

**Minutes of Meeting
October 1, 2020 9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
Virtual MS Teams**

Members and Alternates present:

Commissioner Dan Joyce, Commissioner Bill Harvey, Michelle Owen, Chairman Jim Doherty, Matt Scrivner, Aaron Palmquist, Byron Smith, Tom Fellows, Commissioner Paul Anderes, Commissioner Susan Roberts, Brandon Tanzy, JD Tovey, Connie Guentert, Mavis Hart, Ken Patterson, Haley Walker, Kenton Dick, Kirby Latham, Judy Erwin, Dan Joyce, Jim Maret, Adam Brown, Andrea ???

Guests present:

Hannah Williams, Lucinda Broussard, Roberta Fast, Frank Thomas, Kim Curley via MS Teams

ODOT Staff:

Craig Sipp, Sheri Folsom, Sean Maloney

Opening Meeting:

- Commissioner Dan Joyce called the meeting to order
- Roll call of voting members – Quorum present
- Introductions: N/A
- Announcements: N/A

Public and/or Stakeholders Comments: If Any: N/A

Standing Items & Reports:

- OTC/Regional Updates – Craig Sipp and Ken Patterson
 - OTC has adopted the 21-24 STIP
 - Focus will be on the Fix It, Safety, Enhance programs for the 24-27 STIP
 - DMV reported to the OTC the COVID-19 impacts their Division has seen. Office closures, new system of appointments and what this now looks like for the future
- Notifications have been sent to local jurisdictions with bridges that are eligible for replacement or repair through the Local Bridge Program. The application deadline has been extended to November 16, 2020 to provide more time for applicants.
- There is a remaining balance from the 18-21 Balance programming the amount of \$947k. Discussion will be held at the next joint ACT meeting as to where this money would be best applied
- Ken Patterson announced that Michael Barry, Local Area Liaison, has retired effective October 1, 2020. Mike will return as a Temporary employee in order to help the transition.

Presentations:

- **Tolling Plans – Hannah Williams**

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In 2017, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 2017, known as “Keep Oregon Moving”. This bill committed hundreds of millions of dollars in projects to address our congestion problem. A 45-day public comment period occurred August 3 through September 16, 2020.

Manage Congestion; higher tolls are used during peak travel times. Some drivers will adjust their travel time to less busy times. This shift makes travel more efficient.

Modern Tolling; all electronic tolling, no tollbooths and no stopping. Transponders are placed on the windshield and connect to a prepaid account.

I-5 and I-205 Projects Schedule:

- ✓ Tolling Environmental Review 2020 thru 2025
- ✓ Project Design & Bid 2019 thru 2025
- ✓ I-5 Alternatives and Tolling Environmental Review 2020 thru 2024
- ✓ Equity Framework 2020 and Equity engagement 2020 thru 2024

Full presentation available upon request

➤ **COAR Grant updates – Haley Walker**

The opening of the e-grants application process begins on October 2, 2020 and runs through October 23, 2020.

ODA expects a normal grant cycle, in previous cycles, \$1.4 - \$2.2 Million has been available

Instructions and supplemental material may be found at www.ODAE-Grants.com

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➤ **Transit update – Frank Thomas**

Accomplishments:

Malheur County has received two new buses this year with two more scheduled for delivery before the end of the year. Malheur County was also able to purchase property for a future bus barn expansion. Harney County added a heated bay for year ‘round bus washing. They are now working on adding COVID sanitization capacity.

Planning:

Kayak, Umatilla, and Morrow Counties are wrapping up their Coordinated Plan updates. Malheur County is getting ready to release an RFQ for a Coordinated Plan update. Transit is working toward a revolutionary Transportation Development Plan project for Umatilla County that will incorporate Kayak, Valley Transit, Morrow County Loop, and possibly Ben-Franklin Transit in the Tri-Cities.

Historic Agreements:

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Many of our regional providers have placed orders for capital equipment to participate in Valley Transit's iTransit NW Program. Transit is working with the City of Milton-Freewater to withdraw from FTA as a direct recipient and come back under Public Transit Division's umbrella for technical support and oversight. Kayak, Umatilla County, and Morrow County have inked a new MOU to plan and deliver intercity services to the Port of Morrow and a circulator route serving Boardman and the Port.

In the Pipeline:

Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation is a partnership with Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs. Transit anticipates awarding just over \$400k in two solicitation rounds and just over \$40,000 to distribute in performance incentives with a possibility to add another \$50,000 in January.

STF Consolidation:

The Division will be working through the legislative mandate to meld the STF and STIF programs this biennium. The consolidation will benefit from the same intentional design and level of local input.

➤ **Commute Options – Kim Curley**

Kim Curley with Commute Options spoke about two of their programs to encourage drivers to save money on driving costs, parking and traffic congestion. They currently serve 17 counties in Oregon.

- Commute Options Partner (COP) incentive program. Regions 4 & 5
With this program, you register with GetThereOregon.org and track your days. For every 45 days you use a commute option you will earn a \$20.00 gift card.
- Get There Challenge
This challenge will run from October 5th thru the 18th with incentives given.

Partner Updates – All

SEACT:

- Nyssa: Finished a small city project, Idaho Ave. Looking forward to the upcoming Ramp projects.
- Hines: Has completed their small city allotment project
- Tribal: Kenton Dick reported their transit services are under phase 1 of declaration. Only essential programs are operating. Bus services are at a standstill. There is no impact from the Oregon Wildfires for their area. The new housing complex will have 8 units, 4 will be completed by 12/31/20 and the other 4 in 2021. They are also currently looking for a van for smaller transportation needs.
- John Day: Their second attempt at BUILD grant was not successful.

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- CTUIR: The left turn lane project has been completed. Kayak is up and running at full service. There is an issue of driver shortages.
- Baker City: The first project management team planning meeting has been held for the Pocahontas/Hughes Lane project.
- Wallowa Co: Hwy. 3 work has put side rails on the ramps. There was a problem discovered and the team was able to redesign on the ground while completing the work.

- Umatilla: Moving forward with the ARTS grants. Design is underway now. The intent is early spring, completed by summer 2021. They are busy cleaning up from the flood. Design has been approved for bridge repair.
- Union Co.: Has received Federal funding. Looking at safety study at Pierce Intersection, 24 hour camera monitoring.
- Transit: Facing PPE and ridership challenge. Driver issues and reduction of services.
- Bike/Ped: Bike sales are up. Grants are moving forward.
- MPO Update: Currently working on their 20-45 plan, 718 projects received. 106 are anticipated to be funded with \$202M

Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm