

## North East Area Commission on Transportation (NEACT)

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# MEETING SUMMARY

**MEETING DATE:** February 5, 2009 (9:00 am - Noon)  
**MEETING LOCATION:** Oregon Department of Transportation  
3012 Island Avenue  
La Grande, Oregon

### Open Meeting

? Roll call of voting members

Robert Strope	Burke O'Brien	Ron McKinnis
Commissioner Bill Hansell	Ron Sivey	Hal Phillips
Kim Puzey	Bob Jepsen	Commissioner Steve McClure
Richard Comstock	Commissioner Fred Warner	Jennifer Watkins
Mary Jo Carpenter	Commissioner Mike Hayward	Russ McMartin
Patrick Munyan	Michael Johnson	Frank Reading

? Introductions

Norm Paullus	Dennis Doherty	
Jon Crogan	Alice Trindle	Brad Baird
Rowdy Smith	Ron Neil	Karen Pettigrew
Cassandra Lund	Mike McLean	Kanger Braseth
Kathleen Cathey	Larry Dalrymple	Trish Yerges
Joe Neer	Trista Still	Steve Wilson
Nola Driskell	Terrie Richards	Jeremy Morris
Jeff Wise		

? Staff

Glenis Harrison	Doug Wright	Monte Grove
Laura Slater	Tom Strandberg	

? Approve minutes from previous meeting

- i. Motion made by Commissioner Mike Hayward and seconded by Commissioner Steve McClure to adopt the minutes of the last meeting. Motion approved.

? Announcements

- i. No announcements

### Public and/or Stakeholders Comments:

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

- i. No public comments

### Old Business – Reports - Presentations

? OTC Update, Commissioner Mike Nelson or Monte Grove

- i. Monte Grove reported on the OTC meeting held in January.
- ii. OTC heard a report from DMV regarding Driver ID
- iii. Approved the Local Economic Stimulus list of projects that is being sent out the ACTs for discussion.
- iv. Two SE projects on consent calendar
- v. Business in Hermiston received a \$357,000 IOF

Commissioner Mike Hayward inquired if anyone had heard that the Ways and Means committee might distribute money directly to the ACTs to be distributed. No one was aware of that idea.

? ODOT Update, Monte Grove

- i. State revenue is down more than the June report.
- ii. Baker Maintenance building will go to contract in about a month

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- iii. Region 5 will have \$136 million this year going to contract that will help put people to work.
- ? Update on City of Athena and City of Imbler modernization projects
  - i. Frank Reading gave an update on both projects.
  - ii. Meetings have been held for both projects to see if there was a way to phase the projects.
  - iii. Athena project probably won't be phased, Imbler could be phased.
  - iv. Due to economy, all modernization projects could be at risk.
- ? Byways Committee Update
  - i. Alice Trindle reported about \$270,000 grant application
  - ii. Discussed concern for quality of highways being a problem
  - iii. Nola Driscoll, Forest Service, reported that there is design money available for highways for Hells Canyon and Anthony Lake highways.
  - iv. Alice asked counties to keep the Ontario Visitors facility in mind as they receive stimulus monies.
- ? LOC,AOC Update
  - i. Bob Patterson not present
- ? Public Transit Update, Mary Jo Carpenter
  - i. Discussed discretionary grant applications
  - ii. Announced that the bus going between Baker City and La Grande is considering adding a mid day run.
- ? Federal Earmark Project List/Stimulus
  - i. Travis Brouwer discussed the Earmark request and explained the process. See handouts.

Commissioner Warner asked for a motion to approve a letter from NEACT to the Oregon Delegation supporting the Spring Creek Passing Lane project. Motion was made by Mary Jo Carpenter and seconded by Robert Strobe and passed. Signed letter will be sent to Travis.

- ? Economic Stimulus Update
  - i. Monte Grove discussed projects for Region 5 that are on the list. See handouts.
- ? Local Economic Stimulus Update
  - i. Marty Anderson discussed the local stimulus program. See handouts.

### **New Business**

- ? Roundtable – Local Stimulus Project Update
  - i. Each county gave a short summary of their projects on the list.
  - ii.
- ? Winter Ops presentation – Tom Strandberg/Mike Barry – See Handouts
- ? Looking Glass Forest Highway Project – Commissioner McClure – See Handouts

**County/City Round table – All – No reports.**

### **Agenda Build**

- ? Economic Stimulus Updat
- ? Revenue Package Update
- ? Legislative Update

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

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009  
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### **Adjourn meeting**

Minutes Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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