

**Minutes of Meeting  
August 9th, 2018, 9:00 AM  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
3012 Island Avenue  
La Grande, Oregon**

**Members and Alternates present:**

Bill Harvey, Michelle Owen, Tim Patton, Byron Smith, Linda Hall, Steve McClure, Robert Strope, Dough Wright, Susan Roberts, Dennis Sands, Fred Warner, Matt Scrivner, Aaron Palmquist, Jacob Cain, Tom Fellows, Donna Beverage

**Guests present:**

Anita Pranger, Andy Perry, Kyle Carpenter, Jessica Keys, Kathleen Cathey, Courtney Crowell, Tom Wallace

**ODOT Staff:**

Mike Barry, Ken Patterson, Teresa Penninger, Sheri Folsom

**Opening Meeting:**

- Chairman Steve McClure called the meeting to order
- Roll call of voting members – Quorum present
- Introductions: N/A
- Announcements: N/A

**Public and/or Stakeholders Comments: If Any: N/A**

**Standing Items & Reports:**

- Approval of the February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 – Tom Fellows moved and Robert Strope seconded; minutes unanimously approved.
- OTC/ODOT Updates – Ken Patterson
  - OTC Update:
    - OTC will be meeting in John Day August 16, 2018. Agenda includes: Portland Area Congestion Value Pricing, Tolling, and Greenhouse gas emission reduction.
    - Report received from Hal Gard concerning passenger rail (Amtrak) utilization trends and volumes, passenger totals are on the decline.
    - Wildfires: Shutting down roads and causing traffic delays statewide.
    - Engagement of law enforcement offices on projects. We need to provide them with a safe area for parking and turning around in Work zones.
    - Conflicts of Interest: ODOT has a new policy, discussed OTC's role.
    - Report on Light & Medium Fleet: GPS Tracking systems are being installed on fleets of low utilization. Region 5 will not be participating in this program due to the wide area of coverage that we maintain.

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- Update on Autonomous vehicles. Recent test include platooned vehicles that are electronically connected together. They combine a variety of techniques to perceive their surroundings. Benefits can include reduced congestions, reduced infrastructure costs, and increased safety. At this time, the vehicles are manned.
- OTC approved 4 million for the US 20 Hampton-Burns Chip Seal project.
- ODOT Update:
  - Minam Curve Project: Contractor will begin once the fire danger has reduced.
  - Ladd Canyon Project: Out for bids now. Bids will be opened on 8/30/18 with construction beginning in the Spring of 2019
  - Echo Project: Sidewalks are in and nearing completion.
  - Hermiston Project: Expected to be completed by the contract completion date
  - I-84: Cascade Locks to the Id. State line: Will be going Procurement for Design Services, Design expected to begin in the Summer of 2019.
  - Progress is being made for the Treasure Valley Reload Facility Project to meet the 1<sup>st</sup> required deadline of September 27, 2018.
  - Rose Quarter Update: On track to have plan delivered to OTC as required by HB 2017.
  - Hal Gard has been contacted concerning other sources of funding for the railroad spur road. This is an important issue for Union County.
- Local Program & JTA Update – Mike Barry
  - Special City Allotment Program: 5M available. Application limit is 100k and 42 applications have been received to date.
  - Connect Oregon: Baker City Airport has been granted funds for improvements
  - Repel Base and Greenway project are currently looking at alternatives to move the projects forward.
  - The IOF agreements for Baum Industrial Park and the CTUIR Yellowhawk IOF projects have both been signed allowing the projects to proceed.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> & Yerxxa Avenue (Umatilla): Bids open January 2019
  - Juntura Road Project: Going to bid this Fall and utilizing a new method of using a foam base is being tried.
  - Fund Exchanges: Waiting on billing and reimbursements
  - Milton-Freewater, Heppner HB2017: Earmark projects, agreements are out.
  - ARTS City of LG: Agreements In progress
  - SFLP projects: Cove, Union, Hermiston, Irrigon are all in progress.
- Regional Solution Team (RST) Update – Courtney Crowell
  - City of Joseph: Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF): project proposal to extend water & sewer to the Industrial Park. Regional Advisory committee (RAC) recommended funding, expected cost of \$100k of the \$600k.
  - City of Baker City: RIF project proposal to: extend power to the Elkhorn Industrial Park. The RAC recommended funding, expected cost of \$100k of the Regional allocation, with remainder of funds going to the City of Joseph.
  - 1.8M total available, statewide, for RIF projects.
  - City of Pendleton: RIF project for the UAS Testing range was recommended for \$100k of funding.
  - Arlington Airport RIF project for paving work was recommended for funding at \$100k.

