

CASCADES WEST AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION
FULL COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, June 26, 2025
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Last Name	First Name	Representing	Attendance
Malone	Pat	Benton County	Gary Stockhoff
Bronstein	Sarah	Benton County – Private Sector	No
Van Drimmelen	Chris	City of Albany	Rob Emmons
Olson	Ava	City of Corvallis	No
Short	Kathy	City of Depoe Bay	No
Conti	Dominic	City of Lebanon	No
Mark	Rick	City of Lincoln City	Yes
Hickam	Mike	City of Millersburg	Yes
Cuthbertson	Jeanni	City of Monroe	No
Kaplan	Jan	City of Newport	Anna Laukea
Sanchez	Angelita	City of Sweet Home	Ken Bronson
Saalsaa	Rich	City of Philomath	Jessica Andrade
Samaniego	Joe	City of Tangent	Yes
Silvia	Frank	City of Toledo	No
Collins	Barry	City of Yachats	Yes
Kennta	Robert	Conf. Tribes of Siletz Indians	No
Hall	Claire	Lincoln County	No
Nyquist	Roger	Linn County	Yes
Steele	Janet	Linn County – Private Sector	No
Hildebrant	Christine	ODOT	Yes
Sylvia	Gil	Port of Newport	Yes
Dunn	Greg	City of Waldport	No

Ex-Officio Members: Corum Ketchum (CAMPO)

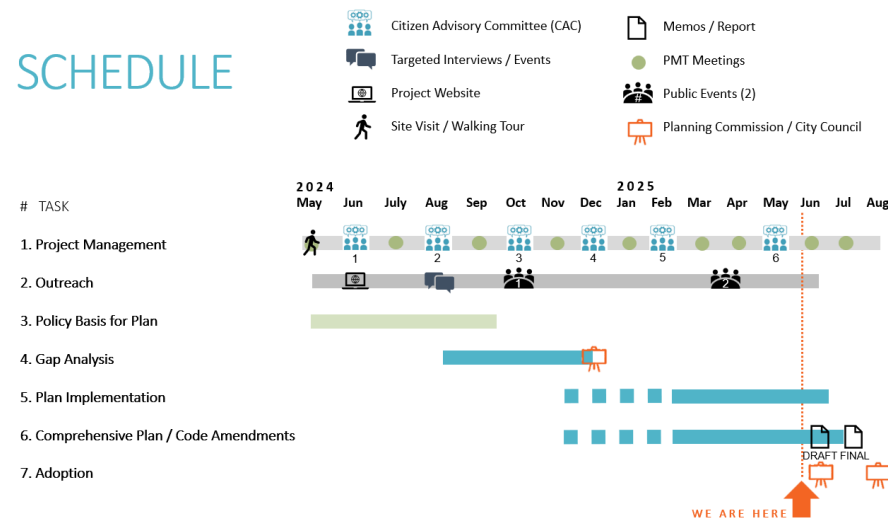
Guests: James Feldmann (ODOT Alternate), Greg Jones City of Tangent

OCWCOG Staff: Planning Manager Matt Lehman, Agency Director Paul Egbert, and Executive Assistant Ashlyn Muzechenko

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION / CONCLUSION
1. Welcome and Agenda Review	<p>With both the Chair, Commissioner Pat Malone, and Vice-Chair Commissioner Claire Hall absent, Commissioner Roger Nyquist assumed the role of standing in chair to run the June CWACT Full Commission meeting</p> <p>The stand in chair, Commissioner Roger Nyquist called the CWACT Full Commission meeting to order and conducted an agenda review at 5:06pm.</p> <p>There were no changes to the meeting agenda.</p> <p>Port of Newport Commissioner Gil Sylvia shared an introduction to the Port of Newport and Welcomed everyone to the Coast and Lincoln County.</p>	
2. Public Comments	There were no public comments presented to the CWACT Full Commission Members.	There were no public comments.
3. Approve Minutes of February 27, 2025 (Attachment A) Action: Approval of minutes	<p>Councilor Rick Mark moved, to approve the Minutes of the April 24, 2025, CWACT Full Commission Meeting. Commissioner Gil Sylvia seconded. The motion carried successfully.</p> <p>Christine Hildebrant of ODOT voted in favor. Jessica Andrade with Philomath voted in favor. Councilor Rick Mark with Lincoln City voted in favor. Commissioner Gil Sylvia with the Port of Newport voted in favor. Anna Laukea with Newport voted in favor. Gary Stockhoff with Benton County voted in favor. Councilor Mike Hickam with Millersburg voted in favor. Commissioner Roger Nyquist with Linn County voted in favor. Rob Emmons with Albany voted in favor. Joe Samaniego with Tangent voted in favor. Barry Collins with Yachats voted in favor. Ken Bronson with Sweet Home voted in favor.</p> <p>There were no votes against.</p>	Councilor Rick Mark moved, to approve the Minutes of April 24, 2025, CWACT Full Commission Meeting. Commissioner Gil Sylvia seconded. The motion carried successfully.
4. Cacus to Select	The Linn County representatives present reviewed the request to	The CWACT Full

