

**SOUTH WEST AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION
(SWACT)
MEETING MINUTES
Coquille, Oregon
March 13, 2009
10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Steering Committee Members and Alternates in Attendance

Baker, Mike	ODOT (alternate)
Callery, Martin	38/42 Subgroup Citizen
Doty, Steve	38/42 Subgroup Cities (alternate)
Hampton, Michelle	US-101S Subgroup Cities
McClellan, Jim	I-5 Subgroup Citizen
Nowlin, Georgia	Curry County
Usselman, Mark	ODOT
Whitty, John	38/42 Subgroup Citizen
Ireland, Chuck	I-5 Subgroup Citizen

Guests & Staff in Attendance

Baldwin, Lajuana	Support Staff, ODOT
Maestre, Robert	Transportation Development, ODOT
Latham, Dan	Public Affairs, ODOT
Lind, Yvonne	Support Staff, ODOT
Mather, Paul	Region 3 Manager, ODOT

Steering Committee Members and Alternates not in Attendance

Baglien, Don	I-5 Subgroup Citizen (alternate)
Bruce, Kelly	I-5 Subgroup Citizen (alternate)
Morgan, Susan	Douglas County
Cubic, Aaron	I-5 Subgroup Citizen
Swanson, Eric	I-5 Subgroup Citizen
Nasburg, Andy	38/42 Subgroup Citizen (alternate)
Stufflebean, Kevin	Coos County
Paul, Robb	Douglas County (alternate)
Wall, Kathy	38/42 Subgroup Citizen (alternate)

Roll Call: 8 members or alternates present. Quorum present.

1/09/09 Meeting Minutes: Approved

Public Input: None

Project Updates –Dan Latham

- Hwy 38: Elk Creek – Hardscrabble Creek 5 bridges between Elkton & Drain
Construction Completed.
- I-5: O’xing south Umpqua river and OR 99 (Shady)
Replaces 3 old bridges
NB bridge complete
SB traffic shifted to NB Bridge
Completion around October 2010.
- I-5: Myrtle Creek Area Bridges completion scheduled for September 2009
7 of the 8 bridges are complete
MP 105: NB Missouri Bottoms Bridge in construction phase
- I-5: Exit 80 Glendale Construction mostly complete
- I-5: Exit 98 Canyonville Completion scheduled for spring 2009
- US 101: McCullough Bridge Project enclosure will be moved again, restoration work continues. Work on West side rail should begin in April.

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Coos Bay Rail Line Update – Martin Callery.

- Port has been successful in purchasing Corp Rail Line
- Union Pacific still owns parts of the Rail Line in Coos County
- Still in discussion with Union Pacific Railroad, lease or acquisition of portions of Rail Line in Coos County.
- The port is working on securing funding for repairs. The earliest anticipated opening of the line is in one year.

Tolling White Paper – Robert Maestre

- A series of white papers produced by Cambridge Systematics for ODOT were presented.
- Tolling in Oregon would only be in Portland Metropolitan area
- Could be used to raise money and/or relieve congestion
- These papers can be found at:
http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/Tolling_Background.shtml

OTC / Economic Stimulus Projects – Paul Mather

- Oregon will receive approximately \$330 million from the federal stimulus package
- Local governments will receive about \$100 million of that total.
- Each state required to have ½ of the money obligated by summer.
- Two of the projects approved are
 - Paving in Reedsport – paving project to be extended both to the north and south.
 - Multi use path in Roseburg – the multi use path will be extended to the limits of the Shady bridge project. Upon completion of the Shady bridge, it will be possible to bike from Winston to Roseburg.
- Over 12 projects if all are approved. Most are in the southwest area.

ConnectOregon Updates – Mike Baker

- The Southwest region of ODOT (Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine counties) received over 22 million in Connect Oregon 1 and 2 funding to improve other modes (rail, airports, ports, etc). All of the projects have been completed with the exception of the rail yard in Roseburg which has been canceled.
- The Governor and his Transportation initiative are proposing a Connect Oregon 3, totaling \$150 million.

AGENDA BUILD – All

- Next Meeting May 8, 2009 at the Coos County Annex Building, 201 N Adams