

**SOUTH WEST AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION
(SWACT)
MEETING MINUTES
Coquille, Oregon
December 14, 2007
10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Steering Committee Members and Alternates in Attendance

Baglien, Don	I-5 Subgroup Citizen (alternate)
Baker, Mike	ODOT (alternate)
Callery, Martin	38/42 Subgroup Citizen
Doran, Gary	US-101 Subgroup Citizen
McClellan, Jim	I-5 Subgroup Citizen
Milliman, Gary	US-101 South Cities
Ireland, Chuck	I-5 Subgroup Citizen
Nasburg, Andy	38/42 Subgroup Citizen (alternate)
Paul, Robb	Douglas County (alternate)
Schmidt, Bud	I-5 Subgroup Cities (alternate)
Usselman, Mark	ODOT
Whitty, John	38/42 Subgroup Citizen
Whitty, Matt	38/42 Subgroup Cities

Guests & Staff in Attendance

Davis, Brian	City of Roseburg
Hampton, Michelle	City of Bandon
Hossley, Jim	City of Coos Bay
Latham, Dan	Public Affairs, ODOT
Lind, Yvonne	Support, ODOT
Mather, Paul	Region 3 Manager, ODOT

Guests were in attendance, but did not appear on sign in sheet.

Steering Committee Members and Alternates not in Attendance

Cowan, John	US-101 South Cities (alternate)
Cubic, Aaron	I-5 Subgroup Cities
Doty, Steve	38/42 Subgroup Cities (alternate)
Kelley, Bruce	I-5 Subgroup Citizen (alternate)
Kittleman, Marilyn	Douglas County
LaBonte, Lucie	Curry County (alternate)
Nowlin, Georgia	Curry County
Stufflebean, Kevin	Coos County
Swanson, Eric	I-5 Subgroup Citizen
Wolf, Joe	I-5 Subgroup Citizen (alternate)

Meeting Summary

Roll Call: 13 members and alternates present, quorum present

Public Input: None

7/13/07 & 9/14/07

Meeting Minutes: Approved

New Member: Gary Milliman, City of Brooking Approved
His alternate will be John Cowan

Transportation Enhancement Criteria & Procedures

The project selection process is now open. Applications are due February 1. Funds can be used for: Pedestrian and Bicycle Projects, Historic Preservation related to surface transportation, Landscaping and Scenic Beautification or Environmental Mitigation (highway runoff and wildlife protection only). Transportation Enhancement or "TE" projects are selected through a statewide competitive process. The funds are provided through reimbursement, not grants. Participation requires matching funds from the project sponsor, at a minimum of 10.27%. Applications are accepted only from public agencies. The ACT will get a chance to review and forward a recommendation on any projects in the area.

Immediate Opportunity Funds (IOF) and Special Public Works Funds – Chris Claflin

- 3 Types of Projects: Type A, B, & C; not soft money. Main difference between A & C is job creation. (*Attached handout*)
- Special Public Works Fund is the largest program in the Department (*Attached handout*)
 - Cities/Counties/Ports are eligible to apply; they are directed to community improvements. Examples include sewer extension out Diamond Lake Blvd., Coos Bay/North Bend water board expansion.

Embargo Update – Martin Callery

- 4.7 Million is needed to be able to reopen the Coos Bay Line
- Coos & Siskiyou Lines shippers have formed a coalition
- The Gateway Project will move forward and is not on hold.
- Service Transportation Board will be able to reopen the Siskiyou line first due to the cause of closure was not due to safety issues.
- The Federal Government is providing a mediator to work on reopening the Coos Bay Line.

STIP Criteria 2010-2013 – Mike Baker

- Recap of the new scoring matrix – up to 100 points. Approved.

Legislative Update/OTC/Connect OR Update – Paul Mather

- Stewart Foster resigned from OTC.
- Connect Oregon II is now closed, received 4 applications from our Region.

MOD Project Cut List – Paul Mather/Mike Baker

- 142 Million Shortfall caused by:
 - Gas Tax Revenue is down

- Legislative raised projected expenditures
 - Legislature moved 56.25 million from state hwy to counties for 2008
 - The remodel of ODOT headquarter building
- ODOT will:
 - Delay remodel
 - MOD Project Cut List equates to 4.2 Mil in the SW Area
 - Project reductions to be discussed and decided at the January 2008 meeting.
- Handouts attached (*Cut List & ODOT Program Allotment Adjustment*)
- Projects that are eligible to be cut or delayed:
 - US 101 @ Constitution Way
 - OR 42: County Line Curves
 - US 101: Isthmus Slough Bridge/Bunkerhill Intersection
 - OR 138E @ Diamond Lake Blvd
 - OR 42 Expressway Upgrade

ODOT Staff will present more information on each of the above projects at the next meeting along with recommendations.

STIP Update 2010-2013 – Mike Baker

- 2.4 Million for upcoming STIP
- SWACT will need to decide whether to add new projects, add to existing projects, or use for the delayed projects.
- Presentations on new projects will be made at the January and March 2008 meetings.
- SWACT will also create a list of projects for legislation that could be built if additional revenues were received in the next two STIP update cycles (\$17 million each cycle).
- SWACT will identify a list of projects costing \$100 million or more. Both lists to be completed by May.

ORS 366.215 and the draft policy as it relates to restrictions on identified freight routes –

Mike Baker

- Addresses freight mobility
- Prohibits state and local governments from reducing capacity of freight routes identified in the Oregon Highway Plan, on the National Network, and select other routes important to freight movement without the approval of the Oregon Transportation Commission.
- Currently I-5, 38/101/42 are OHP freight routes. Other affected corridors include all of US 101, OR-138E, and Old OR-99 between Yoncalla and Drain.
- Specific criteria will need to be addressed.

NOA's – All

- ODOT became first responder during the last storm up North. Port of Tillamook has storm footage.

AGENDA BUILD – All

- Next Meeting January 11, 2007
- CUT List
- Project Updates