

OREGON TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Minutes of the Special OTC Meeting
June 30, 2011
Salem, Oregon**

On Thursday, June 30, 2011, at 8:15 a.m., the Oregon Transportation Commission and Oregon Department of Transportation staff held a Special Meeting in the Large Conference Room at 1158 Chemeketa Street N.E., Salem, Oregon.

Notice of this meeting was made by press release of local and statewide media circulation throughout the state. Those attending part or all of the meetings included:

Chair Gail Achterman
Commissioner Mary Olson
Commissioner Mark Frohnmayer
Commissioner David Lohman
Director Matt Garrett
Chief of Staff Joan Plank

Communications Div. Admin. Patrick Cooney
Highway Division Administrator Paul Mather
Region 2 Interim Manager Eryca McCartin
DOJ Dale Hormann
Commission Assistant Amy Merckling

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Senior Commission member David Lohman called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Commissioner David Lohman, Commissioner Mark Frohnmayer, and Commissioner Mary Olson participated by phone. Chair Achterman participated by phone after the meeting was in progress.

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The commission considered approval of a request to amend the 2010-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to add a Preservation Project, the Oregon 58: Salt Creek Tunnel to Highway 429 (MP 56.18 to 70). The total estimated project cost is \$5,390,000.

Highway Division Administrator Paul Mather explained that staff has monitored pavement deterioration on a section of Oregon 58 on Willamette Pass for some time. This particular project is in the Draft STIP, with the anticipation of doing the pavement work in a few years. The breakup has been much more severe than anticipated in the project, given the nature of the past winter with a snow pack approximately 300 percent above normal levels, and a cold, wet spring with an extended period of freezing and thawing.

A project adjacent to this one was contracted for this summer. ODOT anticipated the possibility of extending that contract with a contract amendment to add this work, but the scope of this project became so large that wasn't feasible. A separate contracting effort is needed to bring the project forward.

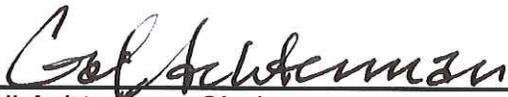
Part of the urgency in starting this project is where the work is on Willamette Pass. At 5,000 feet elevation, the window for paving is very narrow, and starting the procurement process will allow mobilization of a contractor to start as soon as possible.

Commissioner Lohman clarified that funds were planned for this project in the Draft STIP, but at a later date.

Commissioner Olson moved to approve the amendment to the STIP. Commission members unanimously approved the motion.

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Chair Achterman adjourned the meeting at 8:27 a.m.



Gail Achterman, Chairman



Mark Frohnmayer, Member



Mary Olson, Member



David Lohman, Member



Roxanne Van Hess, Commission Support