<p>Executive Committee Members</p> <p>Action: Elect a Linn County member to serve on executive committee</p>	<p>nominate a new member to replace the former Councilor Jackie Montague.</p> <p>Councilor Mike Hickam of Millersburg volunteered to sit on the executive committee. The linn County members present approved of this nomination.</p> <p>The CWACT Full Commission members in attendance approved of Councilor Mike Hickam serving as the second Linn County member on the CWACT Executive Committee by consensus.</p> <p>Christine Hildebrant of ODOT voted in favor. Jessica Andrade with Philomath voted in favor. Councilor Rick Mark with Lincoln City voted in favor. Commissioner Gil Sylvia with the Port of Newport voted in favor. Anna Laukea with Newport voted in favor. Gary Stockhoff with Benton County voted in favor. Councilor Mike Hickam with Millersburg voted in favor. Commissioner Roger Nyquist with Linn County voted in favor. Rob Emmons with Albany voted in favor. Joe Samaniego with Tangent voted in favor. Barry Collins with Yachats voted in favor. Ken Bronson with Sweet Home voted in favor.</p> <p>There were no votes against.</p>	<p>Commission members in attendance approved of Councilor Mike Hickam serving as the second Linn County member on the CWACT Executive Committee by consensus.</p>
<p>5. Newport City Center Revitalization Plan</p>	<p>Anna Laukea shared the Newport City Center Revitalization Plan with the CWACT members and guests in attendance.</p> <p>Laukea noted this plan is to Develop land use policies, regulations, financial incentives, to support reinvestment in Newport's City Center.</p> <p>Additionally, this plan has the purpose to Identify transportation solutions that compliment proposed land use policies to promote mixed use development to create a live-work environment where residents have convenient access to employment and essential services.</p>	

Laukea shared the following schedule with the group:



Laukea shared the following project goals and how they will be met:

1. An active mix of uses in a walkable environment. Met by infill, wider/buffered sidewalks.
2. Safe, efficient traffic flow and managed parking. Met by reduced vehicle/ped conflicts.
3. A clean, welcoming appearance. Met by gateways, streetscaping, code updates.
4. Planned property development and acquisition. Met by incentives and partnerships.
5. Targeted investment in infrastructure. Met by implementation actions/strategy.

The following were identified as Near Term Priorities (2026-2027)

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Housing Development & Site Readiness

- Developer contact list; convene roundtable
- Employer-assisted housing outreach
- Explore public-private partnerships & URA predevelopment grants



Business Support & Activation

- Pilot pop-ups, events, tactical urbanism
- Host business meetups via Chamber
- Draft storefront/tenant improvement grant guidelines



Farmers Market & Public Spaces

- Engage Farmers Market leadership
- Commission conceptual design & cost estimate



Public Realm & Identity

- Pilot low-cost beautification
- Explore branding/wayfinding concepts (UO partnership)



Codes & Parking Strategy

- Zoning for mixed-use/residential
- Form-based code & height/density bonuses
- Reduce parking minimums



ODOT & Transportation Coordination

- Coordinate w/ODOT on advocacy, scoping, & cost estimates
- Advance grant applications (US 101/20)
- Secure letters of support & local match

The following were identified as Mid-Term Priorities (2028-2032)

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Housing Development & Site Readiness

- Leverage URA land for mixed-use & housing
- Establish public land sales guidelines
- Prioritize development around hospital, business district, US 20 corridor



Business Support & Activation

- Launch storefront and tenant grants
- Establish retail partnership network
- Pilot festival street closures/expand temporary activations
- Market vacant sites



Farmers Market & Public Spaces

- Plan for future of the farmer's market
- Explore multi-use programming
- Integrate w/festival/public space planning



Public Realm & Identity

- Commission branding and wayfinding plan
- Host community workshops
- Install permanent signage & gateways



Codes & Parking Strategy

- Monitor code changes and their impact
- Scope parking management study
- Pilot shared or temporary parking strategies



ODOT & Transportation Coordination

- Support ODOT w/design and funding effort
- Coordinate local infrastructure planning
- Finalize construction & implementation agreements

Questions from ACT members can be sent to Derrick Tokos (d.tokos@newportoregon.gov).

6. ODOT Region 2 Update

Savannah Crawford was unable to attend this meeting as previously expected. Christine Hildebrant provided a summary and collected

	<p>questions to take back to Savannah. If you have further questions, please email them to Christine at christine.d.hildebrant@odot.oregon.gov.</p>	
<p>7. Capital Investment Plan (CIP) Investment Strategy</p> <p>(Attachment B)</p> <p>Action: CIP Comments</p>	<p>The ACT members in attendance agreed to prioritize the following 3 of 6 goals for the</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safety 2. Mobility 3. Stewardship. <p>Accessibility was also mentioned as a runner up.</p>	
<p>8. CWACT Work Plan Comments</p> <p>Action: Discussion</p>	<p>The members reviewed the current work plan goals and noted they agreed to continue with these goals with minor changes to IIJA funding goals language to be more inclusive to all funding opportunities. The full commission will need to approve a new work plan in October 2025 at their regularly scheduled meeting.</p>	
<p>9. Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 31st Corvallis OTC Meeting Presentation (Attachment C) • CED Director Transition Letter (Attachment D) • Cancellation of August 28, 2025, Full Commission Meeting 	<p>Christine Hildebrant shared a brief update on the July 31st OTC meeting where the Chair and Vice-Chair of the CWACT will be presenting on the ACT's work plan.</p> <p>Matt Lehman, planning manager at OCWCOG shared with Jaclyn Disney, CED Director is no longer with OCWCOG as of June 12, 2025.</p> <p>Hildebrant, shared with recent budget changes, OCWCOG will no longer be contracted with ODOT to staff the Cascades West ACT, ODOT will be taking on that role. More information to come on this item, please contact Christine Hildebrant for further information (christine.d.hildebrant@odot.oregon.gov).</p> <p>As per the request of the members in attendance, the August Full Commission meeting remains on the schedule, this meeting may be cancelled closer to time if new information regarding the budget and legislative session does not come available.</p> <p>OCWCOG Staff would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Port of Newport for hosting our meeting in their new facility.</p>	

10. Adjournment	The next CWACT Full Commission Meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2025, the location and setting are still being determined. More information will come out from ODOT staff closer to time.	The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm by the stand in Chair, Commissioner Roger Nyquist.