LOWER JOHN DAY AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION (LJDACT)
Minutes
August 3, 2026

1. Call to Order, Introductions, Agenda Review

Meeting called to order at 9:40 AM.

Attendees:
• Meghan Blyth (ODOT)
• Jovi Arellano (ODOT)
• Gib Wilkins (City of Condon)
• Arthur Smith (Wasco County)
• Thomas Frank (ODOT)
• David Mills (The Dalles)
• Jeff Renard (Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Manager)
• Andrea Rogers (City of Mosier)
• Justin Miller (Sherman County Commissioner/Vice Chair)
• Dan Shanahan (ODOT)
• Riley Skov (ODOT)
• Emerald Shirley (ODOT)
• Kathy Fitzpatrick (MCCED)
• Victoria McKinney

Public Comment: None.

2. Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve previous minutes was made and passed.

3. Transportation Priorities

Emerald shared the CIP list and requested additional safety or paving concerns.
• Gib Wilkins reported Gilliam County is seeking speed cameras.
• Councilor Andrea Rodgers requested discussion of “No Parking” signs along Hwy 30 for safer access to the Mosier Plateau.
• A request was made for a Farm Machinery sign near Hwy 206/Fairview Farm.

4. Membership Review

Members were asked to consider nominations for Chair and Vice Chair prior to the next meeting. Membership gaps include:
• Sherman County city representative

• Gilliam County county representative
• Wheeler County city representative

Gib Wilkins will assist Sherman County recruitment; Riley Skov will assist Wheeler County.

Motion: Arthur Smith moved to include Active Transportation representatives (transit, port, aviation, active transportation) as voting members.
Motion passed.

Additional recruitment actions:
• Gib Wilkins will seek another port representative.
• Arthur Smith requested identifying a rail representative; Councilor Andrea Rodgers will look for contacts.

5. CIP Selection

Emerald Shirley reported CIP selection has not yet been decided.

Arthur Smith requested members receive the materials prior to the meeting once available; Emerald Shirley will email them out.

6. Round Table

ODOT Updates:
• Riley Skov reported I-84 bridge work is nearly complete with final walk-through pending. Moro to Grass Valley paving expected to finish this week; nightly lane closures may continue through September.
• Dan Shanahan shared that Rowena guardrail work is nearing completion, with highway reopened; painting expected to finish by August 15. Paving in Biggs (Westside) starting soon. Chipseals are nearly complete with minor issues.
• Vice Chair Justin Miller asked about Bonneville lane closures; Riley Skov stated full-time crossovers should be completed before Labor Day.

Other Updates:
• Jovi Arellano presented on Competitive Transportation Grants; Emerald Shirley recommended no ranking of items.
• Emerald Shirley announced local bridge funding applications will be released in May, with $63 million available over three years. Information will be distributed once received. Paul Strausser will serve as ODOT's new local bridge contact.
• Emerald Shirley noted previous ask of the ACT to have more information of speed cameras. Multiple ACT members requested she coordinate a presentation.
• Jeff noted the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport is updating its master plan and may need unsuitable fill material due to a large chasm.

7. Next Meeting

Next regular meeting scheduled for November 2, 2026, 9:30–11:30 AM.

8. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.