LOWER JOHN DAY AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION (LJDACT)
Minutes
May 4, 2026

1. Call to Order, Introductions, Agenda Review
   Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM.

Attendees:

- Walter McAllister (ODOT)
- Jovi Arellano (ODOT)
- Andrea Rogers (City of Mosier)
- Riley Scov (ODOT)
- Arthur Smith (Wasco County Public Works)
- Kathy Fitzpatrick (Mobility Manager)
- Kim Curley (Commute Options)
- Kathy (MCEDD)
- Emerald Shirley (ODOT)

Public Comment: None.

2. Approve Meeting Minutes (February 2026)
   Motion to approve the February minutes was made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Transportation Safety Action Plan – ODOT
   Walter McAllister provided an overview of the Transportation Safety Action Plan. Discussion included increases in pedestrian conflicts, continued speeding since the COVID period, and related safety data available in the meeting materials. Members discussed driver behavior, safety education, and recent enforcement and safety improvements at Powell Butte Highway and OR 126. The group also discussed the use of photo radar in rural areas and the legislative process for authorizing new locations. The public comment period will open in June, with notices available through an online signup.

4. LJDACT Charter Review
   Emerald reported that all ACTs have been asked to review and update their charters. A blank template was provided. The group reviewed the distribution list and noted current vacancies: Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Rail Representative, and Marine Representative. Emerald will participate in the ACT Mobile Chair meeting this week and highlight regional speed reduction requests.

5. Round Table
   Maintenance and County Updates: Chip seal schedules are being finalized, including work in Biggs and on OR 197 and OR 216. Wasco County is preparing its chip seal schedule.
   ODOT Updates: The I-84 bridges project is nearing completion and expected to finish by the end of June. The Moro to Grass Valley paving project begins in early June with nightly lane closures. Region 4 is hiring additional staff to improve service levels.
   Other Updates: An expressway review will be released for public comment. AORTA was suggested as a potential rail representative. The Oregon Friendly Driver program remains available as a free online resource.

6. Next Meeting
   Next regular meeting will follow the quarterly schedule.

7. Adjourn
   Meeting adjourned at 11:09 AM.