



## **Regional Solutions Advisory Committee: South Valley/Mid Coast Region Meeting Notes**

Friday, January 5, 2018 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Albany City Hall, Santiam Room

333 Broadalbin St. SW, Albany, OR 97321

*Present: Lee Beyer, Jackie Mikalonis, Annabelle Jaramillo, Nick Fowler, Biff Traber, Mark Lieberman, Will Tucker, Doug Hunt, Seth Sherry, Jae Pudewell, Peggy Lynch*

**Welcome/Introductions**-Senator Lee Beyer welcomed committee members and guests and individual self-introductions were made.

**Public Comment** – Peggy Lynch offered comment on the RIF process and mentioned she had attended other Regional Solutions Advisory Committee meetings.

**Regional Infrastructure Finance Funding Review** – Jackie distributed the breakdown of submitted Requests for Information documentation. The South Valley/Mid-Coast Region received six infrastructure projects totaling \$13,361,234. Project applicants included the City of Creswell, Lane County, Linn-Benton Community College, and the Cities of Newport and Veneta. Projects ranged from equipment purchase, fiber connections and major dam replacements. Jackie reviewed the RIF program review process and reiterated that 5% of the \$4 million in funding assigned to each of the 11 regions would give each region \$200,000 and the remaining \$1.8 million would be competitively awarded. She added that the RSAC would make a recommendation to a Business Oregon Grant and Loan Review Committee.

The committee sought clarification on match, wanted to make sure the projects were strategic and commented on increasing the entrepreneurial ecosystem. The committee noted the submitted projects as reasonable, robust and diverse representations of infrastructure need. They also agreed the projects are consistent with the region's priorities. All six projects received the full support of the committee and are being forwarded through Regional Solutions to demonstrate the need for infrastructure capacity building in the state.

**Team/Regional Project Updates: Willamette Valley Intermodal Facility:** Jae Pudewell gave an update of the Connect Intermodal Projects designated by the Legislature. He noted that one application for preliminary review had been received for the Eastern Oregon designation and five applications had been received for the Willamette Valley. The five sites include Millersburg, Lebanon, Greenhill Road west of Eugene, Brooks and a generic, non-site specific proposal from Northwest Container. The ODOT temporary rules designated up to 5% of the \$25 million or \$1,250,000 can be divided between the applicants who meet the criteria, to accomplish preliminary planning work.

**Other Business** – The RSAC suggested approaching the new Lane Community College President to determine her ability and willingness to serve on the committee.

The RSAC by consensus appointed Brenda Bremner, General Manager of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians to the committee.

Jackie Mikalonis reminded committee members of the Workforce Housing RFPs and encouraged them to spread the word to their networks. She also noted the Governor would be holding a Regional Solutions reception in February and to watch for an invitation.

**Senator Beyer adjourned the meeting.**