

**SOUTH WEST AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION
(SWACT)
MEETING MINUTES
Roseburg, Oregon
September 12, 2008
10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Steering Committee Members and Alternates in Attendance

Baker, Mike	ODOT (alternate)
Bennett, Bruce	38/42 Subgroup Citizen
Callery, Martin	38/42 Subgroup Citizen
Cubic, Aaron	I-5 Subgroup Cities
Doty, Steve	38/42 Subgroup Cities (alternate)
Swanson, Eric	I-5 Subgroup Citizen
Ireland, Chuck	I-5 Subgroup Citizen
Kelley, Bruce	I-5 Subgroup Citizen (alternate)
McClellan, Jim	I-5 Subgroup Citizen
Milliman, Gary	US-101S Subgroup Cities
Usselman, Mark	ODOT
Wall, Kathy	38/42 Subgroup Citizen (alternate)
Whitty, John	38/42 Subgroup Citizen

Guests & Staff in Attendance

(Use this section for guests on agenda, act support, and news media.)

Latham, Dan	Public Affairs, ODOT
Lind, Yvonne	Support, ODOT
Mather, Paul	Region 3 Manager, ODOT
Whitty, James	Manager, Office of Innovative Partnerships & Alternate Funding

Steering Committee Members and Alternates not in Attendance

Baglien, Don	I-5 Subgroup Citizen (alternate)
Cowan, John	US-101S Subgroup Cities (alternate)
Hampton, Michelle	US-101S Subgroup Citizen
Kittleman, Marilyn	Douglas County
LaBonte, Lucie	Curry County (alternate)
Nasburg, Andy	38/42 Subgroup Citizen (alternate)
Nowlin, Georgia	Curry County
Paul, Robb	Douglas County (alternate)
Schmidt, Bud	I-5 Subgroup Cities (alternate)
Stufflebean, Kevin	Coos County

Meeting Summary

Roll Call: 8 of 15 members present prior to start of meeting.
9 of 15 members present after new member added.
Quorum present.

New Member: Bruce Bennett, Transit Manager, Coos County Area Transit
38/42 Subgroup, Citizen

7/11/08 Meeting Minutes: Approved

Public Input: None

Legislative Update/OTC/Connect OR Update – Paul Mather

- Oregon Transportation Commission met this past week, approved STIP Draft and will be published for Public Input
- Asphalt prices have increased and are becoming unaffordable. The result of increase cost is project overruns.
- Federal Hwy will be reducing payments to States
- Governor has a Committee working on a Funding Package that may increase Registration/Title Fee's
- OTC has relaxed rules for DMV requirements for Driver's Licenses

Coos Bay Rail Line Update – Martin Callery

- 6-8 Months is the Goal to reopen line, with the Coos Bay to Coquille taking a little longer
- OTC will keep funding of Winchester Rail yard improvements on hold until resolution of Coos Bay line.

Project Updates –Dan Latham

- Hwy 38: Elk Creek – Hardscrabble Creek 5 bridges between Elkton & Drain
- I-5: Exit 129 Resurfacing completed
- I-5: Garden Valley Overcrossing bridge rehabilitation
- OR 138E: Rifle Range Road signal replacement completed
- I-5: Grant Smith Rd Overcrossing completed
- I-5: Myrtle Creek Area Bridges completion scheduled for September 2009
- I-5: Exit 80 Glendale interchange nearing completion
- I-5: Exit 98 Canyonville detour will continue unit next year
- OR 42: Hard Cash Ln to Quiet Mt Rd completed
- US 101: Coos Bay Paving & Signal paving is completed
- US 101: June Ave Bandon paving & striping complete
- US 101: McCullough Bridge Project added deck overlay to be completed Sept 8-30th

Constitution Way Project Update – Elizabeth Stacey

- Commissioner's decision approved project
- Landowner is appealing
- ODOT is continuing with a Bid date of March 09'

Transportation Enhancement Grants – Mike Baker

- STIP Funds placed towards visual improvements, aesthetic, or bike paths.
- Guaranteed 1 Project to be built in 2012 from the following list:

- Brookings – \$1.5 Million for street lighting & utility improvements
- Port of Coos Bay - \$1.1 Million for Bike/Sidewalks/Lighting improvements on Boat Basin Drive in Charleston
- North Bend - \$586,000 for improvement to street scape/sidewalks/bikeracks on US 101 North & South Bound Between Montana St to Washington St
- Elkton – \$1 Million for Bike/Ped Path on River Rd
- Roseburg – \$1 Million for Street Scape improvements on Hwy 138
- SWACT approved to recommend the aforementioned projects to Transportation Enhancement Program. No priority was established.

Earmark Policy – Mike Baker

- OTC developed a list of priorities
 - Strategic Investment – projects should provide significant benefits to Oregon
 - Meets STIP Criteria – meets eligibility and prioritization factors
 - Support – local government, advisory bodies, the public, and business community
 - Readiness – ready to begin work by 2015
 - Funding – resources are available to complete project
- Applications received so far
 - OR 42 Overcrossing at I-5 Exit 119:* Add EB lane over I-5 to NB on-ramp
 - I-5 Truck Climbing Lane (Sutherlin Hill)* Widen I-5 to add dedicated SB truck lane
 - OR 42: County Line Curves:* Straightens highway geometry at Coos-Douglas County line
 - OR 138E Corridor Solutions:* OR-138 OR-99 & along the OR138 corridor between I-5 & Fulton Street (Roseburg)
 - US-101 @ Stanton Signalization:* Construct new signal at Stanton Street, Improve drainage
 - Port of Coos Bay Rail Feeder Line:* Acquisition of rail line and restoration of line to Class 2 (25mph) service

With exception of the last two projects listed, all have met criteria. The Port of Coos Bay will receive a separate letter of support from SWACT.

Highway Funding Presentation – James Whitty

- Legislative Mandate states, “To develop a design for revenue collection for Oregon’s roads and highways that will replace the current system for revenue collection”
- A per mile charge on miles driven within Oregon
- Road User Fee Pilot Program completed March 25, 2007
- Oregon’s Final Report is available at: Oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/RUFPP/docs/RUFPP-finalreport.pdf

NOA’s – All

- Rattle Fire – Hwy 138 closed between Milepost 49-59. After fire crews are done the road will remain closed for undetermined amount of time until safety concerns are evaluated and repairs are complete

AGENDA BUILD – All

- Next Meeting November 14, 2008 at the New Coquille Annex Building, 201 N Adams