbox"/>	White	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other					

Please Return Your Completed Application to:

Mail:
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MINUTES

Metropolitan Policy Committee Virtual Meeting via Zoom

June 1, 2023

11:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Steve Moe, Chair; Sean VanGordon (City of Springfield); Randy Groves (City of Eugene); Pat Farr (Lane County); Nancy Bell (City of Coburg); Kelly Sutherland, Susan Cox (Lane Transit District); Vidal Francis (Oregon Department of Transportation), members; Tom Schwetz for Jameson Auten (Lane Transit District), Anne Heath (City of Coburg), *ex officio* member.

Paul Thompson, Dan Callister, Kelly Clarke, Delaney Thompson, Drew Pfefferle, Kate Wilson (Lane Council of Governments); Rob Inerfeld, Jenifer Willer (City of Eugene); Sandy Belson (City of Springfield); John Marshall (City of Coburg), Bill Johnston, Mark Barnard (Oregon Department of Transportation), Dan Hurley, Sasha Vartanian (Lane County); Andrew Martin, Jeramy Card (Lane Transit District); Neil Moyer (Metro TV), Rob Zako (Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation).

WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Moe convened the meeting of the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) and a quorum was established.

APPROVE May 4, 2023, MPC MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Groves, seconded by Mr. Farr, moved to approve the May 4, 2023, meeting minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously, 8:0.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MPC MEMBERS

There were no adjustments or announcements.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Rob Zako, Better Eugene-Springfield Transportation (BEST), spoke to the Public Participation Plan (PPP). He said the International Association of Public Participation had a graphic of public participation that identified the steps of inform, consult, involve, collaborate and empower. He said the key was to right-size how the public was involved in various types of decisions. As elected representatives, MPC members did not want to empower the public to make decisions for them, but did want to inform the community. It was important to identify situations in which the MPC was the decision-maker and those in which it was ratifying decisions made by other bodies. At a minimum the MPO should be a clearinghouse of information for the public. BEST would be looking at the PPP to determine whether the public was being informed in a robust way about projects, including which body made decisions, the purpose of the project and cost, and the intended outcomes.

AMENDMENT TO THE METROPOLITAN POLICY COMMITTEE BYLAWS

Mr. Thompson provided an overview of the Climate-Friendly and Equitable Community (CFEC) rules that required the MPO to adopt a scenario plan and establish a governance structure. The MPC was determined to be an appropriate body for that purpose in its role to address metropolitan transportation issues. However, current bylaws did not include the City of Coburg in that function. At the May meeting the MPC had indicated that it supported being the CFEC governance structure and including Coburg in the

metropolitan transportation function of the MPC. A copy of the draft amended bylaws to accomplish those two things was included in the agenda materials and it would need to be published for a 30-day public comment period and provided to the governing bodies and chief administrative officers of all relevant jurisdictions. He asked approval to publish notice of the amendment, which would be formally approved at a future meeting.

Mr. Moe determined there was consensus to publish the proposed amendment and provide copies to governing bodies and administrative officers.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) ISSUES

Central Lane MPO Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Overview of Contents, Implementation, and Update Schedule

Mr. Thompson explained that an overview of the RTP was being provided because about half of the MPC were new members and it was an appropriate time to provide a refresher in the direction of the next update. He noted a link to the RTP was provided in the agenda materials.

Ms. Clarke said the RTP was both a federal requirement and provided regional benefit. The RTP assured that the MPO implement national planning goals at the regional level, met air quality conformity determination requirements and was a requisite for receiving federal funding. The plan was updated every four years. Regional benefits included a cooperative, continuous and comprehensive framework for making transportation investment decisions.

Ms. Clarks provided a brief description of the plan components:

Chapter 1 - Setting the stage: identified the MPO's role in the region, identified other plans that informed the RTP and project list, summarized the public engagement process for the update, and provided a base multi-modal inventory of the regional transportation network.

Chapter 2 - Goals, objectives and performance measures: those were not prioritized or weighted and instead considered to be equally important. Both federal and regional performance measures and targets were included. MPOs were required to have a performance-based planning and programming framework.

