

## NW Oregon Area Commission on Transportation

January 12, 2012  
Scappoose Fire Hall  
Scappoose, OR

The meeting was called to order by Shirley Kalkhoven, Chair. The following members and guests attended:

Craig Allison—Port of St Helens	Kathy Kleczek—Clatsop County Citizen-at-Large
Bill Baertlein—Port of Tillamook Bay	Paul Langner—Teevin Bros
Debra Birkby—Clatsop County Commission	Don Larson—City of Seaside
Jack Bland—Port of Astoria	Larry McKinley—ODOT Region 2
Ron Bline—Sunset Empire Transit	David Neys—ODOT Region 2
Mike Borresen—Washington Co Citizen-at-Large	Allison Pynch—Shannon & Wilson
Bill Carpenter—Clatsop County Citizen-at-Large	Rosemary Siipola—CWCOG/SWRTPPO
Jack Crider—Port of Astoria	Darrin Stairs—Otak, Inc
Mark Ellsworth—Governor's Office	Gary Stockhoff—Washington Co Transportation
Brett Estes—City of Astoria	Jerry Taylor—City of Manzanita
Herb Florer—Port of Astoria	Dave True—City of Clatskanie
Adam Goss—Sause Bros	Russ Warr—City of Astoria
Lori Godfrey—Washington Co Citizen-at-Large	Ed Wegner—Clatsop County Public Works
Kevin Greenwood—Port of Garibaldi	Liane Welch—Tillamook County Public Works
Derrick Hayes—Shannon & Wilson	Lonny Welter—Columbia County Road Dept
Henry Heimuller—Columbia Co Commission	Janet Wright—Columbia County Rider
Wendy Higgins—City of Cannon Beach	Paul Wyntergreen—City of Tillamook
Dennie Houle—Business Oregon	David Yamamoto—Tillamook Co Futures Council
Daniel Jesse—Gearhart Resident	
Senator Johnson—Oregon Legislature	
Bill Johnston—ODOT Region 2	

Excused: Michele Bradley, Jay Flint, Bob Kenny, Mark Labhart, Rosemary Lohrke, Ron Puzey, Shawn Reiersgaard, Patrick Trapp, Suzanne Weber

1. Welcome and Introductions—Members and guests introduced themselves.
2. NWACT Minutes/Updates
  - Approval of November 3, 2011 Minutes—Approved unanimously. (HH, RW).
  - Public Comment—None.
  - Legislative Update—Senator Johnson reported that final lists of budget cuts will be completed this week. Will be in Salem next week for 3 days. Short time frame for approximately 300 bills that have been submitted. Probably less than 1/2 will make it through the session. Will be a quick session to reconcile the budget, transformation of medical services and retooling of K-12 education. Go into session on February 1<sup>st</sup> and expect to be out in 35 days. Hope to stay in touch via the media and electronically. Oregon's economy has not recovered, and expect next revenue projection to still be down. In absence of federal timber funds, Save Rural Schools, may have counties declaring insolvency. Senator Johnson is on committee addressing this issue.
  - Region 2 Update—Larry McKinley, David Neys and Bill Johnston reported:
    - Megler Bridge improvements are continuing
    - Banzer Bridge reconstruction is underway (Jewell/Mist)
    - Hwy 30 Safety Corridor Project is transitioning from being a Region 1 project

- Having a good year because the weather has cooperated so far
- Will be working on more TSP planning in Columbia County as part of transition
- Improvements along Hwy 101 at Camp Rilea have gotten started
- Updating Astoria TSP
- Larry and David Kim have been meeting with cities in Columbia County as part of the transition, including updating some older TSPs.
- Oregon Transportation Commission—ACTs from around the State attended the OTC November meeting to share thoughts on the future of ODOT.
- Columbia County Transportation—Henry Heimuller noted they have been pleased with the transition to ODOT Region 2. Lonny Welter reported that the mild winter has been good for the transportation dept, haven't had to deal with much snow or ice. Has been working on getting the top five transportation projects from the different local entities. Janet Wright reported that Columbia County Rider Flex Funds application has made the recommended funding list for the new Transit Center. Expect to be in the facility by the end of February. NW Transit Alliance is looking at starting initial service linking the transportation systems by the end of January. Janet will be sending out a press release and system logo to the public. Linking metropolitan Portland with the Coast and the valley. Two sounding meetings Newport Jan 31<sup>st</sup> (Senior Center) and Astoria Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> (SETD) noon to 1:30. to look at system characteristics such as rider incentives and other marketing activities. Looking for businesses to get involved.

### 3. ConnectOregon IV

Purpose of funding is to begin to move off so much emphasis on highway transportation. First 3 rounds were \$100 million for each. This time funding is only \$40 million. Review process has been review by State agencies including Business Oregon. Eight applications from within NW Oregon for a total of \$7.7 million with a total of \$35 million for Region 2. Next step is for the different modal committees to review the applications, followed by the ACTs, and a final prioritization by a SuperAct committee. Key criteria will be amount of non-ODOT match leveraged and job creation impact. ConnectOregon was set up legislatively, which has Columbia County set in ODOT Region 1. At next meeting, NWACT will have to state any potential conflicts of interest. Applicants will have 15 minutes to provide informational presentations, but no lobbying. Will not have to rank by mode.

