

Agenda

Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation (MWACT)

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Date: Thursday, August 1st, 2024
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Place: MWVCOG Offices, 2nd floor
100 High Street SE, Salem
Online: (See information above for Zoom meeting).
Phone: (503) 588 6177

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

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of June 6th, 2024, Meeting Summary
- Public Comment
- Comments from the Legislative Delegation
- OTC Comments
- Commission Discussion/Area Updates
 - Joint Committee on Transportation meeting on September 25th

3:35 p.m. Item 2. Area 3 Construction Projects Review Anna Henson, ODOT

Area 3 Construction Updates - A continuation of Area 3 updates on upcoming construction projects, due to limited time at the June 6th meeting.

- [I-5 Widening Project: Kuebler Boulevard to Delaney Road](#)¹
- [I-5: Aurora-Donald Interchange Project](#)²

Action: For Information, with time for questions

3:55 p.m. Item 3. Connect Oregon Region 2 Super ACT Update ODOT Staff, Vice Chair Clark

This time is allotted for informal information sharing from the recent Connect Oregon grant program prioritization meeting. The Region 2 Super ACT includes representatives from each Area Commission on Transportation within the region.

Action: For Information, with time for questions

4:15 p.m. Item 6. Information for MWACT members..... ODOT Staff

- Agenda build brainstorm (full ACT input requested)
- September 5th, 2024 MWACT meeting agenda items or cancellation?

4:30 p.m. Item 4. DEI TrainingODOT Staff

Reserved for required DEI Training for all ACT members. This item is closed to the public and will not be recorded.

Action: For Information, with time for questions

5:30 p.m. Item 7. Adjournment.....Chair Ken Woods, Jr.

¹<https://www.oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/project-details.aspx?project=19929>

²<https://www.oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/project-details.aspx?project=22505>

Meeting Summary

Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation (MWACT)

MWVCOG Virtual Meeting

100 High St. SE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97301

Thursday, June 6, 2024

This meeting was a hybrid meeting with people attending via Zoom. Attendance is listed as follows:

MWACT Members Present

Anna Henson, ODOT Region 2 Area 3 Manager
April Newton, 99E/213 Corridor, Silverton City Council
Cathy Clark, 2024 Vice Chair, Keizer Mayor - Zoom
Cynthia Thompson, YCTA - Zoom
Della Seney, Hwy. 22E Corridor, Aumsville City Council
Ken Woods, Jr., 2024 Chair, Dallas Mayor
Kevin Cameron, Marion County Board of Commissioners - Zoom
Kit Johnston, Yamhill County Board of Commissioners - Zoom
Lyle Mordhorst, Polk County Board of Commissioners
Michael Schilling, Dallas City Council – Alternate for Ken Woods
Sara Duncan, SAMTD Board of Directors – Zoom
Yvette Potter, 99W/18/47 Corridor, Yamhill Mayor - Zoom

MWACT Members Absent

Angelica Ceja, Hwy. 22E Corridor, Aumsville City Council, Alternate for Della Seney
Chris Patoine, Polk County Private Sector
Frank Lonergan, I-5 Corridor, Woodburn Mayor – Zoom
Mitch Teal, Marion County Private Sector
Stacia Martin, Tribal Government, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde
Trevor Phillips, Salem City Council

Others Present

Alvin Klausen, Marion County – Zoom
Brandon Williams, ODOT
Brennan Burbank, ODOT – Zoom
Chris Chenoweth, Yamhill City Council, Alternate for Remy Drabkin – Zoom
Deza'Rae Collins, MWVCOG-SKATS Staff
Greg Graven - Zoom
Jacqueline Green, NE Keizer Neighborhood Association – Zoom
Jamie Lemon, FHWA - Zoom
Janelle Shanahan, Marion County Public Works – Zoom
Jillian Trinkaus, ODOT/PTD – Zoom
Mike Jaffe, MWVCOG-SKATS Staff
Shawn (?) - Zoom
Shelley Reimer, City of Yamhill – Zoom
Shofi Ull Azum, SAMTD - Zoom
Stephen Dobrinich, MWVCOG-SKATS Staff
Tammy Kunz, Keizer Community Diversity Engagement Committee - Zoom
Tom Hammer, Yamhill County Private Sector

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order – 3:30pm - Introductions

Chair Ken Woods, Jr., called the hybrid meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. A quorum was established, and introductions were made.

Summary of May 2, 2024, Meeting:

The summary of the May 2, 2024, meeting was approved by consensus of the members present and online.

Anna Henson requested a minor amendment to remove the bullet point regarding dairy farms along Kings Valley Highway. The amendment request was approved.

Public Comment:

There were no comments from the public.

Comments from the Legislative Delegation:

There were no comments from the legislative delegation.

OTC Comments:

Updates about the upcoming OTC meeting on June 12 were briefly discussed.

Commission Discussion/Area Updates:

Anna Henson from ODOT provided the following updates to the group:

- Bids received on the Kuebler Delaney widening project – bid openings were on May 23rd
- Bids open today June 6th for the I-5 Salem to Albany Intelligent Traffic Systems (ITS) to install VMS message boards to update the public on traffic conditions
- Bids will be delayed to an unknown date for the OR-219 and OR-18 Newberg Dundee Bypass Phase 2A project due to the PLA not being ready
- A safety project for curve warnings in various locations, is going for bid in October
- The OTC meeting is next Wednesday June 12th, and Chair Woods and the Region Manager, Savannah Crawford will be presenting MWACT work plan
- A virtual meeting for the Joint Committee on Transportation (JCT) tours will be held in Salem on September 25th. The closest in person meeting for JCT tours is in Albany on July 16th

Brandon Williams from ODOT provided the following updates to the group:

The federal functional classification process happens every 10 years and the deadline/local review is June 30th. Brandon will be coordinating some workshops and holding office hours to be available virtually to work through the online map tool where feedback can be submitted. The exercise focuses on existing facilities, or those being built within the next 5 years. Feedback on the functional classification system can be submitted anytime, however,

now there is an opportunity to work with a consultant team. Brandon will follow up with an email to the members about how and when to schedule.