Chapter 3 - Regional assessment: population demographics, employment centers, key destinations, commute patterns, miles traveled, mode share and safety data.

Chapter 4 - Financial framework: identified all potential sources of funding from federal, state and local sources.

Chapter 5 - Regional projects, programs, plans and strategies.

Chapter 6 - Measuring plan outcomes: local performance measures establish a baseline to understand where the region currently is and where it wanted to be. The next update would include scenarios that would help determine which actions met intent and which did not.

Chapter 7 - Future of the region: evolving impacts and ongoing work.

Ms. Clarke said the upcoming RTP update was due January 2026 and staff was gearing up for preliminary

work, which would begin in January 2024.

In response to a question from Mr. Groves, Ms. Clarke said she would provide MPC members with a link to the MPO's data portal.

Ms. Bell asked what the expected impact of Goal 2 would be on Coburg. She said Coburg's main street was a heavy freight route. The city had expanded its urban growth boundary to include 120 acres of light industrial land and there would be limited trips per day when that area was fully developed. She requested the answer offline.

Mr. VanGordon observed that as the update process moved forward and became more complicated with more requirements, more detail and complexity would move the dial. He also said that data was lacking from a transportation system perspective, particularly with respect to safety data that tended to expire and be inconsistent. He felt ODOT should take responsibility for providing current and accurate data and remove the onus off local councils of government for providing that.

Mr. Thompson said staff could provide a presentation on the data portal in the fall, including limitations on safety data. He agreed with Mr. VanGordon's remarks on the timeliness and consistency on safety data and complexity of the RTP. He said in two weeks there would be the quadrennial certification review of the MPO with ODOT and the USDOT. That performance review would provide an opportunity to discuss with federal agencies what issues the MPC wanted to focus on during the update. Staff would have that discussion with the MPC at a future meeting.

Mr. Francis stated that he was willing to assist the MPO in obtaining the safety data it needed. He would also discuss offline the status of the Coburg bridge project with Ms. Bell. He said ODOT was still seeking funding for the project.

Mr. VanGordon welcomed the opportunity for further discussions with Mr. Francis regarding safety data. He said it was not necessarily a specific data set that was needed, but more broadly consistent access to safety data that was duplicatable across the communities; it was currently a very confusing to access information.

Mr. Groves echoed Mr. VanGordon's comments on the need for consistent, accurate data in order to determine trends by comparing current and historical information.

Public Participation Plan (PPP) Update

Mr. Callister presented an overview of the PPP, which was adopted in 2015 and needed to be updated. A link to the current document was included in the agenda materials. The plan was required by federal regulations in order to define a process for providing interested parties with reasonable opportunities to be involved in the metropolitan transportation planning process. The current plan was composed of three sections: policy elements, providing input, and evaluation. He briefly reviewed each section and a table of public outreach and participation tools and the MPO work products for which they were required. There had been many changes in communication and information sharing since 2015 and the update process would assure the MPO was using the most appropriate tools and strategies. He requested direction from the MPC on the PPP update.

Mr. VanGordon was pleased the plan was being updated. He said current outreach included very technical information about a project or activity. He hoped to see information presented to the public in a way that helped the average citizen understand the big concepts.

Mr. Thompson agreed that a goal should be to simplify and make more accessible and understandable information about when and how the public could engage in decisions, not just at the MPO but at the point where decisions were actually being made at the local level or by ODOT. Often the MPO was simply ratifying those decisions that had already been made by other agencies or governing bodies.

Mr. Francis said that while technology provided greater public access via the internet, there were still people who did not have internet access. He asked if strategies to reach people beyond those typical venues were being considered. Mr. Thompson agreed that was an important issue to consider.

Mr. Farr said while everyone cared about transportation, most people did not attempt to participate in it because it was difficult. Many agencies made things too technical and it became difficult to participate. It was a challenge for agencies to engage the public and elected officials could be helpful through direct contact with constituents to determine what they wanted. He was interested in any ideas to expand outreach.