- Portland and Western Rainier Siding Extension—Extend Rainer siding by approximately 1,500 feet will allow unit trains to/from the re-opened Columbia Pacific Bio-Refinery at Port Westward to pass smaller local trains providing rail service to freight customers at Rainier, Clatskanie and Wauna. The longer siding will minimize service delays to rail customers.
- Port of Astoria Pier 2 Upgrade-- Expanding the southeast dock face will accommodate and serve existing maritime businesses, Oregon Marine Spill Response, ocean and river tugs and barges, smaller cruise ships, Coast Guard and Navy vessels, dredge fleet and other vessels requiring deepwater port moorage near the mouth of the Columbia River.
- Port of Garibaldi Commercial Avenue Wharf Rehabilitation-- Reconstructing the wharf located on Tillamook Bay will provide a critical intermodal connector between marine highway corridors and the State highway system. Rehabilitation will allow both industrial and commercial businesses to grow or locate in Tillamook County.
- Port of St Helens Multnomah Rail Extension—By adding rail capacity at the industrial park, McCormick Piling and Lumber, which has seen a steady increase in volume in the past few years, will be able to streamline shipments and increase throughput of its utility poles to customers.
- Port of St Helens Scappoose Airpark Water/Sewer Line Extension—Addition of a water line connector and main sewer line extension will enhance and provide essential services to the west side of the Industrial Airpark critical for current business expansion and attracting new tenants.

- Port of Tillamook Bay Runway 12 31 Rehabilitation—Rehabilitation provides a safe landing environment for business, cargo, emergency relief operations, and recreational and tourism-related air traffic. Mandatory lighting, signage and fencing updates are also included.
  - Sause Bros, Inc—Acquisition of a reach stacker, top pick and forklift will provide safer movement of heavier cargo thereby increasing the capabilities and volume of cargo at the Teeven Terminal in Rainier, creating jobs at Sause Bros, Gunderson and Southern Oregon Marine.
  - Teevin Bros-- Construction of a sixty-foot wide T-pier will increase import and export cargo-handling opportunities along the Columbia-Snake system, coastwise and offshore, and will add marine capacity for service rail and truck deliveries.
4. NWACT New Business
- NWACT Charter and Bylaws Amendments—Mary handed out drafts. Larry, Shirley, Kathy Kleczek and Mary will work on the amendments and redrafts by the next NWACT meeting.
  - Draft NWACT Biennial Report. Mary handed out a draft, and the group offered suggestions to add to the draft. Larry and Senator Johnson will be working to see if they can get the OTC to meet in Columbia County and Shirley can present the final Biennial Report.
  - Project List—In progress. Shirley has also suggested that the other ACTs in Region 2 get together and prioritize a list for the entire Region.
5. Election of NWACT 2012 Officer Slate  
The Commission unanimously approved the Nominating Committee’s recommended 2012 Slate of Officers: Shirley Kalkhoven—Chair, Henry Heimuller—Vice Chair, and Russ Warr—Second Vice Chair. (DB, RB)
6. Member Update
- Clatsop County—Lack of snow has meant much safer travel this year.
  - Tillamook County—Will be receiving Flex Funds for 3<sup>rd</sup> St improvements, \$6.3 Federal Forest Highway and \$700,000 grant for culvert replacement. Bond didn’t pass.
  - City of Tillamook—Working with Bill Johnston on surveying underground for basements related to Hwy 101/6 interchange. Looking at local intersecting street improvements that dovetail with the state project.
  - Port of Astoria--\$1.5 million for improved lighting main runway at airport. \$.5 million T hangar. \$120 million investment at Tongue Point for grain elevator and pellet factory.
  - Washington County—Glencoe Overpass will be replaced with a 5 lanes. Looking at trying to fund 3 rural bridges over the next 3 years.
  - Flex Funds—Two got recommended: Tillamook Wayside and Columbia Co Transit Facility.
  - Port of St Helens—Completed parking lot repaving and updating Strategic Plan and Multnomah Plywood
  - Port of Tillamook Bay—Rails and Trails along Salmonberry will link to another 200 miles of trails in NW Oregon. Vernonia is in the epi-center of all these trails. Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Banks—Having the trail head at Banks has transformed the downtown, including amenities for hiking and biking.
  - Port of Garibaldi—Received a \$20,000 grant for bay side trail system. Will connect with the Commercial Ave Wharf project, including fresh fish market and connecting to the local. Come to the sounding board meetings as buses could be a link, as is the Tillamook scenic train. AIC (which bought Weyerhaeuser) is looking to the Port for paving to stop run off.

- Bicycling is passion, bicycled over 11,000 miles in 2011.
- City of Astoria—In processing of designing East Astoria river trail which will take the trail almost to Tongue pOint. St scape items will be finished in March or April, funded with flex funds. About to get started in Irving St bridge replacement project. ConnectOR III still awaiting final permitting and plan to get under construction this year.
- Clatsop County—working with ODOT, close to contract on removal of the berms on Hwy 101 south of Seaside which should reduce flooding. ODOT was able to bring wetland banking funding to help pay for the project. Should reduce about 70% of the nuisance flooding over the highway. Partnerhsip with ODOT, County, Seaside, Warrenton. Working on design of ferry ramp at Westport, including logging and chip trucks. Will require widening of the county road out to the ferry. Also involves a rail crossing. County is looking to do a land swap with another developer at Dolphin Rd to co-locate the county and ODOT facilities.
- Columbia County—Flex funds will expand parking for park and ride and bus. Lonny Welter described the CZ-Scappoose-Vernonia trail. Finishing up the bridge crossings. Looking at old right-of-ways that haven't been developed and making them into trails.
- Columbia River West Industrial Corridor
- Territorial Sea Plan which is the first 3 nautical miles off the shore. Will help address where best to site wave energy. First maps have been unveiled. Next step is to get informed public comment. Tillamook County Futures Council will be having at least one public meeting as well as an official public meeting in the County. **Important to attend these meetings.** OPAC and TSP meetings.

Next Meeting—Tillamook 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm in Tillamook. Will prioritize Region 2 ConnectOregonIV applications

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Recorded: Mary McArthur, Staff

Shirley Kalkhoven, Chair