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Regional Solutions Advisory Committee: Mid-Valley  
*Representing Marion, Polk, and Yamhill Counties*

Friday, 10.06.2017

8:30-10:45am

Location: CTEC\*

3501 Portland Road, NE

Salem, Oregon 97301

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**Welcome, Introductions and Logistics - Sen. Jackie Winters, Convener**

- Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2016 Meeting- Motion by Commissioner Stan Primozich; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor John McArdle. Passed unanimously.

**2017 and 2018 Session Insights – Sen. Jackie Winters, Convener**

Senator Winters discussed the transportation package and the other economic development wins for the Mid-Valley region. The Senator was pleased to have been able to travel all over the state meeting with groups to learn more about transportation needs.

**Mid-Valley Regional Solutions Overview – Sen. Jackie Winters and James LaBar, Coordinator**

- Mountain West's Chuck Lee provided an update about the Salem-Keizer Career Technical Education Center (CTEC). Lee explained that CTEC has increased the program offerings to 6 programs with recent expansions. He thanked the Regional Solutions (RS) Advisory Committee for their \$900k investment and the Salem Urban Renewal Funds, which are focused on the culinary arts and agricultural-science programs. Lee explained the importance of the public/private partnership and their current service area which spans from Portland to Eugene. Polk County Commissioner Craig Pope asked whether they were collecting data on impact, and Lee responded that they have started a new follow-up tracking mechanism, but as it is year one of the program, it is too soon to report. They plan on following the students for 10-plus years following graduation. Jody Christensen, MEDP, asked about connections with local businesses and chambers, and Lee confirmed they have 1.5 FTE on-site to provide program support. Lee also mentioned the connections to local community colleges, including Chemeketa, to help ensure student transfer. He concluded his update with a few CTEC impact stats, including:
  - 97% graduation rate in 2016; 98% in 2017 (compared to 72% District average)
  - Currently serving over 400 11th and 12th grade students. Will serve 1,000 when fully built-out in 2019.

- LaBar provided a general overview of all the projects that the RS Team is influencing thru a guided conversation with the “Work” document. He emphasized a few projects, including the Turner floodplain mapping effort and a project with a meat processing plant in the Mid-Valley. After the general overview, he transitioned to RS’s Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) Request for Information (RFI) process. LaBar noted the RFI deadline was the end of the month. After all the responses are collected, the RS Team will review the list of potential projects and provide a recommendation for the RS Advisory Committee to approve by the end of January. The recommendation will be used as an illustration of what the RIF funding could be used for in the Mid-Valley in order to help secure RS funding from the Legislature. Equally important, the list of responses is a good view into the team’s activities/roadmap for 2018/19. In referencing the process after the recommendation is finalized by the RS Advisory Committee, LaBar talked thru the “Regional Solutions Program, Regional Infrastructure Fund 2017-19, Regional Implementation Projects Review Process.”

### **Concise Project Updates**

- The City of Newberg’s Doug Rux provided an overview of the Crestview Drive project, which entailed a general overview of the project and a current status report regarding the project’s wetlands process with the Department of State Lands and U.S. Corps of Engineers. RS has provided the Crestview Drive project with \$740K.
- Marion Polk Food Share’s Rick Guapo provided an update on their nearly completed project with RS’s funding of \$205K. Marion County Commissioner Kevin Cameron asked a series of questions about the growing of quinoa in the Mid-Valley as well as where it was being sold locally.

### **Public Comment**

Senator Winters opened the meeting to public comment and testimony and checked to see if there were call-in participants (none). Peggy Lynch from the League of Women Voters made a few comments about the RIF process, workforce housing initiative, and other RS meetings in Oregon.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. Attendees were then invited on a guided tour of CTEC.