Follow-up and Next Steps

- **ODOT Update**—Mr. Francis said discussions on the 2027-30 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) were under way and the public involvement process had begun. ODOT would be reaching out to various advisory groups around the state, such as MPOs, to begin a discussion of what the next STIP, its policy direction and funding priorities. He had a presentation that he could present at a future MPC meeting.
- **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Project Changes**—There were no questions.
- **Legislative Update**—Mr. Thompson said there was no report on legislation of interest as the legislature was currently at a standstill, although a work session of the Joint Ways and Means Committee was scheduled on June 2 with 30 bills on the agenda.
- **Next Meeting/Agenda Build**—July 6 Virtual meeting including Metropolitan Cable Commission meeting, August 3 Virtual meeting

Mr. Moe adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

(Recorded by Lynn Taylor)

Transportation Bills that Passed During the 2023 Legislative Session

Compiled by Rob Zako, LaneACT Vice-Chair

When some Oregon Senate Republicans [staged a walkout on May 3](#), there was a chance that few bills would pass this session. But when a compromise was reached to [end the walkout on June 15](#), the Legislature still had 10 days to complete their work. Many good transportation bills did not pass, or even get a hearing. Following are all the bills assigned to the Joint Committee on Transportation and a few others related to transportation that did pass.

SAFETY / SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

[HB 2095](#): Relating to traffic safety. Authorizes all cities to elect to operate photo radar if city pays costs of operating photo radar. Eliminates restriction on number of hours per day photo radar may be used in any one location. Expands authority of city to set designated speed for certain residential streets to speed that is up to 10 miles per hour lower than statutory speed, but not less than 20 miles per hour.

[HB 3014](#) (“Bike Bus Bill”): Relating to approved transportation costs for school districts. Directs State Board of Education to adopt rules that allow for reimbursement of school district expenses incurred for alternative transportation costs.

[HB 3188](#): Relating to highway speeds. Expands Department of Transportation’s authority to allow specified counties, including Marion County, to designate speeds on highways within county’s jurisdiction under certain circumstances.

[SB 895](#) (“Safe Passing Bill”): Relating to the offense of passing in a no passing zone. Modifies offense of passing in no passing zone. Clarifies that term “obstruction” includes person riding bicycle or operating another type of vehicle.

MOTOR VEHICLES

[HB 2100](#): Relating to transportation funding. Increases fees related to driver licenses, driver permits, identification cards and motor vehicles. Provides that registration period for new mopeds and motorcycles is two years instead of four years.

[HB 2289](#): Relating to the percentage of ethanol required in gasoline sold in this state. Updates reference to applicable federal regulation in statute that specifies required percentage of ethanol in gasoline sold or offered for sale in this state.

[HB 3080](#): Relating to motor vehicles. Directs Department of Transportation to adopt rules permitting vehicle dealers or financial institutions to electronically transmit documents necessary to take actions related to vehicle ownership including registering and titling vehicles.

[HB 3550](#): Relating to energy use standards for state agencies. Requires state agency that purchases or leases light-duty vehicle on and after January 1, 2025, to purchase only zero-emission vehicle unless state agency finds that zero-emission vehicle is not feasible for specific use state agency has for light-duty vehicle. Requires Oregon Department of Administrative Services to use biofuels or electricity derived from biofuels in lieu of diesel for facilities or machinery department acquires, designs, erects, completes, maintains or operates as stationary or backup generation for heat and power systems.

[HB 3583](#): Relating to the State Board of Towing. Provides that member of State Board of Towing may be chief of police or county sheriff.

[SB 889](#): Relating to off-road vehicles. Modifies definitions of “Class I all-terrain vehicle” and “Class IV all-terrain vehicle.”

TRANSIT

[HB 3171](#): Relating to peer counseling conducted by mass transit district. Provides for confidentiality of communications made in peer support counseling session conducted by mass transit district.

RAIL

[SB 16](#): Relating to transportation by rail. Clarifies that moneys in State Rail Rehabilitation Fund may be used by Department of Transportation for rail projects.

AIRPORTS & PORTS

[HB 2834](#): Relating to vertiports. Prohibits governing body of local government from granting exclusive right to one operator to develop vertiports or control vertiport operations within local government’s jurisdiction.

