

**Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation  
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, April 9, 2026

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

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**AGENDA**

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| <b>1. 4:00</b> | <b>Welcome</b>   | <b>Chair<br/>Commissioner<br/>Walter Chuck</b> |
| <b>2. 4:05</b> | <b>Minutes from December 4, 2025, Meeting (<a href="#">Attachment A</a>)</b><br><br><i>No Minutes to Approve for February 2026 meeting<br/>(no quorum)</i><br><i>ACTION: Approval of meeting minutes</i>   | <b>Chair</b>                                   |
| <b>3 4:10</b>  | <b>Regional Project Priorities Spreadsheet (<a href="#">Attachment B</a>)</b>  |  |
| <b>4 4:20</b>  | <b>CWACT Full Commission Agenda (<a href="#">Attachment C</a>)</b><br><br><i>ACTION: Approve the CWACT Full Commission Meeting<br/>Agenda for the April 23rd, 2026, meeting at Benton County's<br/>Kalapuya Building.</i>  | <b>ODOT Staff</b>                              |
| <b>5 4:25</b>  | <b>Other Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Van Buren Bridge ribbon cutting in Corvallis (May 6, 10-11am)</li><li>• OTC Lunch with CWACT Chair &amp; Vice-Chair &amp; ACT/Modal Chair meeting in Corvallis (May 6, 12-5pm)</li><li>• OTC meeting in Corvallis, possible CWACT presentation (May 7, time TBD)</li><li>• Member Comments</li></ul> | <b>ODOT Staff</b>                              |
| <b>6 4:30</b>  | <b>Adjournment</b>   | <b>Chair</b>                                   |

<b>CWACT Executive Committee</b>			
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**QUORUM REQUIREMENT:** “A quorum for the Executive Committee shall be a majority of the members and there shall be as least one representative from each county present” (CWACT Bylaws: Article V – Committees Section A.2)

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**CWACT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, December 04, 2025**  
**4:00 pm to 4:30 pm**  
**Microsoft Teams Remote Connection**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Attended</b>
Rich Saalsaa	Benton County	Yes
Pat Malone	Benton County	Yes
Frank Silvia	Lincoln County	No
Walter Chuck	Lincoln County	Yes
Mike Hickam	Linn County	Yes
Roger Nyquist	Linn County	No
Christine Hildebrant	ODOT	Yes
<b>Alternates</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Attended</b>
James Feldmann	ODOT	Yes

**Guests:** There were no guests present.

**Staff:** Administrative Assistant Erica Bratton

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>DECISION / CONCLUSION</b>
1. Welcome and Agenda Review	<p>The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by the Chair Elect, Commissioner Walter Chuck.</p> <p>James Feldmann conducted Roll Call with the executive committee members that were in attendance.</p> <p>There were no changes to the agenda.</p>	<b>The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by the Chair Elect Commissioner Walter Chuck.</b>
2. Approve Minutes of October 09, 2025 (Attachment A)  <b>Action: Approve minutes</b>	Philomath City Councilor Rich Saalsaa, moved to approve the October 09, 2025, CWACT Executive Committee Meeting Minutes; Christine Hildebrant ODOT seconded. The motion carried successfully.	<b>Councilor Rick Saalsaa, moved to approve the October 09, 2025, CWACT Executive Committee Minutes; Christine</b>

		<b>Hildebrant seconded. The motion carried successfully.</b>
<p>3. Approve December CWACT FC Meeting Agenda</p> <p><b>Action: Approval of CWACT FC Meeting Agenda</b></p>	<p>James Feldmann shared the draft agenda with the CWACT Exec members for their review. This agenda is ready for members to approve should it be satisfactory.</p> <p>Commissioner Chuck moved to approve the CWACT Full Commission agenda by consensus. All CWACT Executive Committee members in attendance voted yes. The motion carried successfully.</p>	<b>Commissioner Chuck moved to approve the CWACT Full Commission agenda by consensus. All members voted yes. The motion carried successfully.</b>
<p>4. Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Committee Appointments</li> <li>• Work Plan and TAC</li> <li>• Member Comments</li> </ul>	<p><b>Executive Committee Appointments:</b></p> <p>James Feldmann shared a reminder that next year Commissioner Walter Chuck will become Chair and Commissioner Roger Nyquist will become Chair Elect. In 2027 the Lincoln County Commissioner will rotate out, and the Linn County Commissioner will step in as Chair.</p> <p><b>Work Plan and Technical Advisory Committee:</b></p> <p>James Feldmann discussed the Work Plan and asked the Executive Committee for comments. No one had any comments at this time.</p> <p>James Feldmann reported that the formation of a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will be discussed at the Full Commission Meeting. The goal is to form the TAC in December or January, the purpose of the TAC will be to work on the Work Plan.</p> <p><b>Member Comments:</b></p> <p>Commissioner Waler Chuck inquired if the members of the ACT will be paying ODOT for our role. James Feldmann noted that ODOT was paying the COG to administer the ACT and now ODOT is in charge of administering the meetings.</p>	
5. Adjournment	The next CWACT Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2026.	<b>The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 pm by</b>

