

Agenda

Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation (MWACT)

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Date: Thursday, October 1, 2026
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Place: ODOT Region 2, Building B
455 Airport Rd SE,
Salem, OR 97301
Online: See Information above for MS TEAMS meeting

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3:30 p.m. Item 1. Call MWACT Meeting To Order Chair

Start meeting recording

Welcome and Introductions
Approval of August 6, 2026, Meeting Summary
Public Comment
Comments from the Legislative Delegation
OTC Comments
Commission Discussion/Area Updates

3:40 pm Item 2. ODOT Capital Investment Plan update (CIP)..... ODOT

Action: informational

4:10 pm Item 3. OR 99W Corridor Intersection Safety Improvements Project....ODOT

No Action: informational

4:30 pm Item 4. Information for MWACT Members..... ODOT Staff

- Next Meeting: December 3rd, 3:30pm (Hybrid format: online/in-person)
- Agenda Build Brainstorm (full ACT input requested)
- Paperless agendas (after October)

4:45 p.m. Item 5. Adjournment Chair

Parking Lot for Future Agenda items

Work Plan Update
Charter Update

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Meeting Summary
Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation (MWACT)
ODOT Hybrid Meeting
ODOT
455 Airport Road SE Salem, OR
Thursday, August 6, 2026

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

MWACT Members Present

Paul Welch - Alternate for Anna Henson, ODOT Area 3 Manager
Lyle Mordhorst, Polk County Board of Commissioners, 2026 Chair
Kyle Juran, Keizer City Council- Virtual
Tom Hammer, Yamhill County Private Sector
Chris Mercier, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde - Virtual
Kevin Cameron, Marion County Board of Commissioners
Gary Bullock, Marion County Private Sector
Chris Patoine, Polk County Private Sector - Virtual
Sara Duncan, SAMTD Board of Directors
Kit Johnston, Yamhill County Board of Commissioners - Virtual

MWACT Members Absent

Michael Schilling, Dallas City Council
Della Seney, Hwy. 22E Corridor, Aumsville City Council
Alma Grijalva – City of Woodburn, I-5 Corridor
April Newton, 99E/213 Corridor, Silverton City Council
Angelica Ceja, Hwy 22E Corridor, Aumsville City Council (Alternante for Della Seney)
Cynthia Thompson, Yamhill County Transit Association
Mai Vang, Salem City Council Ward 6
Chris Chenoweth, McMinnville City Council, 2026 Vice Chair
VACANT Representation for 99W/18/47 Corridor

Others Present

Julia H, City of Stayton - Virtual
Kristine Everetz, Yamhill Parkway Committee, Summit Strategies
Jerry Trimble, Trimble Aviation
Ed Chamberland, DEA - Virtual
Cory Misley, City of Silverton - Virtual
Greg Gaven, City of Yamhill - Virtual
Tammy Kunz, Keizer Community Diversity Engagement Committee - Virtual
Jacueline Green, Greater NE Keizer Neighborhood - Virtual
Jim Row, City of Woodburn- Virtual
Shofi Azum, Cherriots- Virtual
Representative David Gomberg – Virtual
Matt Marquez, Cherriots
Ross Lane, Portland Western Railroad
Bill Poehler, Statesman Journal - Virtual

Bill Johnston, ODOT
Patty Herzog, McMinnville Economic Development

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

Chair Mordhorst called the hybrid meeting to order at 3:30p.m. A quorum was not established, and introductions were made.

Summary of June 4th, 2026, Meeting:

The summary of the meeting was approved by consensus of the members in-person and 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:

No OTC Commissioner was present.

Commission Discussion/Area Updates:

Paul gave brief updates on projects in Area 3. See below

Lyle Mordhorst requested presentation of OR99 W Intersection Improvement project at next MWACT meeting.

