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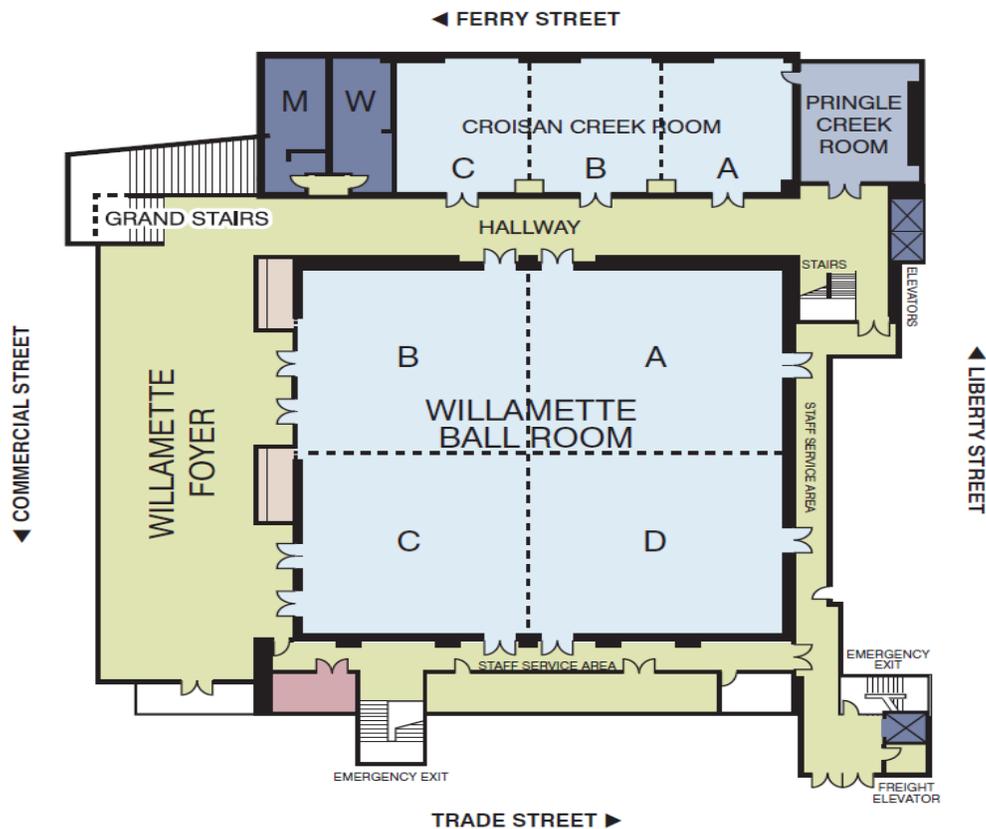
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Ric Miller, AGC, Highway, Heavy, and Utility Contractors Council Chair
Joe Squire, ODOT, State Construction & Materials Engineer

Topic	Presenter	Time	Minutes
Registration	All	7:00 – 8:00	60 Min
Welcome	Ric Miller, AGC Highway, Heavy, and Utility Contractors Council Chair , K&E Excavating Joe Squire, ODOT Construction and Materials Engineer	8:00 – 8:10	10 Min
Oregon Transportation Commission Message	Alando Simpson, Oregon Transportation Commission Vice Chair	8:10 – 8:30	20 Min
Portland Metro Transportation Update	Lynn Peterson, Portland Metro Council President	8:30— 8:50	20 Min
ODOT - Keep Oregon Moving, HB 2017 Update	Travis Brouwer, ODOT Assistant Director	8:50 – 9:10	20 Min
Project Delivery 2020–21 Outlook	David Kim, ODOT Statewide Project Delivery Manager	9:10 – 9:30	20 Min
Break		9:30 – 10:00	30 Min
Project Highlights Panel Astoria Waterfront Project I-205 Trigger Project	Jayson Buchholz, ODOT Region 2 Resident Engineer Jeff Howell, Legacy Contracting Amer Hmidan, ODOT Region 1 Resident Engineer David Finnigan, Kerr Contractors	10:00 – 10:45	45 Min
Work Zone Safety	Steve Cooley, ODOT Technical Services Chief Engineer Justin King, ODOT State Traffic Work Zone Engineer Justin Moderie, ODOT State Pavement Engineer	10:45 – 11:15	30 Min
Environmental Permitting	John Raasch, ODOT Natural and Cultural Resources Manager Rod Thompson, ODOT Environmental Engineering and Policy Manager	11:15 – 11:30	15 Min
Lunch		11:30 – 1:00	90 Min
Construction Contract Administration Updates	Chris Bucher, ODOT Contract Administration Engineer	1:00 – 1:15	15 Min
ODOT ADA Certification Program	Jaimé Viramontes, ODOT Assistant Structural Services Engineer	1:15 – 1:30	15 Min
Portland Metro HB2007 Status	Larry Gescher, HP Civil Inc.	1:30 – 1:50	20 Min
AGC ODOT Partnership	Walt Gamble, AGC Oregon-Columbia Chapter Kris Strickler, ODOT Director	1:50 – 2:20	30 Min
Closing Remarks	Ric Miller, AGC Highway, Heavy, and Utility Council Chair	2:20 – 2:30	10 Min

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

In order of appearance...



Ric Miller is a concrete estimator for K&E Excavating and current chair of the AGC Highway, Heavy, and Utility Contractors Council. Prior to K&E, Ric launched and ran Concrete Enterprises from 1995 to 2016. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Pacific Lutheran University.



Joe Squire joined ODOT in 2002 and is an Oregon licensed professional civil engineer, who earned a bachelor's degree in geology and a master's degree in hydrogeology from the University of Nevada. Joe started his career in the gold mining industry, where he was responsible for heavy earth moving operations and production. He later joined a major Nevada electric utility as an environmental manager and prior to that, he worked for a national geotechnical engineering enterprise to lead the firm's Idaho operations. Since joining ODOT, Joe has held positions as a geo-hydro manager, technical center manager, project manager, and district maintenance manager. Joe currently serves as the ODOT state construction and materials engineer, which provides statewide support and guidance for ODOT's Construction Contract Administration, Quality Assurance, Structural Services, Pavement Services, and Laboratory Services.



Alando Simpson is vice president and owner of City of Roses Disposal & Recycling in Portland. He graduated from Portland State University with a degree in communications and has served as a board member for the National Association of Minority Contractors of Oregon and the Oregon Sustainability Board. Simpson is a certified LEED Green Associate, and is involved in supporting Oregon small businesses. He is on the board of the City of Portland Small Business Advisory Council. Simpson is also involved with youth sports, and currently serves as chair of the Oregon Sports Authority Advisory Council.



Lynn Peterson is the Metro Council president and leads the nation's only elected regional government, representing over 1.7 million Oregonians in the Portland area. In this role, Peterson directs a staff of more than 800, charged with affordable housing and parks investments; protection of farms, forests and water resources; planning and investments in transportation; and overseeing tourism and cultural venues as well as management of garbage and recycling. Prior to serving as Metro Council president, Peterson worked in a variety of roles in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. She first held elected office as a Lake Oswego city councilor before becoming the first elected chair of Clackamas County, one of Oregon's fastest growing suburban and rural counties. A transportation and land use expert with degrees in engineering and planning, Peterson served in Salem as senior advisor to former Gov. John Kitzhaber, before a three year tenure as director of the Washington State Department of Transportation, appointed by Governor Jay Inslee.



Travis Brouwer joined ODOT in 2005. He served for eight years as the agency's federal affairs advisor, working closely with Oregon's congressional delegation and advising the director and Oregon Transportation Commission on federal legislative, funding, and policy issues. He became ODOT's assistant director in March 2014. In this position, he oversees the director's office, which includes government relations—including federal, state, local, and tribal relations—and external communications. He also oversees performance management and the Office of Innovative Partnerships, which is developing a per-mile road usage charge. Prior to joining ODOT he served as Congresswoman Darlene Hooley's district co-director, running her Salem district office. In his six and a half years on Congresswoman Hooley's staff, Travis worked on legislation and policy in a wide variety of areas. Travis graduated from Willamette University in 1999 with a degree in politics.



