

Agenda
Mid-Willamette Valley Area
Commission on Transportation
(MWACT)

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Date: Thursday, October 7, 2021
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Place: Online meeting of MWACT

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3:30 p.m. Item 1. Call MWACT Meeting To Order Chair Ken Woods, Jr.

Welcome and Introductions
Approval of September 2, 2021 Meeting Summary
Public Comment
Comments from the Legislative Delegation
OTC Comments
Commission Discussion/Area Updates

3:40 p.m. Item 2. Federal Funding Update Trevor Sleeman, ODOT

Congress is working on the passage of a federal infrastructure investment package that could bring an additional \$1.2 billion (plus or minus) into Oregon over the next 5 years to preserve and improve the transportation system. Trevor Sleeman will discuss the status of the package, what this may mean to Oregon, and the potential timing of, and OTC process for, determining the use of these funds and updating the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Action: Information item.

4:05 p.m. Item 3. OR 18 @ OR 22 (Valley Junction)Brennan Burbank, ODOT

In May 2021, Mr. Burbank gave a presentation of the three alternatives being evaluated for the Valley Junction area where OR 22 meets OR 18 near Grand Ronde. ODOT is getting ready to deliver a final facility plan with a preferred alternative for the Valley Junction intersection and will present this to MWACT.

Action: Information item.

4:30 p.m. Item 4. Active Transportation Needs Inventory .. Ken Shonkwiler, ODOT

At the September MWACT meeting, ODOT staff presented the 150 percent list of recommended projects in Area 3 that are being considered for funding using ODOT's Strategic Bike /Pedestrian funds. There was a request to have a presentation of ODOT's Active Transportation Needs Inventory including how it was developed and how it was used to identify priority locations in order to scope potential bike and pedestrian projects.

Action: Information item.

4:45 p.m. Item 5. ODOT Open House for Bike/Ped Strategic Project Funding Projects (150% list) Mike Jaffe

The 150 percent list of projects being considered and scoped for ODOT’s Strategic Bike/Pedestrian (\$45 million) and ODOT Safe Route to School funds (\$10 million) – to be programmed primarily for the 24-27 STIP -- are available for viewing and providing comments at the following website:

<https://odotopenhouse.org/pedestrian-and-bicycle-strategic>

The website has a statewide map (Station #2) with dots showing the locations of the projects from the 150 percent list. When zoomed in on the map, you can see the more precise location of the project; and clicking on the dot will provide a description of each project.

Station #3 of the website also shows the map of projects and adds a survey asking for comments about the entire list of projects and comments about individual projects (for up to 2 projects).

The online Open House will be available until October 31, 2021.

Action: Information item.

4:50 p.m. Item 6. Critical Oregon Airport Relief Vice Chair Cathy Clark

The Oregon Department of Aviation has begun the sixth cycle of the Critical Oregon Airport Relief, or **COAR**, grants for 2021-2022. The application deadline was Friday, September 24, 2021. Airport sponsors from across the state have submitted 38 applications for consideration.

As per statute, the State Aviation Board is requesting that ACTs appoint a representative to be a member of the Aviation Review Committee. The Aviation Review Committee will be responsible to score the grant applications between now and the end of 2021 and convene at least once (likely virtually) as an entire committee in early 2022 for making final recommendations to the State Aviation Board for grant awards.

In past COAR cycles, MWACT’s representative for the review committee was Commissioner Craig Pope.

Action: Discuss/decide who will be the MWACT representative on the Aviation Review Committee.

5:00 p.m. Item 7. ACT Chairs Meeting Chair Ken Woods, Jr.

The ACT Chairs will meet on October 13, 2021. This is a chance to provide to MWACT Chair Ken Woods any information you would like him to share with the other ACTs, ODOT, and the Oregon Transportation Commission.

Action: Discussion item.

5:20 p.m. Item 8. Other Business.....ODOT staff

- **Biennial Report update (Dan Fricke)**
- **Connect Oregon** – the ConnectOregon competitive application process has begun. Applications are due by October 29, 2021. There is approximately \$46 million available for **aviation, marine, and rail transportation projects**. Proposals need to provide a 30 percent required match (50 percent required for Class I railroads). **ACTs will have a roll in scoring and prioritizing projects**, and a Final Review Committee will make a recommendation to the Oregon Transportation Commission. ODOT’s webpage has full information; see:

<https://www.oregon.gov/odot/programs/pages/connectoregon.aspx>

- **Next MWACT Meeting - tbd**

5:30 p.m. Item 9. Adjournment Chair Ken Woods, Jr.

Draft **Summary** **Draft**

Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation (MWACT)
MWVCOG Conference Room
100 High St. SE, Suite 200
Salem, OR 97301
Thursday, September 2, 2021

**This meeting was a call-in meeting with people attending via Zoom.
Attendance is listed as follows:**

MWACT Members Present

Danielle Bethell, Marion County Board of Commissioners
Cathy Clark, 2021 Vice Chair, Keizer Mayor
Ian Davidson, SAMTD Board of Directors
Dan Fricke, ODOT Region 2 (Alternate for John Huestis)
Kathy Hadley, Polk County Private Sector
Tom Hammer, Yamhill County Private Sector
Casey Kulla, Yamhill County Board of Commissioners
Lyle Mordhorst, Polk County Board of Commissioners
Walt Perry, I-5 Corridor, Jefferson City Council
Jim Sears, 99E/213 Corridor, Silverton City Council
Della Seney, Hwy. 22E Corridor, Aumsville City Council
Mitch Teal, Marion County Private Sector
Cynthia Thompson, YCTA
Ken Woods, Jr., 2021 Chair, Dallas City Council

