

# Public Lands Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date:** April 24, 2025  
**Time:** 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm  
**Location:** Virtual By Microsoft Teams

## Committee Members

**Present:** John Brown, Chair  
Sara King, Real Estate Management  
Brady Ricks, EAM Real Estate Services Manager  
Tracy Wilder, DOC Facilities Administrator  
Mark Meek, State Senator (arrived late)

**Committee Members Absent:** Thuy Tran, State Representative

**Staff:** Robert Underwood, DAS

**Presenters:** Cary Goodman, ODOT  
Kyle Page, DOC

| <b>Committee Administration</b>   |
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| Chair John Brown called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.   |
| Call for Public Comment – none.   |
| Approval of minutes from April 2024 meeting – approved.   |
| <b>Property Acquisitions &amp; Dispositions</b>   |
| <p>1. Oregon Department of Transportation / Hillsboro to Forest Grove Rail Line Right of Way – Disposal<br/>Presented by Cary Goodman, ODOT</p> <p>ODOT presented the history of how they obtained ownership of the 5.6-mile rail line between Hillsboro and Forest Grove and how the corridor is required to be maintained as a public right of way. Collaboration between Forest Grove, Cornelius, Hillsboro, and Washington County have led to plans for the Council Creek Regional Trail to be established on the corridor, which has been funded by a Federal grant.</p> <p>After ODOT declared the corridor surplus, TriMet indicated interest in ownership for a potential future MAX light rail extension. TriMet will allow the development of the Trail within the corridor and preserve the trail in future if light rail is developed. The corridor was valued at over \$24 million, but ODOT and TriMet have agreed to terms including \$1 million payment, deed restrictions to continue use as a right of way, and a reversionary clause that ownership will return to the state if public transportation use is discontinued.</p> <p>Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensuring protection for the easement to Washington County, through ODOT, TriMet and Federal Grant conditions, including the relocation and maintenance of the trail if light rail is developed.</li><li>• Importance of preserving the rail corridor and difficulty of recreating this type of asset.</li></ul> |

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| <p><b>PLAC recommendation:</b> Report accepted with a recommendation this transaction move forward as presented.</p>   |
| <p><b>2. Oregon Department of Corrections / White City sale – Update</b><br/>Presented by Kyle Page, DOC</p> <p>DOC previously presented the proposed sale of this 319 acre property to PLAC in January 2023, which was supported by members. This updated recapped the history of the parcel, efforts to market and sell following the January 2023 review, including two unsuccessful auctions. A new appraisal has been completed, slightly adjusting the value and discussions with previously identified buyers have continued, including showings. Property will be listed on MLS and marketed by the department.</p> <p><b>PLAC response:</b> PLAC recommended the department be flexible in considering offers due to market challenges and looks forward to hearing about a successful transaction.</p> |
| <p><b>General Discussion</b></p>   |
| <p>Discussion<br/>None</p>   |
| <p>Adjournment<br/>Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.</p>  |

**Next meeting:**  
July 24, 2025  
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm