



REGIONAL SOLUTIONS OFFICE
GOVERNOR KATE BROWN

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

Friday, January 5, 2018
8:30-10:30 am
Oregon State Library
Rooms 102 & 103
250 Winter Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Attendees:

Advisory Committee Members:

Senator Jackie Winters, Senate District 10, Convener
Jody Christensen, McMinnville Economic Development Partnership
Mayor John McArdle, City of Independence
Commissioner Craig Pope, Polk County
Commissioner Stan Primozich, Yamhill County
Commissioner Kevin Cameron, Marion County
Mayor Kathryn Figley, City of Woodburn
Steve Powers, City of Salem
Chad Freeman, SEDCOR
Julie Huckestein, Chemeketa Community College

Public:

Chris Mercier, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Renata Wakeley, Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments
David Clyne, Independence City Manager

Team Members:

James LaBar, Mid-Valley Regional Solutions Coordinator, Governor's Office
Dennie Houle, Business Oregon
Michelle Bilberry, Business Oregon
Mari Karnowski, Business Oregon
Gary Neuschwander, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Thomas Erhardt, Oregon Employment Dept.
Brian Wolfer, Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
Lisa Howard, Governor's Office

Agenda Summary:

Welcome and Introductions - Sen. Jackie Winters, Convener

- Senator Winters asked Mayor Figley to describe the recent annexation of 170 acres in Woodburn.
- Approval of Minutes from October 6, 2017 Meeting- Motion by Commissioner Craig Pope; 2nd by Mayor John McArdle. Passed unanimously.

2018 Session Insights – Sen. Jackie Winters, Convener

Senator Winters discussed her role as the Senate Minority Leader and her goals for the February Legislative Session. The short sessions are designed to tweak budget issues while larger, more contentious issues should be covered in the 2019 Session where full discussions can take place. Sen. Winters will focus on bi-partisanship. The Dept. of Human Services budget is the biggest challenge and is dependent on the outcome of the January 23rd Special Election.

Regional Infrastructure Fund Overview – Sen. Jackie Winters and James LaBar, Coordinator

- Sen. Winters applauded the work of the RS Team in reviewing the 28 submittals and providing a recommendation to the committee. She noted the list of responses is a good roadmap of needs and projects for 2018/19 and may also be used to seek funds in other budget areas.
- LaBar provided a general overview of the Regional Infrastructure Fund (RIF) Request for Information (RFI) process going forward. He described the criteria used by the RS Team in reviewing the list of projects and providing their recommendation for the committee's approval. The recommendation will be used as an illustration of what the RIF funding could be used for in the Mid-Valley in order to seek support for the RS program from the Legislature. The Mid-Valley represented approximately 30% of the statewide total in the number of responses and funding requests.
- The committee discussed the value in Regional Solutions projects that go beyond the money as having the Regional Solutions name signifies they are priorities for the region.

Regional Infrastructure Fund Project Discussion and Recommendations

LaBar described the review process conducted by the RS Team, then listed the projects (see below) that did not make the recommended list and why. He led a robust discussion with the committee about the criteria and the 14 projects that best illustrate the purpose of the RIF in the Mid-Valley. The committee discussed each of the 14 illustrated projects as well as those that were "on the bubble" and approved the draft list provided for submittal to the Governor's Office. Committee members Kevin Cameron, Julie Huckestein, and Jody Christensen declared a potential conflict of interest due to owning stock in Willamette Valley Vineyards.

Intermodal Development and Workforce Housing Initiative Update – James LaBar

LaBar provided an update on the five applications received by the Oregon Dept. of Transportation for intermodal development. He also gave an update on the Request for Applications for the Workforce

Housing Initiative which closes on January 25th. Once the applications are posted on the internet, he will provide the committee with a link to the site.

Public Comment

Sen. Winters opened the meeting to public comment and checked to see if there were call-in participants (none).

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Non-recommended Projects Discussed

- City of Amity - Expansion of UGB and Infrastructure Across Ash Swale
- City of Carlton - Wastewater Improvement Project
- City of Donald - Water Source & Treatment Improvements
- City of Gervais - 2018 Utility Master Plan Updates - Water, Wastewater, Storm Drain
- City of Lafayette - Replacement of Copper Laterals Due to Corrosion
- Marion County - North Santiam Joint Sewer Project Phase II
- Marion County - Santiam River Trail Phase 1
- Marion County - Santiam River Trail Phase 2
- McMinnville Water & Light - Fueling Station for Business Continuity
- Mountain West Career Technical Institute – CTEC
- City of Newberg - Wynooskie Road Sanitary Sewer Expansion
- Redbuilt LLC - Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) Press Installation
- City of Willamina - 6th Street Booster Station & Water Main to High School with Zone Pressure Upgrades
- City of Yamhill - Water Transmission Line from Reservoirs