Project updates:

- Center St Bridge Project – bid date 9/22/26
- OR 99 Intersection Safety Improvements Project – bids 10/1
- Mill Creek Greenway (Woodburn) path – bids 10/15
- OR18 S. McMinnville – E. McMinnville paving – bids 10/22

Construction updates:

- I-5 Aurora -Donald Interchange – successful transfer of southbound lanes onto new I-5 bridge 😊
- OR99 Bethel Rd project – under construction
- Verda Lane project (Keizer) – under construction
- OR22: Perrydale Rd to Kings Valley Hwy – under construction (Perrydale realignment 2026; roundabout at KVH in 2027)
- I-5 Kuebler to Delaney widening – Southbound traffic on new alignment; upcoming northbound traffic will be shifted over to final configuration. Currently contractor is paving.

Agenda Item 2. Connect Oregon Grant Applications

Three applications were submitted for Connect Oregon grants for members to rank in preparation of the Super ACT meeting where all Region 2 ACTS will meet (Aug 26th) to discuss the final list that is to be submitted for consideration to the Connect Oregon selection committee. There is \$30M available this cycle. 37 applications were received for a total of \$83M. All three projects were presented to MWACT members and final ranking are as follows:

1. Portland & Western Railroad – Woodburn to Wilsonville Rail Modernization, Safety and Capacity Improvement Project. Ross Lane presented the project – requesting they are providing \$350k

2. Jerry Trimble Helicopters – McMinnville Airport Terminal Construction and Quonset Hangar Remodel; Jerry Trimble presented the project. Request is for \$500k; Jerry Trimble Aviation is providing \$225k
3. Aurora Airport Improvement Assoc – Aurora Airport: Secure internal Circulation Route requesting \$966,133k

A comment was made that for future Connect Oregon application grant applications the members would like to have more lead time and information ahead of the ranking meeting.

Agenda Item 3. Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund

Three applications were submitted and members recommended all three projects be moved forward for consideration. A total of \$21.6M is available. Presentations on these projects were as follows: Cherriots' two projects were presented by Matt Marquez:

1. Cherriots CNG Station Replacement requesting \$2M
2. Cherriots Paratransit Vehicle Replacement – replace 5 paratransit vehicles that exceed their useful life. Requesting \$740k

Additionally, City of Woodburn presented on the below CO application: City of Woodburn presented by Jim Row - replaces current gas paratransit vehicle with an electric paratransit vehicle. Requesting \$388,035

Agenda Item 4. Information for MWACT Members:

Connect Oregon Grant applications will be ranked across ODOT Areas within ODOT Region 2 during the August 26th Connect Oregon Review meeting hosted at ODOT Region 2 Offices in Salem. [This meeting occurred, as scheduled on August 26th.]

Please see summarized below, the ODOT Region 2 Review Committee meeting summary including final rankings of Connect Oregon grant applications for ODOT Region 2.

Next meeting: October 1, 2026 at ODOT building in Salem:
455 Airport Rd SE, Salem OR, Mt Jefferson Room

Agenda Build Brainstorm (full ACT input requested):

Upcoming agenda items include the following:

CIP update

MWACT Work Plan update

MWACT Charter update

Project updates – OR 99W Intersection Safety Improvements project + other project updates

Region 2 Review Committee

Connect Oregon 10

The following is a summary of the Region 2 Review Committee meeting that occurred on August 26, 2026. This summary was prepared by Bill Johnston, ODOT Region 2 Planner.

There were 15 applications submitted for projects within Region 2. There were four projects in Area 1, three in Area 3, seven in Area 4, and one in Area 5. Total funding requested in Region 2: \$35.6 M. There were 37 applications statewide, in all 5 Regions. Total funding requested \$84.4 M. Total funding available: \$30 million.

As a starting point for discussion, the Region 2 Review Committee (R2RC) considered the list of projects within Region 2, ranked in order of their statutory and economic benefit scores. (Refer to Table 1 in the meeting packet.) Region 2 staff provided an adjusted list that accounted for the ACTs' preferences. That is, the list accounted for how each ACT ranked the projects within their area. The Mid-Willamette ACT (Area 1) was the only ACT that deviated from the preliminary rankings based on the benefit scores. (Refer to Table 3.)