David Kim is ODOT's first statewide project delivery manager, a position created to strengthen ODOT's project delivery program and ensure successful delivery of ODOT's annual statewide transportation improvement program portfolio forecasted to reach \$560 million per year. With the passage of a \$5.3 billion transportation investment program through the Oregon legislature in 2017, ODOT's project delivery program faces high expectations to deliver. Prior to this role, David spent 14 years in Region 1 serving as project delivery manager, area manager and programs and funding manager. David holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Washington.



Amer Hmidan was an engineering manager with the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) before joining the Oregon Department of Transportation as a resident Engineer in Region 1 in 2017. He started working for NDDOT as an intern in 2007 through 2011, when he turned his internship into a full-time job as a transportation engineer. Amer received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering overseas, and received his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering, with an emphasis on structural engineering, from North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota.



David Finnigan graduated from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona in 2004 with a bachelor of science degree in construction engineering technology. David worked for a couple of heavy civil construction firms in the southern California area, before moving to Oregon after graduation. He worked for Mowat Construction Company for over nine years, and has been working at Kerr Contractors since 2014. In total, he has over 19 years of experience in heavy civil construction; mostly public works projects and 15 years on various ODOT projects. David also has a strong background in structures such as bridges, retaining walls, etc..



Jayson Buccholz is a resident engineer in the Region 2 Astoria Construction Office. Jayson and his crew oversee a challenging and exciting variety of construction projects for ODOT. After graduating from Boise State University with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and obtaining his professional engineering license, Jayson worked for geotechnical engineering consulting firms before finding his true calling in public service. He worked as a pavement management engineer for the Ada County Highway District in Southwest Idaho; before moving to the Oregon Coast as a senior project manager for the City of Newport. Returning to his passion for transportation engineering projects, Jayson joined the Astoria Construction Office in May 2018.



Jeff Howell has a bachelor's degree in construction engineering management from Oregon State University. He has been working in the construction field for 30 years, primarily in heavy highway and marine construction in Oregon, Washington, California, and Idaho. Jeff is the co-founder and president of Legacy Contracting Inc., a heavy highway marine contractor in the Pacific Northwest. He has done projects for state DOT's, local government agencies, Federal Highway Administration Department, Bureau of Land Management, US Fish & Wildlife, Intel, Nike, and several different port authorities, for which a few have received both local and national awards.



Steve Cooley is ODOT's chief engineer and the engineering and technical services branch manager. Steve has been with ODOT for over 32 years, having started his career in a Region 1 construction project manager's office as an office engineer and inspector. Throughout his career, Steve has held several leadership roles such as a roadway unit manager, Region 2's technical center manager, and the contract administration engineer for the Construction section. Steve is a registered professional engineer and land surveyor in Oregon.



Justin King is the Oregon Department of Transportation's work zone engineer, providing policy and standards for work zone traffic control. Justin has been working for ODOT since 2010. Previously Justin worked for the Washington State Department of Transportation as a designer and inspector of capital improvement projects. Justin is a graduate of Oregon State University and a registered professional engineer in Oregon.



Justin Moderie is ODOT's state pavement engineer and holds a bachelor's and master's degree in civil engineering from Oregon State University. Justin has worked for ODOT for over nine years, starting as ODOT's pavement design engineer. Prior to coming to ODOT, Justin worked over eight years in engineering consulting, focusing on both design and construction, on projects in Oregon, Washington, California, and Utah. Justin is a registered professional civil engineer and geotechnical engineer in Oregon.



John Raasch is ODOT's environmental resources unit manager, and leads the natural and cultural resources teams and builds strong partnerships with tribal governments and state and federal regulatory agencies to streamline transportation project delivery while providing robust environmental stewardship of public resources. John joined ODOT in 2001, and has worked as a project biologist and National Environmental Policy Act project manager. John's team recently won Federal Highway Administration Exemplary Ecosystem Awards for the development of ODOT's programmatic Endangered Species Act consultation as well as a statewide migratory bird conservation plan. John holds bachelor degrees in both fisheries and wildlife sciences from Oregon State University.



