

**South Central Oregon Area  
Commission on Transportation  
Sub Committee Minutes**

**Date:** November 10, 2005

**Time:** 10:40 A.M.

**Place:** KCEDA Conference Room, Klamath Falls, & Lake County Commissioners Room, Lakeview, Telephone Conference

**Called to order by Chairman Brad Winters**

**Attendance:** Jeff Ball, Ernest Palmer, Michael Stinson, Debbie Utley, Jim Bryant, Larry Holzgang, Trey Senn, Brad Winters

**Staff:** Christina Ingram

**Review and Approve minutes for March, June, & August, 2005**

After review of minutes it was Moved, Second, Passed to accept the minutes of March, June & August, 2005 as presented

**Area Manager's Report: Mike Stinson**

Doak project paving is not finished due to weather in October – it will be 2 lanes all winter

Sailboat Ranch – N. City limits for Lakeview (395) – approaches paving not done, guardrail not flared – communication problems with consultant/ contractor/ ODOT – project will be finished next year – ODOT will determine responsibility for cost breakdown

Spring Creek Hill – Shady Pine Road – will be in 2 lane configuration all winter – work will continue until snow closes project down [ODOT has moved another de-icer to help] try to do some preventative application

California Street Bridge – opening 2 lanes this week

Greensprings Bridge – contractor wants to leave it in 2 lane configuration ODOT needs three due to ice & traffic problems over the winter – vehicles turn sideways often due to the degree of the curve there

Spencer Creek Bridge is under construction –

Silver Lake Bridge – going out for bid

\*\* the State Transportation Enhancement Fund Call – will come in February – They have a new policy we need to discuss in January – that is the fund for projects like railway stations, etc. – announcement will be in February – Applications are due in June

Preservation Opportunities – highest priority right now – Drews Gap – 5 Corners; Quartz Mountain (Klamath County Line) – Drew's Creek; N. City limits of Merrill – California State Line; Mac's Store/Cross Roads – Merrill; 395 N. of Valley Falls (Milepost 30 – 80)

## Area Member's Reports

ODOT Doing well – Good job on the bridge at Crescent

Does ODOT know anything about possible placement of a temporary light at Eberlein and the Crater Lake Parkway during the Washburn Way Bridge replacement? – No – that may be something the city is considering

Who owns the Chemult Train Station – property is owned by U.P. – Amtrak has a long term lease on it – no one knows who owns the building – Amtrak needs to keep the long term lease – if we have to purchase the right of way it will be very expensive – continuing to work on it – ODOT is continuing to work on the new one – if the ownership issues are not resolved the project will cease – We need to continue working on the project

## Public Comments

None

## Connect Oregon

\*\*Question about the Lake County Railway project qualifying – since it operates in Oregon & California – Julie was to get back to them – Chairman Winters will ask the railroad administrator Ray Simms and let Mike know what he finds out – it sounds like the railroad administrator has contact with the Connect Oregon people

At this time, the ACT will still be asked to make a recommendation on any proposed projects – the Rail Division, Aviation Division, and Ports are the only interest groups specifically named in the legislation as having an official opinion to go to the commission – Ernie Palmer reported on a committee meeting in Salem – points of interest were: concern that groups not specifically named in the legislation will be commenting, legislation says match as cash – lawyers trying to construe narrowly want match to be cash only

- City has possible airport projects
- Rail projects – maybe look at the old Amtrak plan to allow passengers to board without walking over several other tracks

## Scenic Byway

\*\* The ACT needs to make a plan regarding the care and maintenance of designated Scenic Byways roadways and infrastructure – currently there is no one assigned to pay for the upkeep – Landrum Wayside, Kiosks in Volcanic Areas, Signs – ODOT can not continue to pick up the expense, especially for the outlying areas -

- Lake County – the Chamber has taken on the responsibility due to how the contract is worded – they have a problem with longevity and vandalism
- Klamath County – it is a problem here too
- ODOT can apply for Forest Enhancement money to maintain some of them
- Kiosks – need to make sure they have adequate on/off highway access for safety reasons

## **Highway 140 East – Earmark Funds**

We have 1.7 Million – two curves fit into that financing package  
\$700,000 – in canyon near Adel, before Wolf's Landing  
\$150,000 / \$200,000 – Drake's Creek Curve

The \$700,000 would be used for rock fall/slide in the canyon – it will straighten the curves  
Chairman Winters would like more information to make a decision

\*\* Mike is to put together a proposal and meet with Brad to review the sites – Klamath  
County members will defer to Lake County's judgment on how to make best use of funds  
spent in Lake County

## **Operation Projects**

Hwy 97 N. – Archaeological Survey was not done originally – we need to make it part of this  
project – clear zones (from Beaver Marsh – Spring Creek Hill) need to be re-cleared, project  
is too big for ODOT Maintenance to handle – extend the clear zones

Hwy 140 East – in 1940's or 1950's, ODOT created 1 mile of irrigation facility to a ranch  
between Lakeview & Adel – ODOT spends \$ 20 – 25,000 every 4-5 years to maintain the  
ditch – the committee wanted to know if replacing the ditch with pipe would meet the  
payback of the agreement, or would ODOT still be responsible for the upkeep of the pipe

\*\* Mike is to bring a proposal with cost estimate to the committee

## **Proposed Amendment to the Oregon Highway Plan**

We have a chance to offer input on the proposed change

Could affect the prioritization for modernization projects – The wording seems to indicate a  
chance for a county or city that could leverage more \$ faster to bump up the list for funding

\*\*Mike is to write-up a letter of recommendation to send out to the executive committee for  
comment – he will get the final letter to the commission within 2 weeks.

Discussion about setting up a telephone conference for early in Thanksgiving week – no  
consensus reached

**Adjourn:** 11:45