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- Remainder of Greater Eastern Oregon RIF funds were recommended for the Milton Freewater Line production facility.
- RST provided letters of support for the City of Pendleton's I-84 Exit 209 and the Port of Morrow's 2018 BUILD Grant Projects.

- 15-18 STIP Enhance Accounting Report - Ken Patterson

- \$282,670 balance carried forward.
- John Day sidewalk project has been put on hold. Will apply for a SRTS project to add the funds necessary to complete the project.

- 21-24 STIP Process Update - Ken Patterson

- The project teams are out scoping proposed projects on the 150% list.
- Scoping is scheduled to be done by December 2018.
- Leverage opportunities will be presented, tentatively in January 2019 for ACT input for the following categories: Enhance Leverage Fund 1.9M R5, Safety Leverage 2.5M and Active Transportation Leverage 1.7M.
- Final project selection and 100% project list recommendation to the OTC in December 2019.

➤ Old Business:

- STIF Application Update – N/A

➤ New Business:

**Transit Update – Frank Thomas**

- Frank Thomas provided an overview of Public Transit in R5
- 11.5M Funds available statewide-R5 brought in just under \$1.24M.
- 90% of the funds raised by HB2017 are required to be spent in the jurisdiction where it was collected. 5% rolls into a competitive discretionary fund, 4% becomes a competitive intercommunity resource and 1% stands up tech support for statewide transit at the Mill Creek HQ in Salem.
- At program maturity, R5 will receive almost \$2.75M annually. Will rise and fall with economy.
- <https://prezi.com/p/hsjcl0qnocm4/> Link to Frank's presentation with complete information.

➤ **SRTS Discussion – Discussion of Potential Projects in Region 5 – Ken Patterson**

- John Day sidewalks, 6<sup>th</sup> St. to the High School. \$1.9M
- Milton Freewater OR11 @ 10<sup>th</sup> Street: New elementary school needs traffic control. Restriped 4 lanes to 3 lanes. Rapid Flashing Beacon, upgrade ADA ramps. \$550K
- US26 & 201-Nyssa: 3 crossings, ADA Compliance, Flashing Beacons \$1M
- Vale: Add sidewalks and crossing improvements. \$800K to \$1.3M
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- Union: Install new sidewalk, curb drainage, ADA ramps 1.4M. This total could come down if any of the ADA ramps within the project area are previously addressed in the current ADA project.
- Hermiston has a \$400K project and potentially, two more.
- Boardman has 1 project in the \$500K range.
- Applications are due 10/15/18.

**Partner Updates** – All

- County/Cities Roundtables: Action Item: Kyle Carpenter to be voted in for vacant position. Working on adjustments of cash match for Irrigon's Division Street Project due to program changes. ODOT suggested that SCA- project proposal need to build flexibility in their project description.
- By-ways Update: Bikeway group toured portions of the Grand Tour route and gathered input.
- LOC/AOC Update: Mike retired, looking for a new director
- Transit Update: See Frank Thomas's presentation above
- Bike/Ped Update: Cycle Oregon will be Baker City to Baker City starting on 9/8/2018.
- Freight Update: None
- CTUIR Update: None
- MPO Update: None

**NEXT Meeting**:

October 4th, 2018

Region 5 ODOT Headquarters

301 Island Avenue, La Grande, Oregon