Rod Thompson is ODOT's environmental engineering and policy unit manager, responsible for leading staff and statewide programs in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), water resources and stormwater, noise, air quality, and wildlife passage disciplines to name a few. Rod joined ODOT in 2005 and has worked as a permit & water resources coordinator and NEPA project manager. Prior to ODOT, Rod worked as a biologist for the US Forest Service and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife respectively before serving as the water quality specialist and environmental resources manager for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. He holds bachelor degrees in both wildlife science and fisheries science from Oregon State University.



Chris M. Bucher recently joined ODOT in May of 2019. Chris graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and is a licensed professional civil engineer in the states of Oregon and Indiana. Chris originally moved to Oregon eleven years ago to work for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Oregon Division as an operations and construction engineer. His FHWA experience emphasized transportation program and construction project management, technical construction assistance, and consultation with a wide and varied array of stakeholders and industry partners. Prior to joining the FHWA, Chris gained valuable field experience during his six years of private sector practice where he provided geotechnical engineering and construction project management services, as well as, three years with the Indiana DOT Bridge Inspection unit.



Jaime Viramontes is currently an assistant structure services engineer providing statewide technical construction support. His 22 year ODOT career includes surveying, roadway design, inspection, and statewide inspection quality assurance program manager. He spent 10 years in Corvallis as an assistant construction project manager with the last three years overseeing five different phases of the US 20: Pioneer Mountain - Eddyville Project, ODOT's largest public works infrastructure project since I-5 was constructed in the 1960s. In his current role, he researches structural materials and develops specifications while supporting bridge construction throughout Oregon. Since September 2019, he has been involved with ODOT's American Disability Act (ADA) program, leveraging his experience to help develop and improve construction documents to facilitate ADA construction. He is a graduate of Oregon Institute of Technology and is a registered professional engineer in Oregon.



Larry Gescher is president of HP Civil Inc., established in 1986 and located in Stayton. Larry started out as a laborer and worked his way up to a superintendent position. Upon receiving his bachelor of science degree from Oregon State University in construction engineering management in 1991, Larry was promoted to a project manager. Larry has worked on some of the largest Construction Manager/General Contractor highway projects in the state of Oregon: I-5 Willamette River Bridge (\$152M) and the Sellwood Bridge Replacement (\$215M). Larry has served on the Associated General Contractors Oregon-Columbia Chapter Board of Directors since 2004, and was the association’s president in 2015. Larry has been involved in the diesel emissions legislation since 2015. Currently, Larry is serving on the joint task force on supporting businesses in reducing diesel emissions. This task force is currently in the process of recommending rules to the legislature for the implementation of HB 2007.

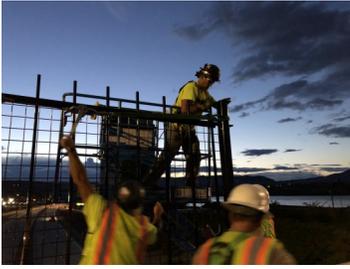


Walt Gamble is a practicing construction engineer. Walt’s career in highway construction started in 1966 with an internship with Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division in Corvallis. His education in OSU’s construction engineering program prepared him well for a career designing, planning and constructing a wide array of public and private civil projects. Some of the most notable being I-205 through West Linn, I-84 Olds Ferry – Weatherby Lime, Terminals #4 and #6 (Fulton) and PDX Runway 10 R - LCPF Pavements, Lloyd Center and Downtown MAX Lines, and 12 Mile Canyon John Deere Wind Turbine Farm. Walt remains an active director of the AGC Oregon-Columbia Chapter, having served as president in 1991. Currently he represents his contractor peers as a member of ODOT’s Mobility Advisory Committee and the Safety and Mobility Policy Advisory Committee.



Kris Strickler was recently selected as the 12th director of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) by the Oregon Transportation Commission. In this position, he will lead all aspects of the agency, which includes delivery of Oregon’s multimodal transportation system alongside a dedicated staff of over 4,700 employees. Prior, Kris served as a division administrator for ODOT and worked with state, regional and local entities from across the State of Oregon. Kris began his career designing and constructing improvement projects on Washington’s interstate system. He was also the SW regional administrator for Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), director of Transportation Services for MacKay Sposito; director of the Columbia River Crossing project for ODOT; senior project manager and strategic advisor for HDR Engineering; and deputy project director for Columbia River Crossing project for WSDOT. Kris graduated from Washington State University with an engineering degree.





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