

**SOUTH WEST AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION
(SWACT)
MEETING MINUTES
Roseburg, Oregon
March 9, 2007
10:00 - 12:00**

Steering Committee Members and Alternates in Attendance

Baker, Mike	Planner 4, ODOT
Callery, Martin	Citizen
Doran, Gary	Citizen
Doty, Steve	Operations Manager, City of Coos Bay
Gordon, Dave	City Councilor, City of Brookings
Kelley, Bruce	Citizen
McClellan, Jim	Citizen
Nasburg, Andy	Citizen
Nowlin, Georgia	Curry County Commissioner
Paul, Robb	Public Works Director, Douglas County
Schmidt, Bud	City Manager, City of Sutherlin
Usselman, Mark	Area Manager, ODOT
Whitty, John	Citizen
Whitty, Matt	Public Works Director, City of North Bend

Guests & Staff in Attendance

Denn, Jeanette	Support, ODOT
Houck, Jeff	Ross Bros. & Co.
Latham, Dan	Public Rep. 1, ODOT
Lind, Yvonne	Support, ODOT
Meacham, Jeff	Laborers Local 1400
Musicer, Jessica	The World
Root, Shelly	Program Scheduling Coordinator, ODOT
Ross, Todd	Ross Bros. & Co.
Train, Donna	Port of Umpqua
Vial, John	Region 3 Manager, ODOT
Wall, Kathy	Port of Coos Bay

Steering Committee Members and Alternates not in Attendance

Baglien, Don	Citizen
Cubic, Aaron	City Administrator, City of Myrtle Creek
Earhart, Margaret	Citizen
Eskelson, Carl	Citizen
Ireland, Chuck	Citizen
Schamehorn, Mary	Citizen
Swanson, Eric	Citizen
Van Elsberg, Larry	Roadmaster, Coos County
Wolf, Joe	Citizen

Meeting Summary

Roll Call: 10 members present, quorum present

Public Input: None

Last Meeting Minutes: Approved

SHADY BRIDGE UPDATE – Mark Usselman

- Shady Bridge project is replacing four bridges south of Roseburg. There is some cracking in the stem wall of one of the bridges. ODOT has been meeting with Ross Bros. the prime contractor and David Evans & Assoc. who is the designer. Through investigative work, they are trying to determine the problem. Probably going to be entertaining a third party, neutral engineering firm that specializes in this type of work. ODOT is funding it right now and responsibility will be determined at a later date.

ACT MEMBERSHIP – All

- There are two vacant positions on the SWACT Steering Committee. The 101 South Group and the 38/42 Group both have private sector positions open.

OTC/LEGISLATURE UPDATE – John Vial

- Mark introduced ODOT Interim Region 3 Manager, John Vial. John has worked for ODOT for almost 15 years on the maintenance side. John served as the District 8 Manager before this interim position.
- OTC is working on how to deal with funding large projects. They are looking at private/public partnerships.
- OTC is also working on getting briefings and updates on the Columbia River Crossing. In terms of freight mobility and looking at how to get across the river.
- On the Legislative direction there are not a lot of Bills this year that relate to transportation. The biggest one out there is the ConnectOregon II Bill. The ConnectOregon Bill is for \$100 m of lottery backed revenue. Last time the bill had 15% of the funds going to the Region and 25% going to at-large projects. This year it will be 10% going to the Region and 50% going to at-large projects.

OREGON GATEWAY – Mike Baker

- Mike handed out an Oregon Gateway brochure and discussed how the brochure was developed. Representative Susan Morgan, Senator Joanne Verger, and Representative Arnie Roblan put together a team of private and public stakeholders throughout the five county area. The goal of this team is job creation, job retention and expansion, and the strategic investment of limited resources. The Team realized they needed a process to measure the economic performance of public transportation investments. Regional Economic Models, Inc. developed a report to measure the economic performance. The link to a website that you can download and view the report is <http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION3>. Due to this being more technical it was decided to create a marketing brochure that talked about the process and recommendations.

LOCAL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM – Dan Latham

- OR 38: Elk Creek – Harscrabble Creek replace five bridges between Drain and Eklton. These bridges were built back in 1931. Delays on highway. Will try and minimize impact of delays.
- I-5: Sutherlin to Roseburg project repairs on 10 bridges. Striping will be completed when weather improves. Minor work on North Roseburg Interchange in late March.
- OR 99: North Umpqua River Bridge project will repair and improve historic structure. Looking at full closures starting in June. Will last nine months.
- I-5: Myrtle Creek Area Bridges replacing six bridges and repairing one. Repairing the Myrtle Creek Interchange Bridge at this time.
- I-5: Exit 99 Interchange improvements and bridge replacement. Beams for southbound bridge are set in place. Concrete will be poured on deck March 21, 2007.
- I-5: Azalea to Glendale resurfacing remove the concrete in slow lane and pave over fast lane. Ramps will only be closed for three days and only one at a time.
- OR 42: Quiet Mountain Road to Benedict Road resurfacing next year we will be continuing the project .
- OR 42: North Fork Coquille River to Guerin Lane, Myrtle Point sidewalks and paving project. Final paving is scheduled for May.
- Coos Bay/North Bend signal repairs have a couple traffic signals being repaired.
- US 101: 13th to Seabird (Bandon) – Drainage installation will begin as soon as weather permits.
- US 101: Cape Ferrelo Repair – Five miles going into Brookings come to a section where the right lane is sliding. Work is to begin in April.
- US 101: Lone Ranch to Chectco one of the arms broke off. Having tests done to determine the problem.

MCCULLOUGH BRIDGE & CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – Mark Usselman

- Hwy 101 m.p. 21.53 one lane closure due to landslide.
- McCullough Bridge - moving into cathodic protection on that project. Will happen in the spring. It is a \$30 m + project. Similar to Gold Beach's Patterson's Bridge.

PLANNING UPDATE – Mike Baker

- Hwy 42 Interchange Area Management Plan – Exit 119/120. Ramps are too close together. Looking at how to improve some of that. Want to be able to open some of the industrial land. Looking at having additional improvements around Grant Smith Road and also Happy Valley Road.
- I-5 Exit 124 Harvard Avenue Interchange – running into capacity issues.
- Hwy 138 Facility Plan - cues of ½ mile long. Developing alternatives.
- I-5/Sutherlin Area Management Plan – interchanges 136/138.
- Exit 129 Winchester Interchange - significant modifications along with a bridge replacement. Align better for future development.

NOAs – All

- None.

AGENDA BUILD – All

- Next Meeting May 11, 2007
- Port Presentation – Martin Callery