[HB 3058](#): Relating to airport infrastructure resilience. Directs Oregon Department of Aviation to conduct study developing plan for strategic investment for airports in this state and to report to appropriate interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than January 1, 2024.

[HB 3382](#): Relating to ports. Allows local government to adopt land use exception to Goal 16 under certain conditions for applications for deep draft navigation channel improvements in Oregon International Port of Coos Bay.

JURISDICTION & FUNDING

[HB 2099](#) (“ODOT Omnibus”): Relating to transportation. Expands eligibility criteria for Safe Routes to School grants. Eliminates minimum cash match for grants. ...

[HB 2101](#): Relating to highways. Directs Department of Transportation each year to allocate moneys to local governments and replace state moneys made available to local governments with federal surface transportation funding on dollar for dollar basis.

[HB 2793](#): Relating to transportation. Establishes Jurisdictional Transfer Advisory Committee within Department of Transportation.

HB 3406: Relating to transportation. Removes tiers, based on length of track or public ownership of railroad, that establish distinction between types of short line railroads for purposes of determining amount of tax credit allowed for rehabilitation of short line railroad. ... Directs Oregon Department of Administrative Services to prepare and submit report that includes analysis of at least three most recent reported highway cost allocation studies and provide results to Joint Committee on Transportation no later than September 15, 2024.

HB 5005: Relating to state financial administration. Authorizes general obligation bonding for Interstate 5 bridge replacement project for future biennia. ...

HB 5040: Relating to the financial administration of the Department of Transportation. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Transportation for certain biennial expenses.

SB 5506 (“Christmas Tree Bill”): Relating to state financial administration. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to specified state agencies for biennial expenses (including \$2,690,922 million to DLCD to assist local governments implement Climate-Friendly & Equitable Communities rules, see §148). ...



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Agenda Item 6

LaneACT member priority needs

Presenter

Rob Zako – LaneACT Vice-Chair

Action requested

No action required. This is an informal discussion. LaneACT members are asked to provide an update on their efforts to identify their priority needs.

Previous discussions

The LaneACT Steering Committee has asked LaneACT members to identify the priority needs for their jurisdiction or area of special interest. LaneACT staff will be compiling the lists from each member into a larger list of investment policy and project funding priorities for the LaneACT area.

This topic was first discussed at the April LaneACT meeting. Continued discussions have occurred at every meeting since then. Refer to the previous agenda packets for additional background information.

Attachments

none



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Agenda Item 7

ODOT meeting with ACT and modal advisory committee chairs

Presenters

Shelley Humble – LaneACT Chair

Rob Zako – LaneACT Vice-Chair

Vidal Francis – ODOT Area 5 Manager

Action requested

No action required. The presenters will summarize and discuss the meeting that took place on June 29.

Summary

ODOT hosted a special meeting Salem on June 29 at the Keizer Community Center. Chairs and vice-chairs from all the ACTs were invited. Also invited were the chairs of all the modal advisory committees.

There are a number of modal committees that advise ODOT and the OTC on mode-specific topics. A few examples include the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Public Transportation Advisory Committee, and the Freight Advisory Committee. Some committees are appointed by the Governor, some are appointed by the Legislature, and some are appointed by ODOT.

Julie Brown – Oregon Transportation Commission Chair, and Lee Beyer – OTC Vice Chair, participated in the meeting. So did Kris Strickler – ODOT Director. The meeting was facilitated by Amanda Peitz – Policy, Data & Analysis Division (PDAD) Administrator. Attached is the meeting agenda.

The LaneACT was represented by Shelley Humble, Rob Zako, and Vidal Francis. At the July 12 LaneACT meeting, they will provide a summary of the meeting and respond to questions and comments.

Attachment

Agenda from June 29 meeting in Salem

Oregon ACT and Modal Advisory Committee Chairs' Meeting

Meeting Agenda June 29, 2023

Physical Meeting Location: Keizer Community Center

If necessary, please contact OTCadmin@odot.oregon.gov for Zoom option by June 22, 2023.

