

REGION 1 AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION

Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2015 Hillsboro, Oregon

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Attendees: Bill Avison, Steve Bickford, Bernie Bottomly (alternate), Kelly Brooks (alternate), Tom Chamberlain, Mayor Krisanna Clark, Mayor John Cook, Councilor Peter Cornelison, Mayor Jef Dalin, Mayor Doug Daoust, Councilor Craig Dirksen, Mayor Denny Doyle, Jess Groves, Councilor Jeff Gudman, Mayor Brian Hodson, Bill Merchant, Brian Newman, Commissioner Steve Novick, Chris Oxley, Chair Ron Rivers, Curtis Robinhold (alternate), Commissioner Roy Rogers (Chair), Steph Routh, Joseph Santos-Lyons, Commissioner Paul Savas (Vice-Chair), Pam Treece, Julie Wehling, Pia Welch

Absent: Sam Breyer, Mayor Lori DeRemer, Commissioner Diane McKeel

Commissioner Roy Rogers called the meeting to order and opened a round of introductions.

Motion: Councilor Craig Dirksen moved, and Chair Ron Rivers seconded, to approve the minutes from the June 8 meeting.

- ✓ The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Motion: Commissioner Steve Novick moved, and Councilor Craig Dirksen seconded, to appoint Steph Routh as the Active Transportation Stakeholder member of the ACT.

- ✓ Steph Routh was appointed unanimously as the Active Transportation Stakeholder.

Sebastian Degens, Business Development and Marketing Manager for the Port of Portland, gave a presentation on marine shipping at the Port of Portland.

Commissioner Roy Rogers asked about the nexus between the Port of Portland and the Ports of Hood River and Cascade Locks, considering they are also in the Region 1 ACT.

Sebastian Degens answered that the Port of Portland has done a number of projects with those ports in the past and has shared services with them. Their activities are more recreational than the Port of Portland, but they also ship containerized cargo that comes by truck to Portland.

Chair Ron Rivers added that a lot of those ports' activity goes through Seattle and Tacoma, noting that China is now the third largest importer of Columbia Gorge-area fruit.

Commissioner Paul Savas asked for clarification on news reports that because of the Terminal 6 closure there are 2,000 additional trucks per day on area roads.

Sebastian Degens answered that the number is not valid. Growth in the region has produced more truck traffic, but Terminal 6 didn't add that volume.

Commissioner Paul Savas mentioned that the Port of Portland had applications in the last Connect Oregon funding round for crane improvements. He asked whether there is still a need for those improvements.

Sebastian Degens replied that staff just asked the Port of Portland Commission for approval on electrical control work, which was funded by Connect Oregon. Those are strategic investments in the cranes to provide future service.

Kelly Brooks gave an overview of the Oregon Transportation Commission and the ACT's interaction with the Commission.

Commissioner Roy Rogers adjourned the meeting.

*ACT members subsequently joined the Oregon Transportation Commission's monthly meeting. Those meetings are public record. Recordings and minutes can be found on the ODOT website.*