

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

Thursday, October 8, 2026

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

VIRTUAL MEETING

Via Teams by clicking [HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 293 362 974 568 4

Passcode: L5SD9Ni6

Contact: Erica Bratton, erica.bratton@odot.oregon.gov

AGENDA

- | | | |
|----------------|---|--|
| 1. 4:00 | Welcome | Chair
Commissioner
Walter Chuck |
|
 | | |
| 2. 4:05 | Minutes from August 13th, 2026, Meeting (Attachment A)
<i>ACTION: Approval of meeting minutes</i> | Chair |
|
 | | |
| 3 4:10 | CWACT Full Commission Agenda (Attachment B)

<i>ACTION: Approval of the CWACT Full Commission Meeting Agenda for the October 22nd, 2026, meeting.</i> | ODOT Staff |
|
 | | |
| 4 4:20 | CWACT Full Commission Meeting for October 22nd, 2026, meeting. <u>Hybrid or online only?</u>

<i>ACTION: Decision if meeting will be hybrid or online only</i> | ODOT Staff |
|
 | | |
| 5 4:25 | Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Connect Oregon Region 2 Recap – Comment period extended to October 16th• Member nominations 2027• Member Comment | ODOT Staff |
|
 | | |
| 6 4:30 | Adjournment | Chair |

If you need special accommodations to attend a meeting contact Erica Bratton (erica.bratton@odot.oregon.gov) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

		CWACT Executive Committee	
Last Name	First Name	Email	Representing
Walter	Chuck	wchuck@co.lincoln.or.us	Lincoln County (Chair)
Nyquist	Roger	rnyquist@co.linn.or.us	Linn County (Vice-Chair)
Malone	Pat	pat.malone@bentoncountyor.gov	Benton County
Keating	Andrew	andrew.keating@cityoftoledo.org	City of Toledo
Saalsaa	Rich	rsaalsaa@philomathoregon.gov	City of Philomath
Hickam	Mike	mhickam@cityofmillersburg.org	Millersburg
Hildebrant	Christine	Christine.D.Hildebrant@odot.oregon.gov	ODOT

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)

If you need special accommodations to attend a meeting contact Erica Bratton (erica.bratton@odot.oregon.gov) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

CWACT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 13, 2026
4:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Microsoft Teams Remote Connection

DRAFT MINUTES

Members	Jurisdiction	Attended
Rich Saalsaa	Benton County	Yes
Pat Malone	Benton County	Yes
Andrew Keating	Lincoln County	Yes
Walter Chuck	Lincoln County	Yes
Mike Hickam	Linn County	Yes
Roger Nyquist	Linn County	No
Christine Hildebrant	ODOT	Yes
Alternates	Jurisdiction	Attended
James Feldmann	ODOT	Yes

Guests: None

Staff: ODOT Admin Erica Bratton

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION / CONCLUSION
1. Welcome and Agenda Review	The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by the Chair, Commissioner Walter Chuck. Chair, Commissioner Chuck conducted roll call with the executive committee members that were in attendance. Quorum was confirmed. There were no changes to the agenda.	The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by the Chair Commissioner Walter Chuck.
2. Approve Minutes of April 9, 2026, Meeting	June 25, 2026, meeting did not meet quorum so there are no minutes to approve.	Councillor Saalsaa moved to approve April 9, 2026, minutes.

Action: Approval of minutes	Councillor Saalsaa moved to approve April 9, 2026, minutes. Commissioner Malone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.	Commissioner Malone seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approve The August CWACT FC Meeting Agenda Action: Approval of CWACT FC Meeting Agenda	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. Feldmann reviewed the following points on the agenda. Western University Presentation Western University requested time to share updates on their rail-related campus project. They previously applied for Connect Oregon funding but ranked low; they wish to raise visibility and support for the project. Capital Investment Plan (CIP) Update To be presented by Ken Schonkweiler. Discussion focused on whether to review CIP updates in August or October: • CIP scoring results will be available very close to the August meeting. • October may provide better attendance and align with public comment periods. • August meeting had been scheduled primarily for CIP review.	The Executive Committee has decided to cancel the August meeting. The Full Commission agenda will be reviewed and approved at the Executive Committee Meeting in October.
4. CWACT Full Commission Meeting For August 27, 2026. Hybrid or online	The Executive Committee decided to cancel the August Full Commission meeting and move the CIP review to the October	The Executive Committee has decided to cancel the August Full Commission

only. Action: Decision	meeting.	meeting and move the CIP review to October.
5. Other Business:	Connect Oregon Update Region 2 Super ACT meeting scheduled for the day prior to the full commission meeting. Representatives (including Chair Chuck) will attend and provide updates in October. Aviation Committee Representation The committee discussed the upcoming aviation grant cycle. Current representative: Roy Rowan (City of Corvallis). ODOT will confirm continued participation or identify a volunteer prior to October.	
6. Adjournment	The next CWACT Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 22 nd , 2026.	The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 pm by Chair Commissioner Walter Chuck.

CWACT Full Commission Meeting
Thursday, October 22nd, 2026
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

VIRTUAL ONLY OR HYBRID

VIA TEAMS VIDEO

Teams Link by clicking [HERE](#)

Meeting ID: 243 949 688 096 5

Passcode:fk6m4TA2

Dial in by phone

1-971-277-1965, Phone conference ID: 322 542 045#

Contact: Erica Bratton (Erica.Bratton@odot.oregon.gov)

AGENDA

1)	5:00	Welcome and Agenda Review	Chair, Commissioner Walter Chuck
2)	5:05	Public Comments <i>This time is reserved for members of the public to comment on issues related to the CWACT's activities.</i>	Chair
3)	5:10	Approve Minutes of June 26, 2026 meeting (Attachment A) No August Minutes to Approve (August meeting canceled) <i>ACTION: Approval of minutes</i>	Chair
4)	5:15	Western University of Health Sciences Railroad underpass for new Western University of Health Sciences Campus in Lebanon <i>ACTION: Information</i>	Western University of Health Sciences President, Dr. Robin Farias- Eisner
5)	5:30	Eugene Airport Expansion Plans <i>Action: Information</i>	Eugene Airport Director, Cathryn Stephens'
6)	5:45	Capital Investment Plan (CIP) Update	ODOT Staff, Ken Shonkwiler

		Attachment B: Presentation Attachment C: Draft CIP List (PDF) Attachment D: Draft CIP List (Excel) ACTION: Discussion	
7)	6:45	Connect Oregon Update Region 2 Super ACT meeting ACTION: Information	Chair, Commissioner Walter Chuck
8)	6:50	Aviation Review Committee Selection of a new representative for the Aviation Review Committee (ARC) to score Critical Oregon Airport Relief (COAR) grant applications ACTION: Selection of ARC representative	ODOT Staff
9)	6:55	Other Business - Local jurisdiction updates - Membership for 2027 and nominations	Chair
10)	7:00	Adjournment <i>The next CWACT Full Commission Meeting is scheduled for December 17th, 2026</i>	Chair

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
Keating	Andrew	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
Steele	Janet	Linn County – Private Sector	Primary
Hildebrant	Christine	ODOT	Primary

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)