9:00 AM – 2:30 PM			
Time	Order	Title	Agenda Items
9:00 am		Check in	Check in and networking time
9:30 AM	A)	Welcome and introductions	Welcome, introductions, meeting purpose and goals (20 mins., PDAD Administrator Amanda Pietz / all)
9:50 AM	B)	Director's Message/ Legislative Debrief	A presentation on the state of transportation, funding and budget ODOT Director Kris Strickler) A summary of legislative actions and implications. Assistant Director for Government and External Relations Lindsay Baker)
10:10 AM	(C)	OTC Updates	OTC Updates- Chair Brown and Vice Chair Beyer (20 minutes)
10:30 AM		BREAK	(15 mins)
10:45 AM	D)	ACT and Modal Committee Priorities	Introductions (5 mins) Table-top conversations about Work Plans and what committees have set and considering (35 mins) Report out (20 mins.) (Amanda Pietz / all)
11:45 PM	F)	Lunch and Mingle	Gather lunches and return to tables for continuation of the meeting (30 mins)
12:15 PM	G)	OTP / SAP	A summary of new OTP and upcoming SAP. Presentation (20 mins) Feedback on Implementation and Agency Priorities (25 mins., Amanda Pietz / all)
1:00 PM	(H)	Feedback Roundtable	Hear from Chairs on input to the OTC and/or ODOT not already expressed during the meeting. Amanda Pietz / all 85 mins)
2:25 PM	(I)	Closing Remarks	Meeting wrap-up (5 mins., Amanda Pietz)



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Agenda Item 8

August LaneACT meeting in Florence

Presenters

(1) Bill Johnston – LaneACT staff; (2) Mike Miller – City of Florence Public Works Director

Action requested

No formal action required. Provide direction to staff.

Summary

In 2018, the LaneACT held a meeting in Florence. This was an experiment to see if it was feasible to conduct a LaneACT meeting in an outlying community. Prior to the pandemic, when the LaneACT began meeting virtually, all meetings were held at the ODOT office in Springfield.

The meeting was successful. However, it required a significant amount of extra staff effort. The LaneACT Steering Committee decided not to make this a regular practice. That is, holding meetings in different locations.

The one exception was Florence. The Steering Committee decided it would be willing to meet in Florence again. It's an attractive destination, and the City was willing to help with many of the special arrangements. This included providing a large meeting room at the Florence Events Center and providing a catered dinner. They also organized a tour in advance of the regular meeting, for the LaneACT members to see the transportation-related projects within the city.

In September 2019, the LaneACT held a second meeting in Florence. The LaneACT has not met in Florence since then because of the COVID pandemic. Now that the pandemic has subsided (hopefully) the Steering Committee has a renewed interest in meeting in Florence again.

Florence has offered to host the August 9 LaneACT meeting. The format will be similar to previous years. There will be a tour in advance of the meeting, from 4:00 to 5:15. A regular meeting will follow, from 5:30 to 7:30. A catered buffet-style dinner will be provided.

At the July 12 LaneACT meeting, staff will discuss the logistics of the meeting in more detail. Mike Miller (the LaneACT alternate representative from Florence) will participate in the discussion. Input from the LaneACT members will help him identify the projects that would be of most interest to the LaneACT, to include in the tour.

Attachments

none

Calendar of future topics 2023–2024

<p>July 12, 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member priorities • ODOT meeting with ACT and modal committee chairs – debrief • Prepare for August meeting in Florence 	<p>August 9, 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet in Florence • Prepare for September OTC meeting in Eugene • Member recruitment 	<p>September 13, 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Note September 14 OTC Meeting in Eugene) • Member recruitment • 2027-30 STIP development
<p>October 11, 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish nominating committee • Aviation Review Committee appointment • LaneACT work plan • Member recruitment 	<p>November 8, 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sovereignty and working with tribes 	<p>December 13, 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (reserved)
<p>January 10, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair and Vice-Chair appointments 	<p>February 14, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2027-30 STIP development 	<p>March 13, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (reserved)
<p>April 10, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (reserved) 	<p>May 8, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (reserved) 	<p>June 12, 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (reserved)

The topics listed are tentative and subject to change.

Other possible topics: Autonomous vehicles – regulatory impediments



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April 2023

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