

**Minutes of Meeting  
July 7, 2022 9:00 AM  
3012 Island Ave.  
La Grande OR  
Virtual MS Teams**

**Members and Alternates present:**

Michelle Owen, Karen Pettigrew, , Aaron Palmquist, Commissioner Dan Dorran, Byron Smith, Tom Fellows, Commissioner Paul Anderes, Commissioner Susan Roberts, Brandon Tanzy, Mavis Hartz, Ken Patterson, JD Tovey, Justin Northern, Dani Schulte

**Guests present:**

Andy Gomez, Bob Patterson, Curtis Butterfield, Katie Imes, Jessica Keys, Sandra P, Tim Barrett, Andy Lindsey, David Van Atta

**ODOT Staff:**

Craig Sipp, Sheri Folsom, Michelle Tragesser, Tom Strandberg,

**Opening Meeting:**

- Commissioner Paul Anderes called the meeting to order
- Roll call of voting members – Quorum present
- Introductions: Guests introduced themselves
- Announcements: N/A
- May 5, 2022 Minutes Approved.

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

**Standing Items & Reports:**

OTC/Regional Updates – Craig Sipp

- OTC
  - ✓ The Director reported on filling of two key positions, Erika McCalpine – Assistant Director for Social Equity and Carolyn Sullivan – Chief Administrative Office
  - ✓ Report given regarding the DMV staffing challenges and temporary office closures
  - ✓ Received update on the Interstate Bridge program – working with US Coast Guard for permitting and public engagement process
  - ✓ Urban Mobility Office update – work has started on I205 Abernathy bridge. I-5 Rose Quarter engagement with City of Portland and estimated construction starting in 2023
  - ✓ Received information on the Community Workforce Agreement that would place requirements on contractors bidding on STIP projects around apprentices, diversity, and local hiring preferences. ODOT will continue to engage with stakeholders

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- ✓ ODOT will focus Federal redistribution funds to the following key areas; Interstate Bridge, Fix-It program, Operations and Maintenance, and ADA

- Regional Updates

- ✓ Construction season has started, weather has played a part in some delays
- ✓ State doors are now open to the Public
- ✓ Region 5 manager recruitment is ongoing

Local Program Update: Michelle Tragesser

- Michelle discussed the project highlight for the Walla Walla River Road South Fork Bridge project, aka, Harris Park Bridge.
- This bridge addressed the flood damage and is a low-cost option

RST Update – None Given

**New Business**

Oregon FLAP Needs Assessment – Cole Grisham

- Participation in outdoor recreation has been growing nationally
- Outdoor recreation spending totaled \$15.5B and supported 224,000 full-and part-time jobs in 2019
- Core Funding Programs
  - ✓ Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)
  - ✓ Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP)
  - ✓ Tribal Transportation Program (TPP)
- Oregon received 53.11% of FLAP Funding
- Oregon FLAP Needs Assessment Goals
  - ✓ Identify unmet access needs to federal lands and prioritize them
  - ✓ Identify Unmet Access Needs by collection and analyzing GIS Data, reviewing existing plans, studies and FLAP proposals and by hosting Needs Identification Workshops

See link below for full PowerPoint presentation



OR FLAP Needs  
Assessment - NEACT

Active Transportation – Mavis Hart and Ken Patterson

- Modes of transportation available in Eastern Oregon
- System Users
- Demographics
- Areas of common concern

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Modes in  
Northeast Orego...

**Partner Updates**

Cities/Counties: Commissioner Roberts, Wallowa Co, stated that the county was in need of FLAP for their Tucker Rd. project

Byways:

LOC:

Transit: Ridership is up

Bike/Ped:

Freight:

CTUIR: Working on their TSP update

MPO –

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm

Next meeting date: September 8, 2022