

**Minutes of Meeting
February 7th, 2019 9:00 AM
Oregon Department of Transportation
3012 Island Avenue
La Grande, Oregon**

Members and Alternates present:

Michelle Owen, Chairman Jim Doherty, Matt Scrivner, Aaron Palmquist, Jacob Cain, Byron Smith, Commissioner Paul Anderes, Doug Wright Kyle Carpenter, Dennis Sands, JD Tovey, Angie Peters, Mavis Hart Ken Patterson

Guests present:

Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, Tom Wallace

ODOT Staff:

Mike Barry, Craig Sipp, Sheri Folsom

Opening Meeting:

- Chairman Jim Doherty called the meeting to order
- Roll call of voting members – Quorum present
- Introductions: N/A
- Announcements: N/A

Public and/or Stakeholders Comments: If Any: N/A

Standing Items & Reports:

- Approval of the December 2018 Minutes Aaron Palmquist moved and Doug Wright seconded; minutes unanimously approved.
- OTC/ODOT Updates – Ken Patterson – Craig Sipp
 - OTC/ODOT Update:
 - Craig Sipp announced that ODOT Director Matt Garrett would be resigning March 31, 2019. OTC will be active in a search for the new director.
 - Mac Lynde has been appointed Deputy Hwy Director, his focus will be more internal
 - The Salt Program is continuing with good results, less accidents
 - ODOT is working on closures, establishing procedures for allowing the local travelers to go thru the closure to their homes.
 - Suggested alternate state routes were discussed. Travelers are using their GPS units, which may not be the best way, and they are being diverted onto roads that are not primarily maintained.

OTC

- HB2017 Progress report was reviewed.

North East Area Commission on Transportation (NEACT)

- Local Road and Bridge Condition reports (HB2017 requirement), 207 out of 277 had been reported at that time.
- SRTS Presentation: How the projects affect more than just the school. Project readiness at the time of application is important.
- Secretary of State Audit –
 - Transit – Is better defined
 - SRTS – Verify application information
- Transportation Safety report from Troy Costales
 - Top factors for accidents are Speed, Alcohol and No Seat Belts. Report showed 172 accidents involved speed, 176 alcohol and 80 with no seat belts. Some accidents may be a combination.
 - Speed Racing is on the rise
 - PSU report showed that truck crashes are also on the rise after implementing the higher speed limits
- SRTS – Amanda Pietz gave a presentation.
 - Region 5 has 3 projects – John Day at \$1.1M, Milton-Freewater at \$250k and La Grande with \$140K
 - Next round will start in 2020 with projects beginning in 2021
- OTC Amendments
 - Load rating in Regions 1 and 2
 - Region 5 – 2 Amendments
 - US20-395 Burns Additional 1 Million needed due to ADA
 - I84 Snake River Bridge additional \$720K which will split with Idaho

- Local Program & JTA Update – Mike Barry
 - Special City Allotment Program: N/A
 - Fund Exchanges: Plans need to be delivered to Mike Barry
 - JTA'S: Last invoice has been paid, last project in Region 5 completed.
 - Local Program: 3 projects are active
 - 6th St in Umatilla
 - Burns
 - Juntura Road – using a new product for this, foamed asphalt
 - ARTS: N/A
 - IOF: Good Shepard and Hill Meat are completed, Yellowhawk and Baum are in development.
 - Earmarked projects need to get started. Timely delivery is a trigger for future gas tax increases.

- Regional Solution Team (RST) Update – Ken Patterson
 - 3 cities received infrastructure funding: Baker City, Joseph and Pendleton Airport
 - Nyssa reload facility: Progress is on track. 3rd party will review and send to OTC in January 2019. If approved, will get the remainder of the targeted \$26M to continue on to construction.
 - Build Grants – Three projects were submitted with two making it through the process. 2 Eastern Oregon projects went to the US Secretary of Transportation's desk for approval. Port of Morrow's was awarded.

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- Border Board – proposals will go to the legislative session
- Land Use – more competitive – change the definition of agricultural land that would allow more rural building
- Licensing – discussed the certifications and licensing requirements, would like to allow Plant Electricians and Nurses with Idaho license into Oregon for work
- Advisory committee for RST has been set, next meeting is March 11th at EOU from 1pm to 3pm

- 15-18 STIP Enhance Accounting Report - Ken Patterson
 - Reviewed the September 2018 report.
 - John Day project was on hold, it is now active and moving forward

- 21-24 STIP Process Update - Ken Patterson
 - On track to have all projects scoped by 6/1/19 and Business Case reviews complete
 - Additional leveraging opportunities include: Safety, Preservation and Bike/Ped needs

- **Old Business:**
 - STIF Application Update – N/A

➤ **New Business:**

COAR – Doug Wright

- All applications with the exception of one were accepted. There are 3 cycles to the program, 1st cycle will receive \$1.6M, 2nd \$1.7M and the 3rd \$1.8M.
- This program is scheduled to sunset in 2020. There is a need and hopefully the program will be able to continue past 2020
- NEACT moved to prepare a letter of support for continuation of the COAR program and send to the Department of Aviation's Board.



Setting Speed Limits – Rick Stanton and Jeff Wise

- Speed limits are set in 2 ways: By State statute and Local Agencies
- Local residents may request a speed zone change on rural state highways
- Road Authority will make the written request for speed zone changes on State Highways within City Limits, County Roads and City Streets
- When ODOT and the Road Authority are unable to reach a mutual agreement, the case is forwarded to the Speed Zone Review Panel, which then makes the final decision after reviewing the investigation and hearing any objections or comments. Once SZRP makes their decision, it is final and is not appealable



Process for
Establishing Speed :

Partner Updates – All

- County/Cities Roundtables: Kathleen Cathey stated that Senator Ron Wyden will be holding more Town hall meetings on the West side of the state
- By-ways Update: N/A
- LOC/AOC Update: N/A.
- Transit Update: Angie Peters went over the STIF Discretionary Grants procedure
- Bike/Ped Update: SRTS has three projects. Projects can also be for educational or soft goods. Focus on Bi-Modal
- Freight Update: N/A
- CTUIR Update: JD Tovey was named to the OBPAC committee, he also wanted to thank ODOT for their work during this last snowstorm.
- MPO Update: WWVMPO has completed its Rural Mobility Strategic Plan. They are getting ready to develop their next 25-year transportation plan. They are also working on next state fiscal year's work plan that will include a travel demand model update, socio-economic growth and trends, transportation performance monitoring, arterial thoroughfare planning, a potential regional traffic safety campaign and an overview of electric vehicle fueling infrastructure deployment. The Walla Walla Valley region was chosen to participate in a pilot project undertaken by the Washington State DOT.

NEXT Meeting:

Joint NEACT/SEACT Meeting April 4th, 2019

TBD