Agenda Item 2. ADA Program Updates, Brennan Burbank, ADA

Brennan Burbank from ADA provided updates on the ADA Program's larger goals, particularly their target of getting 25,899 settlement ramps ADA compliant by 2032. Push buttons are also included. Thus far, 8,700 ramps have been delivered to date. Additional updates included historical context, funding sources, work in progress, coordinates logistics, and detailed statewide ramp replacement projects. The discussion covered challenges associated with ADA ramp constructions, particularly contractor scheduling constraints and centralization efforts in the previous few years. The RFP application will be available later this year.

Commissioner Mordhorst asked if the budget for these projects is available and what is the funding source. Brennan Burbank confirmed that the funding is federal dollars.

Agenda Item 3. Area 3 Construction Projects Review, Scott Nelson, ODOT

Scott Nelson from ODOT provided updates on the following construction projects that are still in progress.

OR 99W Clow Corner Roundabout

Overcoming power transmission delays from Pacific Power and anticipate changes in timelines to avoid local disruptions and agricultural impact.

South Yamhill River Bridge on OR 18

The bridge reconstruction portion is nearing finish, with final paving and minor fixes scheduled. Some inflation and project modifications although road still open at critical points.

OR22 Big Cliff Dam

Ongoing multi-million dollar re-pavement project, still maintaining smooth traffic flow with some erosion issues.

Projects that have not yet started were postponed for the next MWACT meeting on August 1st.

Agenda Item 4. Oregon Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP), Jamie Lemon, FHWA

Transportation Planner Jamie Lemon from the FHWA presented the Oregon Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) and covered the ongoing assessment of unmet access needs to Federal Lands in Oregon categorized as high, medium, or low based on multiple aspects.

Information was provided on how future access needs are incorporated into coordinated planning and decision-making across Federal, State, and Local agencies. The Mid-Willamette region identified a few road and bridge needs in Marion County. FHWA will be hosting office hours on July 24th & 25th to review the assessment results and receive feedback from project partners. Rough order of magnitude cost bands will also be developed for the top priorities. The final FLAP investment strategy and report will be shared with the public and project partners.

Agenda Item 5. Connect Oregon Ranking Exercise, Brandon Williams, ODOT

Brandon Williams from ODOT presented the process for ranking Connect Oregon applications and establishing interest for projects, specifically focusing on the one project within the MWACT region, the Salem and Woodburn Rail Modernization project from applicant Portland & Western Railroad. Potential conflicts of interests were acknowledged, and the application procedures were outlined as well as needs to be addressed. Members discussed concerns and thoughts regarding impacts on transportation and goods movement in addition to broader planning, equity concerns and climate impacts. Members agreed to give local projects leading priority while vetting participant input for alignment with broader state and community needs.

Chair Woods asked if any railroads have ever applied for any funding and Brandon Williams could not confirm or deny. Woods is not familiar with any of the rail projects listed on Item 5. Brandon Williams will follow up with the group and include John Boren to provide more background information on Connect Oregon.

Tammy Kunz is interested in this project and would like to be kept in the loop. Commissioner Cameron expressed confusion regarding the project ranking exercise and Brandon Williams explained that because there was only one project within the MWACT region, the focus of the discussion has been on sharing information about that project (Salem and Woodburn Rail Modernization project). Further prioritization would occur at the Region 2 Super ACT meeting in July. Brandon would also coordinate with Connect Oregon program staff to get some clarification on the exercise and expectations leading up the Super ACT prioritization. Connect Oregon program staff would confirm there was no expectation that MWACT prioritize projects outside their area before the Super ACT meeting.

Agenda Item 6. Information for MWACT members, ODOT Staff

Brandon Williams informed the group that the ODOT Equity and Inclusion team would like to host an 1-hour training instead of an all-day event. Ideally around mid-summer at the August 1st MWACT meeting (second half of the meeting starting at 4:30pm, after the public-meeting portion).

Commissioner Mordhorst requested to view the budget for next year that ODOT is developing, including how it is being structured and built. There is some confusion about

how the budget has been presented by the various budget representatives such as budget focuses (maintenance vs. new projects) and anticipated reductions or increases. Anna Henson and/or Brandon Williams stated their commitment to sharing the latest budget information, as it is available, but noted this information typically comes directly from budget and finance staff at ODOT, such as Travis Brower, who visit the ACTs periodically.

Anna Henson took requests for upcoming presentations from ODOT members the group has not heard from. No comment although, Chair Woods Jr. asked for updates on Butler Hill. Butler Hill is in progress and on schedule for expected completion of pavement smoothing in the next couple weeks. Also upcoming is a PROTECT grant submission to repair a sinking culvert along Highway 22 along with the Butler Hill slide area. Chair Woods Jr. asked when the guardrails will be complete, and Anna Henson confirmed that the project does not qualify for safety funds thus a different funding mechanism needs to be identified.

The July 6th MWACT meeting is cancelled due to the 4th of July holiday. The next meeting is August 1st.

Item 7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.