



Regional Solutions Advisory Committee: South Valley/Mid Coast Region

Meeting Notes

Monday, October 23, 2017 1:30 PM – 3:50 PM
ODOT District/Area Office 2080 Laura Street
Springfield, Oregon Mt. Pisgah Conference Room

Present: Mark Lieberman, Biff Traber, John Pascone, Doug Hunt, Pat Farr, Lee Beyer, Jackie Mikalonis, Mary Camarata, Jae Pudewell, Phil Barnhart, Alex Cuyler, Courtney Flathers, Anne Schuster, Travis Brouwer, John McArdle
Phone: Peggy Lynch

Session Highlights

Convener Senator Lee Beyer welcomed the group. Self-introductions were made and Jackie Mikalonis reviewed the agenda.

Lee Beyer and Representative Phil Barnhart reviewed the 2017 Legislative Session. They indicated the passage of the transportation package was the main highlight and were surprised to hear all the needs from all around the state during the committee tours. Lee Beyer highlighted the projects in the region. Senator Beyer noted the \$1 million funding for RAIN and the funding for the Phil and Penny Knight Center at UO.

Rep. Barnhart discussed the importance of coordination between OHSU, UO and OSU.

They said PERS issues would be discussed in the short, February session and if the Provider Tax is repealed at the ballot, the February session would focus on that.

South Valley/Mid-Coast Regional Solutions Overview

Jackie Mikalonis reviewed the RSAC priorities and mentioned that RSAC member Julie Manning is exploring the factors for enabling the Creative Economy. The committee decided to stay with the current priorities and are open to broadening the discussion regarding priorities at future meetings.

Jackie Mikalonis reviewed the process for requests for information (RFIs) for the Regional Implementation Projects and draft process for Regional Infrastructure Fund. The committee did not think the changes to the process reflected their intentions and wondered if the RFI would not yield many responses because of the relatively low dollar amount and that not responding to the RFI did not preclude applicants from responding to the RFP.

Jackie Mikalonis reported on the Request for Information on Workforce Housing and noted that the Governor's Office hoped that this could create paths forward to address an issue facing many Oregon communities. Hopefully the RFI will further refine tools and help the state think about other resources that can be put in play to address the housing shortage. There are 30 responses to the RFI, several from South Valley/Mid Coast Region: Albany, Florence, Springfield, Corvallis, Eugene, and Lincoln City.

Public Comment

Peggy Lynch noted the RFI and RFP process had been developed over a long period of time to better meet the needs around the state more fairly.

Transportation Package – Coordination and Collaboration

Travis Brouwer, Assistant Director, ODOT, provided an overview of enrolled HB 2017, the statewide transportation package that passed during the 2017 Legislative Session. (See PowerPoint presentation for highlights and details). Travis Brouwer highlighted the following:

- Comparison of highway fund revenue at implementation over time
- Specific construction projects included in the bill
 - The group discussed the 2 Intermodal Transfer Facilities to be located in the Willamette Valley (\$25 M) and Treasure Valley (\$26 M). Temporary rules have been issued outlining the process.
- Allocations of different highway funds
- Conditions
- Bridges
- Programs
- Funding for small cities and counties
- Revenue created – including adult new bike tax
- Public transportation
- Safety including walking and biking options
- Congestion relief and value pricing on I-5 and I-205
- Accountability
- Strengthening the role of the Oregon Transportation Commission
- Website for more info: www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Pages/HB2017.aspx

Concise Project Updates

Jackie Mikalonis reviewed a list of projects currently underway with the Regional Solutions Team.

Roundtable Updates/November Meeting

John Pascone discussed farm use parcels zoned industrial that include significant wetlands in Linn County that have been taken off the market because of the cost of mitigation.

Alex Cuyler, Lane County, gave an update on the unincorporated Goshen parcel that is now zoned urban industrial. Options are available for wastewater, preferably hooking into the Eugene/Springfield Metro Wastewater Management Commission.

John McArdle provided the group with an update on the ribbon cutting for LBCC's new health sciences building on the Lebanon campus site, adjacent to Western Medical School, Samaritan, the Veteran's Home and the conference center.

Jackie reminded the group there may be a chance of a November or December meeting depending on responses to RFIs.

The group adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.