During the project ranking portion of the meeting, representatives from several of the ACTs indicated they wanted to revise the rank order of the projects in their areas. There was also some discussion about the top ranked project on the combined Region 2 list. The following is a summary of the adjustments that were made to the preliminary rankings shown in Table 3. The committee's final project ranking is shown on the following page.

Adjustments

The group agreed to rank the Port of Astoria project as the No.1 project in Region 2. Some of the Region 2 Review Committee members initially suggested it should be moved to a lower position because it was too expensive. The Port is requesting \$10.4 M in grants funds for a \$36.2 M project. Representatives from the NWACT explained that if the Port is not awarded these CO funds they will forfeit \$25.7 M in federal grants that have already been secured. This was compelling to the group.

The NWACT (Area 1) representatives agreed to switch their No. 4 project (Pacific Seafood) with the LaneACT No.1 project (Eugene Airport). This was proposed by Walter Chuck, Chair of the CWACT. He noted that many residents in Area 4 use the Eugene Airport. Several of the committee members suggested that Area 1 should be willing to compromise (accommodate this proposal) in exchange for the committee's support for the Port of Astoria project.

The MWACT representatives switched the ranking of their No. 1 and No.2 projects. The revised rankings are as follows: (1) Trimble Aviation, (2) Portland & Western, (3) Aurora Airport.

The CWACT (Area 4) representatives changed the ranking of their No. 7 project (Western University). They elevated it to the No. 3 position (among the Area 4 projects). The lower ranked Area 4 projects move one position lower.

Final ranking – application no., applicant, project name, funds requested, ACT (Area), rank

1. **2M532: Port of Astoria** – Pier 2 West Rehab. (\$10,426,950) NWACT (Area 1) rank 1 of 4.
2. **2M535: Port of Columbia County** – Port Westward Beaver Dock Modernization. (\$2,500,000) NWACT (Area 1) rank 2 of 4.
3. **2R528: Philomath Sawmill, LLC** – Philomath Planer Mill Phase 1. (\$165,743) CWACT (Area 4) rank 1 of 7.
4. **2R540: CLT Lab, LLC** – Timberlab Connection to P&WR. (\$3,035,252) CWACT (Area 4) 2 of 7.
5. **2A531: Trimble Aviation** – McMinnville Airport Terminal Construction and Quonset Hangar Remodel. (\$525,000) MWACT (Area 3) rank 1 of 3.
6. **2M533: City of Warrenton** – Warrenton Marina E Dock Replacement. (\$2,500,000) NWACT (Area 1) rank 3 of 4.
7. **2A536: City of Eugene** – Eugene Airport Concourse A Expansion and ADA Lift. (\$3,897,360) LaneACT (Area 5) rank 1 of 1.
8. **2R539: Western University of Health Sciences (Lebanon)** – WesternU Oregon Railroad Grade-Separated Undercrossing. (\$3,967,600) CWACT (Area 4) rank 3 of 7.
9. **2M534: Pacific Seafood** – Pacific Seafood (Warrenton) Fuel & Ice Dock Repair. (\$1,481,361) NWACT (Area 1) rank 4 of 4.
10. **2R530: Portland & Western Railroad** – Woodburn to Wilsonville Rail Modernization, Safety, and Capacity Improvement Project. (\$349,428) MWACT (Area 3) rank 2 of 3.
11. **2M537: Port of Newport** – Port of Newport International Terminal Dolphin Installation. (\$1,138,150) CWACT (Area 4) rank 4 of 7.
12. **2A529: Aurora Airport Improvement Association** – Aurora Airport, Secure Internal Circulation Road. (\$966,133) MWACT (Area 3) rank 3 of 3.
13. **2M538: Port of Newport** – Port of Newport South Beach Dredging. (\$1,050,000) CWACT (Area 4) rank 5 of 7.
14. **2A527: City of Corvallis** – Corvallis Airport Hangar Taxilane Improvement. (\$800,000) CWACT (Area 4) rank 6 of 7.
15. **2R541: City of Harrisburg** – Harrisburg 4th St Corridor Railroad Rehabilitation and Grade Crossing Improvement Project. (\$2,804,767) CWACT (Area 4) rank 7 of 7.