MWACT Members Absent

Scott Hill, 99W/18/47 Corridor, McMinnville Mayor
John Huestis, ODOT Area 3 Manager
Michael Langley, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde
Jim Lewis, Salem City Council

Others Present

Steve Dickey, SAMTD
Kristine Evertz, Summit Strategies
Mike Jaffe, MWVCOG-MWACT/SKATS Staff
Lori Moore, MWVCOG-MWACT/SKATS Staff
Susan Peithman, ODOT
Janelle Shanahan, Marion County Public Works
Ken Shonkwiler, ODOT
Andrew Walker, ODOT

Julie Warncke, Salem Public Works

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order – 3:30 p.m. – Introductions

Chair Ken Woods, Jr., called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. Chair Woods welcomed the new Yamhill County Private Sector representative, Mr. Tom Hammer.

Summary of June 3, 2021: The summary of the June 3, 2021, meeting was approved as submitted by consensus of the members present online.

Public Comment: There were no comments from the public.

Comments from the Legislative Delegation: There were no comments from the legislative delegation.

OTC Comments: There were no comments from the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) members.

Commission Discussion/Area Updates: Kathy Hadley mentioned several locations that have safety issues. She asked if there are corrective actions proposed for several locations including:

- Highway 22 W
- Highway 99W
- Highways 22/51 Interchange

Dan Fricke responded that he will research the issues/locations and provide MWACT members with a response.

Agenda Item 2. Strategic Bike/Pedestrian Project Prioritization for FY 24-27 STIP Update

Following up on information previously presented, Susan Peithman, ODOT, provided an overview of pedestrian/bicycle prioritized projects along state highways. Last meeting, MWACT members received a presentation related to the ODOT Active Transportation Needs Inventory (ATNI). The sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and shoulders along the state system are mapped in the ATNI. Gaps and poor infrastructure areas are identified. Prioritization scores are developed, and the prioritized projects are being evaluated for inclusion in the FY 24-27 STIP. Opportunities for leveraging projects with other ODOT projects are being encouraged.

An online open house is scheduled for September 15-October 31, 2021, in order to receive public feedback. Discussion with the ACTs and other advisory committees will occur between May and October.

Commissioner Casey Kulla expressed disapproval of sharrows. He considers them safety hazards. Cynthia Thompson commented that it is challenging to provide shelters in rural areas. Commission members discussed ways of integrating shelters with bus stops, advice inconsistencies, narrow sidewalks, and the need for more educational efforts related to bicycle and pedestrian issues.

Agenda Item 3. Proposed Scoping Projects in Area 3

Dan Fricke informed commission members that each ODOT region and area develops a list of proposed projects to be scoped for possible inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Based on material included in the agenda package, he provided an overview related to the status of projects in the MWACT area.

There are four types of projects: Fix-It, Safety, ADA,¹ and local Bridge. As safety is an issue of continuing priority to MWACT members, Mr. Fricke reported that 28 Safety projects in the region are being evaluated.

Agenda Item 4. Enhance Project Status

Andrew Walker, ODOT, reminded the group that they previously recommended three projects for consideration for Enhance funding in the FY 24-27 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Two of the recommended projects are still under consideration:

- Newberg-Dundee Bypass project – Proposed amount of request - \$5 million.
- I-5 Third Lane project: Kuebler to Delaney – Proposed amount of request - \$10 million

The project proposal and business case for each of the two projects was included in the agenda package. It is likely that the projects to be scoped will be identified in a few weeks. Commission members will be kept advised as to the status of their project proposals.

Agenda Item 5. ACT Engagement Refocus Update

Mike Jaffe reported that Oregon Transportation Commission Chair Julie Brown is the liaison, along with ODOT staff members, for refinement of the defining the roles and

¹ ADA-Americans with Disabilities Act

responsibilities for the ACTs, ODOT, and the OTC. A meeting with Commissioner Brown, ODOT staff, and ACT chairs will be arranged soon.² It is likely to be a virtual meeting.

Agenda Item 6. I-5 @ Brooklake Interchange Update

Dan Fricke provided an overview of the planning project to evaluate ways to improve safety and traffic flow in the Brooklake Interchange area. Potential improvements and phased implementation concepts will be assessed in the Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP). Mr. Fricke noted that there are currently no funds identified for final design or construction.

Six³ concepts have been developed for initial screening and analysis:

1. TDI ~ Tight Diamond Interchange
2. SPI ~ Single Point Interchange
3. DDI ~ Diverging Diamond Interchange
4. ParClo ~ Partial Cloverleaf – NW/NE
5. ParClo ~ Partial Cloverleaf – NW/SE
6. Dogbone

Mr. Fricke highlighted key features related to each concept including cost estimates. Next steps include development of an access management/interchange management plan this fall.

Agenda Item 7. Other Business

Commission members discussed the potential date for the next MWACT meeting. Consensus was reached to meet at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 7, 2021. Possible topics/issues include the MWACT Biennial report, the ConnectOregon program, and an in-depth presentation related to the ODOT Active Transportation Needs Inventory(ATNI).

Chair Woods adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

² The meeting with OTC Chair Julie Brown and ODOT staff has been scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

³ All six concepts are based on the assumption that Brooklake Road will be widened to five lanes between Huff Avenue and the southbound ramp terminal.