		<b>Chair Elect Commissioner Walter Chuck.</b>
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**Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACTION)**

ACT Name:

**Top Priority Investments**

	Name	Description	Urgency (select from drop down and describe)		Regional Significance (describe)	OTC Priorities (select from drop down and describe)		Other Information
1	U.S. 101 Beverly Beach road stabilization	Address the vulnerability of the highway to landslide closure between approximately milepost 132.90 and 136.32.	High	Critical slope failures have been a long-standing issue facing U.S. 101 in this area. Additional landslide activity could close the highway with serious transportation consequences for communities along the coast.	U.S. 101 provides regional connectivity between Lincoln City and Newport, as well as national connectivity between Washington and California along the coast.	State of Good Repair	Prevents highway closure due to landslide. Note that OR 229 is no longer a detour route for US 101 because of the recent OR 229 slide closure.	ODOT Region 2 currently exploring a Goal 18 exception. Phased approach possible.
2	U.S. 101 Couplet in Newport	Redesign the highway through downtown Newport to incorporate 9th St. for northbound traffic to facilitate safety, mobility, and multi-modal improvements with strong housing and commercial benefits. The additional cross-section width of two one way streets provides the opportunity for complete streets with adequate through lanes, parking, bike lanes, wide sidewalks, and urban amenities to encourage visitation.	High	Downtown revitalization with the couplet redesign would improve transportation safety, facilitate mobility, and improve multi-modal connections so that recently approved residential and commercial land use updates can be optimized.	Newport is a major tourism and economic hub on the central Oregon coast with destinations like the Oregon Coast Aquarium, State Parks, and employers like Pacific Seafood, Oregon State University, NOAA, and the Samaritan Pacific Communities hospital.	Mobility	Improves multi-modal mobility through downtown while also addressing state of good repair by upgrading the existing highway alignment and adding the 9th Street alignment.	City of Newport has urban renewal funds of approximately \$15M that may be leveraged with state or federal funds to complete the project.  ODOT Region 2 Transportation and Growth Management Program in coordination with the City completed a Downtown Revitalization Plan that provides more details.
3	U.S. 20/OR 34 Philomath Blvd safety/efficiency improvements	Signal optimization to improve mobility and intersection improvements to improve safety.	High	Rapid local growth in SW Corvallis and Philomath in combination with more regional travel between I-5 and Newport due to the newly improved U.S. 20 has resulted in increasingly slow and unreliable travel times on Philomath Blvd, coupled with increased multi-modal safety concerns.	U.S. 20 is a major link between coastal communities, like Newport, and the Willamette Valley. This is also on the Marys Peak to Pacific Scenic Byway.	Mobility	This project would minimize congestion and facilitate freight movement through the corridor while also addressing safety improvements at key intersections.	ODOT Region 2 unsuccessfully sought Enhance Discretionary and Great Streets funding for this corridor in the 2024-2027 STIP. Phased approach possible.
4	OR 99W South Corvallis Facility Plan improvements	Intersection, bike/pedestrian, and lane reconfiguration improvements, such as new enhanced crossings and roundabouts at gateway intersections.	High	South Corvallis continues to grow at a high rate, especially with affordable housing, but lacks safe multi-modal infrastructure to support that development.	OR 99W is the primarily north-south highway west of the Willamette River linking Eugene, Junction City, Monroe, and Corvallis to points north like Salem and McMinnville.	Safety	Improvements such as enhanced crossings, roundabouts, and lane reconfigurations would improve safety. Project is also expected to score well as an equity priority.	ODOT Region 2 completed a facility plan in 2024 that outlines the recommended projects. Phased approach possible.
5	I-5 at Knox Butte & U.S. 20 safety/efficiency improvements	I-5 interchange reconfiguration at Knox Butte and U.S. 20 to improve mobility and safety.	High	The Albany and Millerburg area continues to grow both in commercial/industrial activity and residential housing. Improvements to the I-5 corridor would facilitate that growth while supporting efficient regional and national connectivity through the Willamette Valley.	I-5 is a regionally, nationally, and internationally important corridor. The interchange serves freight traffic supporting nationally significant supply chains.	Mobility	Interchange reconfigurations have both mobility and safety benefits.	ODOT Region 2 completed an I-5 Reconnaissance Study that provides more details about improvements in this area. Phased approach possible.
6	I-5 Auxiliary lanes at Murder Creek	Auxiliary lanes from approximately U.S. 20 to Murder Creek Drive.	High	The Albany and Millerburg area continues to grow both in commercial/industrial activity and residential housing. Improvements to the I-5 corridor would facilitate that growth while supporting efficient regional and national connectivity through the Willamette Valley.	I-5 is a regionally, nationally, and internationally important corridor. The interchange serves freight traffic supporting nationally significant supply chains.	Mobility	Auxiliary lanes have both mobility and safety benefits.	ODOT Region 2 completed an I-5 Reconnaissance Study that provides more details about improvements in this area. Phased approach possible.

