

**Minutes of Meeting
March 3, 2022 9:00 AM
Meeting Location:
Virtual MS Teams**

Members and Alternates present:

Commissioner Bill Harvey, Michelle Owen, Jacob Cain, Karen Pettigrew, Ben Burgener, Commissioner Dan Dorran, Byron Smith, Tom Fellows, Commissioner Paul Anderes, Robert Strope, Commissioner Susan Roberts, Commission Jim Doherty, Tim Patton, Aaron Palmquist, Doug Wright, Donna Beverage, Brandon Tanzy, JD Tovey, Connie Guentert, Mavis Hartz, Ken Patterson

Guests present:

Katie Imes, Sarah Lien, Jessica Keys, Kathleen Kathy, Alaina Mildenberger, Andy Gomez, Andy Lindsey, Clinton Wilson, David Van Atta, Kane Lester, Eric Imes, Brian McDowell, Tim Barrett, Bob Patterson

ODOT Staff:

Craig Sipp, Sheri Folsom, Michelle Tragesser, Tom Strandberg

Opening Meeting:

- Chairman Bill Harvey called the meeting to order
- Roll call of voting members – Quorum present
- Introductions: Guests introduced themselves
- Announcements: N/A
- January 6, 2022 Minutes Approved.

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

Standing Items & Reports:

OTC/Regional Updates – Craig Sipp

- Budget Update – Maintenance & Operations are experiencing budget shortfalls, HB2017 projects and the IJA are both in good shape with their budgets.
- Climate Office: Their focus is on projects, materials and how it relates to greenhouse reduction.
- Update to the LCDC transportation rule and how it will apply to local planning and MPOs.

Regional Updates

- A new manager has been hired for District 12. Richard Lani will start his new position on March 14, 2022. He comes from within ODOT as the Region 5 Bridge Program Manager.
- Region 5 experienced several major incidents during the month of February, including the President's Day multiple vehicle accident, HAZMAT spill, explosion at

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a manufacturing business and multiple vehicle accidents with road closures. There were no fatalities

- Region 5 will receive an Enhance project for the Exit 216 Truck Parking Improvement

Local Program Update: Ken Patterson

- Communities eligible for Small City Allotments (SCA) are encouraged to apply
- The SCA closeout process is underway
- Connect Oregon Team Rankings – 8 projects
 - ✓ Wyoming Colorado Railroad – Malheur Co
 - ✓ Morrow County Grain Growers
 - ✓ Columbia Rail – Umatilla Co
 - ✓ Grant County Airport
 - ✓ Union County fuel storage and maintenance
 - ✓ Tidewater transportation and terminals – Umatilla Co
 - ✓ Morrow County Lexington Airport utility expansion
 - ✓ Oregon Military Department – Umatilla Co

A volunteer committee has been selected for the statewide final selection

24-27 STIP

- Current 125% has been scoped
- The 100% list is expected to be finalized and shared at the May meeting

RST Update

- Fairgrounds in Oregon have received state funding for various improvements
- IOF for the Nolan bridge project in Umatilla County has been finalized
- Continuing to work on the Wallowa Lake Dam project, launch is expected this Spring
- Ongoing conversations in Port of Morrow with the challenges with DEQ

New Business

Load Posting for Emergency Vehicles – Ken Patterson, ODOT

- Objectives: What are load ratings, why emergency vehicles, what does this mean for me
- Load rating: Engineering analysis/safe carrying capacity for a bridge. A Federal mandate for SHVs by February 2023 and EVs by December 2021
- Safety: Ratings now look at heavier vehicles, new designs and a more extensive analysis of parts and areas of bridges

See link below for the full presentation

[Bridge Load Rating](#)

IIJA Discussion – Travis Brouwer, ODOT

- 1.2B in Funds available
- Major themes of public comments:
 - ✓ Support for investing in public and active transportation
 - ✓ Desire to address bottlenecks on state highways
 - ✓ Interest in investing in fish, wildlife and environment projects
 - ✓ Interest in expanding EV charging opportunities
 - ✓ Concern about ensuring a fair regional distribution of funds and a desire to invest in regional and local priorities
- 214M Proposed major investment areas
 - ✓ Active Transportation, Fix It, Enhance Highway
- 100M ADA accessibility
- 15M Local climate planning

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IIJA for stakeholder
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Membership Discussion

- Discussion was held surrounding the current membership with several changes and new additions needed. The Org Chart will be updated and sent out to members

Partner Updates

Cities/Counties: RAISE grants have an April deadline to apply. Commissioner Paul Anderes participated in the OTC webinar advocating for some local control
Byways: None given
LOC: None given
Transit: None given
Bike/Ped: Asking for input around the Highway design manual
Freight: None given
CTUIR: SRTS grants – breaking ground on project, updating transportation system plan
MPO – None given

Agenda Build Items

- ✓ Bridge preservation unit presentation
- ✓ Update the Charter/Work Plan

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am

Next meeting date: May 5, 2022

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