

## North East Area Commission on Transportation (NEACT)

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### MEETING SUMMARY

**MEETING DATE:** August 7, 2008 (9:00 am - Noon)

**MEETING LOCATION:** Oregon Department of Transportation  
3012 Island Avenue  
La Grande, Oregon

### Open Meeting

- ? Roll call of voting members and roundtable introductions

<b>Voting Members - Alternates</b>	<b>Ex-Officio</b>	<b>Guests</b>	<b>Staff</b>
Ron Sivey	Jon Crogan	Barry Beyeler	Glenis Harrison
Bob Patterson	Jennifer Watkins	Ed Glenn	Monte Grove
Judge Terry Tallman	Larry Bartee	Kim Puzey	Doug Wright
Jerry Breazeale		Karen Pettigrew	Ken Patterson
Bob Jepsen			Marsha Duncan
Burke O'Brien			Tom Strandberg
Ron McKinnis			
Gary Bieberdorf			
Commissioner McClure			
Robert Strobe			
Gary Bieberdorf			
Norm Paullus			
Mary Jo Carpenter			
Commissioner Mike Hayward			
Russ McMartin			
Jack Davis			
Frank Reading			

- ? Approve minutes from previous meeting. Motion made by Gerry Breazeale and seconded by Bob Patterson. Motion passed.

### Public and/or Stakeholders Comments:

Public comments may be taken at any time during the ACT meeting

### Old Business and Reports

- ? OTC Update, Commissioner Mike Nelson – Mike Nelson not present
- ? ODOT and OTC report - Monte Grove
  1. OTC gave overrun authority was given to Doug Tindal for select documents.
  2. Port of Morrow IOF authorization: \$320,371
  3. Transportation and economic development discussion
  4. Central Oregon ACT discussion
  5. Highway trust fund projection is down \$174 million over the next 5 years.
  6. ODOT starting to struggle with obligatory Federal dollars
- ? Connect Oregon II Update – Frank Reading gave an update on where Region 5 projects are, also included Connect Oregon I. Handouts available.
- ? Byways Committee Update - Alice Trindle – Expressed gratitude to US Forest Service for helping to get Byway Roads listed as "Forest Highways". Hells Canyon signs will be up in September; will be starting phase 3. International visitor's numbers are up over last year.
- ? LOC, AOC - Bob Patterson – LOC is continuing to meet with Governors Committee.

### New Business and Presentations

- ? Draft 2010 - 2013 STIP - Ken Patterson – Gave presentation. Handouts and presentation available upon request.

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- ? STIP Public Outreach - Tom Strandberg - Working on outreach presentation schedules and the public meeting in November. Will report again in October.
- ? NEACT Earmark project discussions - Frank Reading – Talked about Earmark Policy. Announced that the list needed to be completed by September 1. Project representatives gave short presentations.
- ? Transportation Enhancement Update - Frank – Discussed policy and list of projects. NEACT decided that the Sub-Committee would meet and prioritize the projects. A letter of recommendation would be sent to Pat Fischer after being okayed by NEACT members by email.
- ? Small City Allotment – Doug Wright – The SCA Grant is for \$25,000. Letters will be sent out this month.

**County/City Round table – All** – Discussion on prioritizing TE projects. Judge Terry Tallman discussed the Wind Project in Morrow County and the “Meeting of the Minds” meeting he attended.

### **Agenda Build**

### **Set time, date and place for next meeting**

October 2, 2008 9am – Noon  
3012 Island Avenue  
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### **Adjourn meeting**

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