

## MEETING SUMMARY

### CENTRAL OREGON REGIONAL SOLUTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: June 16, 2016

Meeting location: Madras Airport Conference Room, Madras, Oregon

#### Committee members present

Mike Hollern, Convener \*

Fran Willis, Oregon Community Foundation\*

Becky Johnson, VP OSU Cascades

Amy Tykeson, Tykeson and Associates \*

Betty Roppe, Prineville Mayor (via conference call)\*

Ken Mulenex, La Pine Mayor

Lonny Macy, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Roger Lee, Economic Development for Central Oregon

Andrew Spreadborough, Exec Dir. Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council

Mae Huston, Jefferson County Commissioner

Mike McCabe, Judge, Crook County

Alan Unger, Commissioner, Deschutes County \*

\*Denotes Executive Committee members

#### Regional Solutions Team

Della Mosier, Department of Transportation

Kelly Hill, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

Scott Edelman, Department of Land Conservation and Development

Melissa Murphy, Business Oregon

Gary Roth, Department of Agriculture

Heather Peck, Oregon Department of Aviation

Annette Liebe, Coordinator, Governor's Office

Economic development opportunities and challenges in Madras/Jefferson County – Janet Brown, Economic Development for Central Oregon and Gus Burrell, City of Madras

Janet Brown shared a video of the new Daimler Truck test track and talked about the state and local partnership that contributed to the project's success. The air museum is another big success story at the airport; the museum is building a turf runway to better accommodate the old planes from the museum. The airport is running out of hangar space; this was recently a barrier to attracting an unmanned aerial systems company. Hangar space is something that can be funded by the new grant funds competitively awarded by the Oregon Department of Aviation announcement later this year.

Gus Burrell talked about the challenges associated with development at the airport which is city owned but is not within the UGB. This means that the county planning commission and county commission must review and approve development proposals. The city would like to streamline the process by bringing the airport master plan area in to the UGB.

Gus also requested assistance planning for the “Path of Totality” event for the solar eclipse August 2017. It is expected that up to 50,000 people will come to Central Oregon to view the eclipse. Assistance will be needed, particularly in traffic management and public safety.

Follow up:

- The Regional Solutions Team will convene a meeting to explore options and barriers to bringing in the airport to the UGB.
- Regional Coordinator will follow up with Travel Oregon, COVA and others re: preparing for the “Path of Totality.”

New funding opportunities from the Oregon Department of Aviation

Heather Peck from the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA) provided an overview of ODA’s grant program to distribute proceeds from the recent jet fuel tax increase. The approach is modeled after Connect Oregon. Several different types of projects will be eligible. Please see the presentation also posted with the meeting materials for the details.

Panel discussion on agriculture and its impact to the Central Oregon Economy

Gary Roth, Oregon Department of Agriculture

Dana Martin, OSU Extension Service

Katrina Van Dis, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council

The panel presented information about the role of agriculture in the state’s economy, how the OSU Extension Service is helping producers in Central Oregon and, the opportunity to support smaller local farmers by creating a “food hub” where products can be aggregated and prepared for industrial and commercial use.

Key issues for OSU Extension in the region are irrigation practices and the need to conserve water, plant disease, plant nutrition, and soil health.

Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council is working with OSU on an economic impact study for agriculture in the region.

OSU Cascades is working with COCC to explore jointly procuring produce and foods for their needs. Expectation is that this could lead to greater sourcing of local food and employment of local people.

Oregon Department of Energy is working on a special project to increase energy efficiency related to agricultural production and there are also USDA funds available to partner.

### Follow up:

- Regional Coordinator will work with regional partners to identify opportunities to support agriculture (both fruits & vegetables as well as ranching). Goal is to partner with other resources

### Transformative Transportation Project

Andrew Spreadborough updated the committee on the budget for the transformative transportation project. Proposal to reduce funds for the COCC bus stop and increase the amount budgeted for OSU Cascades to pay for design work that can be used for other stops was accepted by the committee. Committee also agreed that the \$40k identified for Wickiup Junction park and ride could be used for a La Pine transit hub/park and ride if that was a higher priority for the City of La Pine, COIC and ODOT.

### Roundtable

Becky Johnson updated the group on the Innovation Center for Entrepreneurship at OSU Cascades. The Intergovernmental Agreement to start construction of the space has been signed with the state for funding. OSU Cascades will be partnering with the OSU Advantage Accelerator in Corvallis on programming for the Center with an anticipated opening of October 2016.

### Next meeting dates

Oct 25<sup>th</sup> (9:00 – noon) NEW DATE/TIME  
December 15<sup>th</sup> (10:00 - noon)