**Other Priority Investments**

(List projects here that are reasonably likely, not in any prioritized order)

	Name	Description	Urgency (select from drop down and describe)		Regional Significance (describe)	OTC Priorities (select from drop down and describe)		Other Information
	U.S. 20 at Toledo west junction safety	Intersection improvement, such as a roundabout, at west junction to Toledo.	High	Location is an ongoing safety concern.	U.S. 20 is a major link between coastal communities, like Newport, and the Willamette Valley.	Safety	High crash history due to high speeds and turn volumes.	Priority for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.
	U.S. 20 at Toledo east junction repair	Address the vulnerability of the highway to subsidence and potential highway closure at the east junction to Toledo.	High	Severe winter and spring storms could trigger a highway closure.	U.S. 20 is a major link between coastal communities, like Newport, and the Willamette Valley.	State of Good Repair	Prevents vehicle damage and/or highway closure due to subsidence.	

Corvallis-Albany shared use path	Shared use path linking Corvallis and Albany along the U.S. 20 corridor.	High	Multiple constructed and planned/designed segments, extensive public outreach, momentum is strong for completion.	Path would link the Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Albany Area MPO areas from Philomath to Albany.	Other	Encouraging more walking and biking addresses Climate priorities.	The Conifer-Merloy section is complete. The Merloy-Rainwater section is in design. The North Albany section has been awarded for design. CAMPO evaluating improvements between Conifer Blvd. & Circle Blvd. Phased approach possible.
U.S. 20 at Springhill Dr. safety improvements	Correct the superelevation of U.S. 20 at Springhill Drive to prevent trucks from tipping over.	High	Location is an ongoing safety concern.	U.S. 20 is a major link between coastal communities, like Newport, and the Willamette Valley.	Safety	Project would reduce the probability of crashes related to trucks tipping over on the turn.	
OR 34 at Riverside Dr./Orleans Dr./Oakville Dr. safety improvements	1) Close the segment of Riverside Drive between OR 34 and Orleans Drive (except for bikes and local traffic) and use Orleans Road as the connection to Riverside Drive. 2) Address intersection safety at OR 34/Oakville Drive.	High	Location is an ongoing safety concern.	OR 34 is a regionally significant highway linking Waldport to the Willamette Valley and I-5.	Safety	1) Riverside Dr.: Crash history associated with tight turns and intersection with highway. Also improves bike safety from the existing path to Riverside Dr./Albany. 2) Oakville Dr.: High crash history due to high speeds and turn volumes.	Phased approach possible.
OR34 Lint Slough Bridge Replacement (Waldport)	Replace cement bridge over Lint Slough on highway OR 34. The current bridge is the only bridge for vehicle traffic from the Willamette Valley that enters Waldport from the east.	High	This small cement bridge on highway OR 34 at the east entrance to Waldport is narrow, old, deteriorated, and unsafe, particularly for large truck traffic. It is particularly dangerous for average pedestrian use, and impossible for disabled persons. In fact it was dangerously narrow for truck traffic when first built. Only the brave car driver enters the bridge with a large truck approaching.	OR 34 is a major link between Waldport, other coastal communities, and the Willamette valley.	State of Good Repair	The bridge is narrow, old, deteriorated, and unsafe, particularly for large truck traffic, pedestrians, and not ADA compliant.	This bridge was in the STIP (2008) for replacement. ODOT management canceled the replacement bridge and advised they would repair the bridge. Not replacing the Lint Slough Bridge is unacceptable to the City of Waldport, and to the citizens of the community.

