

**SOUTH WEST AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION
(SWACT)
MEETING MINUTES
Roseburg, Oregon
November 16, 2006
10:00 - 12:00**

Steering Committee Members and Alternates in Attendance

Baker, Mike	Planner 3, ODOT
Baglien, Don	Citizen
Gordon, Dave	City Councilor, City of Brookings
Ireland, Chuck	Citizen
McClellan, Jim	Citizen
Nasburg, Andy	Citizen
Usselman, Mark	Area Manager, ODOT
Wall, Kathy	Port of Coos Bay
Whitty, Matt	Public Works Director, City of North Bend

Guests & Staff in Attendance

Denn, Jeanette	Support, ODOT
Garrett, Matt	Director, ODOT
Hossley, Jim	City of Coos Bay
Latham, Dan	Public Rep. 1, ODOT
Leedom, Mark	Project Leader, ODOT
Marney, Leroy	Laborers Local 121
Meacham, Jeff	Laborers Local 1400

Steering Committee Members and Alternates not in Attendance

Brown, Ralph	Commissioner, Curry County
Callery, Martin	Citizen
Cubic, Aaron	City Administrator, City of Myrtle Creek
Doran, Gary	Citizen
Doty, Steve	Operations Manager, City of Coos Bay
Earhart, Margaret	Citizen
Eskelson, Carl	Citizen
Kelley, Bruce	Citizen
LaBonte', Lucie	Commissioner, Curry County
Paul, Robb	Public Works Director, Douglas County
Ross, Gordon	Commissioner, Coos County
Schamehorn, Mary	Citizen
Schmidt, Bud	City Manager, City of Sutherlin
Swanson, Eric	Citizen
Van Elsberg, Larry	Roadmaster, Coos County
Van Slyke, Dan	Commissioner, Douglas County
Whitty, John	Citizen
Wolf, Joe	Citizen

Meeting Summary

Roll Call: 9 members present, quorum present

Public Input: None

Last Meeting Minutes: Approved

HIGHWAY PLAN – Mike Baker

- Mike presented a Powerpoint presentation regarding the State Transportation Plan and economic considerations. The state needs to look at transportation, highway, and rail to facilitate Oregon's economy. The Transportation Plan is overall the guiding plan for the state on transportation.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – Mark Usselman

Construction is winding down at this time of year. Most of our major projects are complete and the rest are wrapping up.

- Storms hit the northern coast. Lane closures and slides.
- Bridge work is still being done.
- Highway 101 near Bandon - lanes will be closed from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. for 20 days while tresses are being replaced.
- Brookings project is complete with the exception of light poles. Light poles will be installed in the next 12 weeks.
- Work is still being done on I-5.

ISTHMUS PROJECTS EA – Mark Leedom

- Mark presented a Powerpoint presentation regarding the alternatives considered as to where to put the Isthmus Slough Bridge. ODOT has been working with the public and the Stakeholder Committee group. The next steps are the environmental assessment and funding for the project.

HIGHWAY 42/COUNTY LINE CURVES – Mark Usselman

- The Oregon Transportation Committee approved an Environmental Assessment for the Hwy. 42/County Line Curves project. Approval is for \$5.5 m for construction and \$7 m for an environmental assessment. After some analysis, scoping, and the start of an environmental assessment it was determined it will cost between \$60 m to \$100 m to fix the curves. There is no way to phase this project. Mark asked the Committee for their input. Discussion was held. The group thought it best if the \$7 m did not go toward an environment assessment if the money was not there to complete the project.
- Jim McCellan asked about a speed reader board being installed. Committee agreed this might help slow traffic.

VISIT WITH DIRECTOR MATT GARRETT – Matt Garrett

- Matt thanked the Steering Committee Members for taking their time and participating on the SWACT. The ACTs have brought better information in terms of focus, discipline, and multimodal to the OTC.
- The agency is delivering on its investments and is very successful. One hundred percent of the OTIA I and II projects are completed or are in the design and construction phases. Sixty percent of the OTIA III projects are also in the design or construction phases.

SUSAN MORGAN'S TASK FORCE – Mike Baker

- Susan Morgan has started a Task Force with Representatives, large businesses, and major modes from the five counties. The goal of this Task Force is to improve the economy with strategies related to transportation.

NOAs – All

- Mark Usselman handed out two packets on Enhancement Projects and one Enhancement Project application. The application did not score high on the review rating. The Committee supports the project.
- Mike Baker stated that there has been a good turnout for the Public STIP Meetings.
- Next SWACT Meeting will be on January 12, 2007. Location has not been determined.