



North Central Regional Solutions Advisory Committee Minutes

July 31, 2017

Meeting Location: Columbia Gorge Community College, 400 East Scenic Drive

10:30 AM – 12:30 AM

Committee Members in attendance

Mike McArthur, convener
Ken Bailey, Orchard View Farms
Keith Mobley
Maui Meyer
Andrea Klaas
Gary Thompson
Rod Runyon
Celeste Hill-Thomas
Steve Lawrence
Frank Toda
Scott Reynier

Staff in attendance

Nate Stice
Lisa Howard

Guests

State Senator Chuck Thomsen

Mike McArthur called the meeting to order at 10:31.

Legislative Session Wrap-Up and Review

State Senator Chuck Thomsen and Mike McArthur offered highlights from the 2017 legislative session. The legislature passed a transportation package. HB 2017 was the largest transportation funding bill in Oregon history. It provides funding for local projects in Dufur, Cascade Locks, and \$5 million for the Hood River Bridge. McArthur also spoke about the \$1 billion in new funding it provides to the counties. Regional Solutions received \$4 million in funding for all eleven regions.

Action: Review and update regional priorities based on CEDS process

The advisory committee discussed and adopted by a consensus the revised regional priorities attached to the agenda with slight amendments to language around engagement with the Columbia River Gorge Commission. (NOTE: Based on a procedural error, priorities will have to be ratified at a subsequent meeting.)



Discussion of Regional Infrastructure Fund

Chris Cummings of Business Oregon provided an overview of Business Oregon's new strategic plan and also provided a broad overview of the new rules governing the Regional Infrastructure Fund. Under a new competitive process each region will receive five percent of the funding, with the rest being allocated through a competitive process. Lisa Howard offered a draft outline for the fund. Details can be found here: <http://www.oregon.gov/gov/admin/regional-solutions/Pages/Regional-Infrastructure-Fund.aspx>

2021-2024 STIP Development Process

ODOT Team member Brad DeHart offered a brief overview of the STIP development process for the next cycle. ODOT is still developing the process. However, much of the transportation package was designated for a particular project, leaving less flexible funding in the Enhance pot.

Mike McArthur adjourned the meeting at 12:25 pm