**CWACT Full Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 23rd, 2026**  
**5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**HYBRID MEETING**

Benton County Kalapuya Building  
 Holmes & Shipley Meeting Room  
 4500 SW Research Way, Corvallis, Oregon 97333

**VIA TEAMS VIDEO**

Teams Link by clicking [HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 243 949 688 096 5

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**AGENDA**

1)	5:00	<b>Welcome and Agenda Review</b>	<b>Commissioner Walter Chuck (Chair)</b>
2)	5:05	<b>Public Comments</b> <i>This time is reserved for members of the public to comment on issues related to the CWACT's activities.</i>	<b>Chair</b>
3)	5:10	<b>No Minutes to Approve for February 2026 meeting (no quorum)</b>  <i><b>ACTION:</b> Information</i>	<b>Chair</b>
4)	5:10	<b>ODOT's Capital Investment Plan (CIP)</b>  <i>CIP Presentation (<a href="#">Attachment A</a>)</i>  <i><b>ACTION:</b> Information</i>	<b>ODOT Staff</b>
5)	5:30	<b>Technical Committee Update &amp; Selection of Regional Project Priorities</b>  <i>Recommended Regional Priorities (<a href="#">Attachment B</a>)</i>  <i><b>ACTION:</b> Information &amp; Decision</i>	<b>ODOT Staff</b>
6)	6:30	<b>Grant Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Small City Allotment</a> (apply by April 30)</li> </ul>	<b>ODOT Staff</b>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Safe Routes to School</a> education and technical assistance grants (apply by April 27)</li> <li>• Draft grant opportunity for <a href="#">Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero Emission Infrastructure Programs</a> (comment by May 15)</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION: Information</b></p>	
7)	6:45	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACT's being asked to update work plans and charter/bylaws</li> <li>• Van Buren Bridge ribbon cutting in Corvallis (May 6, 10-11am)</li> <li>• ACT/Modal Chair meeting in Corvallis (May 6, 1-5pm)</li> <li>• OTC meeting, possible CWACT presentation, in Corvallis (May 7, time TBD)</li> <li>• Local jurisdiction updates</li> </ul>	<b>Chair &amp; ODOT Staff</b>
8)	7:00	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <p><i>The next CWACT Full Commission Meeting is scheduled for June 25th, 2026</i></p>	<b>Chair</b>

**Primary Members:**

Last Name	First Name	Representing	Category
Malone	Pat	Benton County	Primary
Chuck	Walter	Lincoln County	Chair
Nyquist	Roger	Linn County	Chair Elect
Kentta	Robert	Conf. Tribes of Siletz Indians	Primary
Van Drimmelen	Chris	City of Albany	Primary
Olson	Ava	City of Corvallis	Primary
Short	Kathy	City of Depoe Bay	Primary
Conti	Dominic	City of Lebanon	Primary
Mark	Rick	City of Lincoln City	Primary
Hickam	Mike	City of Millersburg	Primary
Cuthbertson	Jeanni	City of Monroe	Primary
Kaplan	Jan	City of Newport	Primary
Saalsaa	Rich	City of Philomath	Primary
Sanchez	Angelita	City of Sweet Home	Primary
Samaniego	Joe	City of Tangent	Primary
Silvia	Frank	City of Toledo	Primary
Townsend	Jerry	City of Waldport	Primary
Collins	Barry	City of Yachats	Primary
Sylvia	Gil	Port of Newport	Primary
Bronstein	Sarah	Benton County – Private Sector	Primary

<b>Steele</b>	<b>Janet</b>	<b>Linn County – Private Sector</b>	<b>Primary</b>
<b>Hildebrant</b>	<b>Christine</b>	<b>ODOT</b>	<b>Primary</b>

**QUORUM REQUIREMENT:** For the purpose of conducting official business, a quorum shall exist when either:

1. Representatives from fifty-one (51) percent (%) of the voting members are in attendance; or
2. The following representatives are present:
  - Two of three county commissioners
  - Two additional representatives from each county, whether cities, ports, private sector members, or CTSI representatives.

(CWACT Bylaws: Article VI – Organization Procedures Section B)

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