

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**November 4, 2021 9:00 AM**  
**Meeting Location:**  
**Virtual MS Teams**

**Members and Alternates present:**

Commissioner Bill Harvey, Michelle Owen, Chairman Jim Doherty, Matt Scrivner, Jacob Cain, Aaron Palmquist, Ben Burgener, Tim Patton, Tom Fellows, Byron Smith, Commissioner Susan Roberts, Commissioner Dan Dorran, Connie Guentert, Mavis Hart, Ken Patterson

**Guests present:**

Susan Peithman – ODOT, Travis Brouwer – ODOT, Dani Schulte, Ben Hoppe, Bob Patterson, David Van Atta, Ryan Degroff, John Barkley, Kim Curley, Justin Walker, Ryan Lowe, Katie Imes, Molly Loucks, Gabe Burgess, Courtney Crowell

**ODOT Staff:**

Craig Sipp, Sheri Folsom

**Opening Meeting:**

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

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

**Standing Items & Reports:**

OTC/Regional Updates – Craig Sipp

- November meeting focused around Urban Mobility in the Portland area and the 205 project
- Discussed and review key performance. There are four (4) key areas
  - ✓ Traffic Fatality
  - ✓ Passenger railroad
  - ✓ Transit rides
  - ✓ Customer satisfaction regarding the DMV and Commerce and Compliance
- Reviewed and adopted the Transportation Safety Plan

Regional Updates

- ADA and I84 construction projects are winding down for the winter
- Maintenance is holding their winter operation meetings. Focus on the shortage across the board with employees. Planning on how to balance our winter operations and level of service
- Region 5 received an award from AASHTO for the I84 Snow Zone Improvement Project. It was elevated to national award voting although no announcement has been made as of today's date

Local Program Update: Ken Patterson

- Any local agency needs, please reach out to Ken Patterson. Michelle Tragesser will be out until January 2022
- Region 5 was successful in delivery of 14 projects. \$1.3M funds granted.
- Developing the 24-27 STIP. Local Bridge has one bridge in Wallowa Co., Scoping has been completed, developing cost and it will be included in this STIP

24-27 STIP

- Current 125% list was presented
- Currently in process of scoping. Will be completed in Spring 2022
- The list of projects are due by June 2022 to be sent in to OTC
- OTC will review and make decisions in early 2023



24-27 STIP.pdf

RST Update

- Continue to work on flood recovery and water work in Umatilla County
- Upper Wallowa Lake restoration project are continuing to look for funding opportunities
- Working with Union County, looking at ways to improve paying at Industrial Park
- Hermiston IOF agreement is finalized

**Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act – Travis Brouwer ODOT**

- Basics of the IJA
  - ✓ \$1 Trillion package covering many types of infrastructure
  - ✓ 50% goes to transportation
  - ✓ Highways/Special Programs receives \$1 Billion in additional funding over 5 years
  - ✓ Public Transportation receives \$200 Million in additional funding over 5 years
  - ✓ \$52 Million to expand availability of electric vehicle charging stations
  - ✓ \$82 Million for new Carbon Reduction Program
  - ✓ \$94 Million for a new PROTECT Program to enhance the transportation system's resilience to disasters, including adapting to climate change
  - ✓ More than a quarter billion dollars in additional direct investment in repairing and replacing Oregon's bridges
  - ✓ More than \$50 million in additional funding for the All Roads Transportation Safety Program
  - ✓ \$30 million in additional direct funding for bicycle and pedestrian programs
  - ✓ More than \$200 million in additional funding for cities, counties, and metropolitan planning organizations
  - ✓ Nearly \$200 million in additional funding for public transportation in rural and urban communities

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- ✓ Flexible Funding – some resources are flexible and can be used by ODOT for a variety of purposes
- OTC/ODOT Strategic Action Plan Priorities
  - ✓ Equity
  - ✓ Modern Transportation System
  - ✓ Sufficient and Reliable Funding
- Themes of Public Input on the 2024-2027 STIP
  - ✓ Support to increase funding for Public and Active Transportation to advance equity, address climate, and enhance accessibility and mobility for all
  - ✓ Support for Fix-It investments
  - ✓ Support for Enhance Highway investments to reduce congestion and facilitate economic development



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➤ **24-27 Ped/Bike Strategic Program Update – Susan Peithman**

- What's new for 24-27
  - ODOT Ped/Bike Strategic
  - ODOT SRTS Infrastructure
  - Increased funding
- Strategy for Ped/Bike Strategic and ODOT SRTS
  - Address gaps for people walking and biking on the state system such as missing sidewalks, bike lanes and crossings
  - Prioritize projects at locations that provide an equity and safety benefit
  - Identify cost savings through leverage with other ODOT projects such as repaving or curb ramp replacement at high priority ped/bike locations

Please view attached presentation for more complete information



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➤ **Connect Oregon ACT Review – Ken Patterson**

- ✓ The role of the ACT is to review the projects in our area and rank them for the OTC
- ✓ Aviation Category – Morrow, Union and Grant counties
- ✓ Rail Category – Morrow, Malheur and Umatilla counties
- ✓ Review will be held at next NEACT meeting on January 6, 2021
- ✓ Rankings to be submitted to the OTC by March 2022

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- ✓ Region 5 has \$22.5 million in request

## **Partner Updates**

Cities/Counties: None given

Byways: None given

LOC: None given

Transit: Oregon Friendly Driver program training will be held on November 18, 2021.

Contact Kim Curley at [Kim@commuteoptions.org](mailto:Kim@commuteoptions.org) for more info

Bike/Ped: Mavis Hart has been invited to participate on a new committee. They are looking at the next 20 years goals. She will be representing ODOT as well as Bike/Ped

Freight: None given. Dan Dorran will be contacting a trucking representative for possible participation in NEACT

CTUIR: Working on a SRTS project at Hwy331 & Mission Rd. Thornhollow bridge project is moving along. Experiencing workforce problems, more focus on training is needed

MPO – Andrea has resigned. Shaun Darveshi is the interim director, they are in the recruitment process

## Agenda Build Items

- ✓ Update membership list
- ✓ 2022 Meeting schedule change
- ✓ SRTS
- ✓ Connect Oregon
- ✓ Rail Crossing Safety
- ✓ Autonomous and connected vehicles

Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm

Next meeting date: January 6, 2022

Location TBD