

SOUTH CENTRAL OREGON AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION

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To: Freight Advisory Committee

From : Michael Stinson
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Subject: OTIA III Local Bridge Selection

I am writing on behalf of the South Central Oregon Area Commission on Transportation (SCOACT) to express its thoughts and concerns for the selection of local bridges for OTIA III. The SCOACT at its December 12, 2003 meeting reviewed the OTIA III applications for local bridges in Klamath and Lake Counties. SCOACT supports all the bridge applications submit by the City of Klamath Falls, Klamath County, and Lake County.

The SCOACT reviewed candidate bridges based on how their ability to serve a local and regional freight mobility functions, length of detour route if load posted, as well as impacts to the local and regional economies. Below is the SCOACT priority for Klamath and Lake Counties.

| SCOACT Priority | Bridge # | Bridge Name | Agency | Road |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 37C041 | Deep Creek Bridge | Lake | Twenty Mile Road |
| 2 | 06835B | Sprague River Bridge | Klamath | Sprague River Road |
| 3 | 06745 | Sprague River Bridge | Klamath | Sprague River Road |
| 4 | 06746 | Sprague River Bridge | Klamath | Sprague River Road |
| 5 | 09079 | A Canal (Washburn Way) Bridge | Klamath Falls | Washburn Way |
| 6 | 62002 | A Canal (11th Street) Bridge | Klamath Falls | 11th Street |
| 7 | 37C030 | Drews Creek Bridge | Lake | Diamond Road |

The SCOACT reviewed the OTIA III – Initial Applications Review Preliminary Short List and found it acceptable. No other bridges where recommend for consideration. The SCOACT requests the Freight Advisory Committee considers SCOACT priority ranking of the bridges before it finalizes the list. The SCOACT considers Deep Creek Bridge, # 37C041 it's highest priority and request that it be on any final list.

The SCOACT appreciates the chance to comment and give input on this important issue. If we can provide additional information to be of assistance to the committee, please contact us.

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