

**Minutes of Meeting
May 5, 2022 9:00 AM
3012 Island Ave.
La Grande OR
Virtual MS Teams**

Members and Alternates present:

Michelle Owen, Karen Pettigrew, Jacob Cain, Aaron Palmquist, Commissioner Dan Dorrn, Byron Smith, Tom Fellows, Commissioner Paul Anderes, Doug Wright, Commissioner Susan Roberts, Brandon Tanzy, Mavis Hartz, Ken Patterson, Joe Hayes, Robert Strope, Ben Burgener, Kyle Carpenter, Tim Patton

Guests present:

OTC Commissioner Sharon Smith, Katie Imes, Andy Gomez, Brandon Williams, Kane Lester, Justin Walker, Clinton Wilson, Matt Hughart, Dani Schulte, Kathleen Cathey, Andy Lindsey, Clinton Wilson, David Van Atta, Kane Lester, Bob Patterson, Ray Bottenberg, Erik Havig, Bob Dixon, Rich Lani, Kim Curley, Billie Jo Nickens

ODOT Staff:

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

Opening Meeting:

- Vice Chairman Susan Roberts called the meeting to order
- Roll call of voting members – Quorum present
- Introductions: Guests introduced themselves
- Announcements: N/A
- March 3, 2022 Minutes Approved.

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

Standing Items & Reports:

OTC/Regional Updates – Craig Sipp

- OTC March Meeting
 - ✓ Primary emphasis is with the IJA and funding
 - ✓ Directors report given – Interstate Bridge is back on scope, WSDOT pledged support with \$1B in funds
 - ✓ World athletic event to be held in Eugene on July 15-24. Expect travel congestions
 - ✓ Update on Social Equity – Nationwide recruitment is ongoing for vacancy
 - ✓ Update on Legislative concepts – additional supporting BICOP and mandatory road usage charging 2028 – 30mpg or better. SRTS program is expanding from 1 mile to 2 mile radius, grades 9-12
 - ✓ I205 – late 2024 may be implanting some Tolling program
 - ✓ IJA – Grant opportunities are available. \$412M in Discretionary funding. Key areas are requirements around EV infrastructure, Bridges, ARTS, CMAC,

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MPO. There is a balanced approach around \$212M for Enhance, Fix It and Great Streets, SRTS, Maintenance and Operations, ADA, Match and Federal Grant program, support business and workforce development.

➤ Regional Updates

- ✓ Construction season has started, weather has played a part in some delays
- ✓ State doors are now open to the Public
- ✓ DMV – Real ID deadline is May 2023. More services are available online, some offices have staffing shortages which has caused some to close temporarily due to lack of staff
- ✓ New District 12 Manager – Rich Lani who has been with ODOT for 15 years
- ✓ Craig Sipp will be retiring as Region Manager effective June 1, 2022

Local Program Update: Michelle Tragesser

- Communities eligible for Small City Allotments (SCA) are encouraged to apply
- Upcoming Calendar
 - Fund Exchange
 - Small City Allotment
 - Oregon Community Paths – Biennial
- Local Agency Project Highlights
 - Athena – Fourth and Fifth Streets Improvements
 - Lexington – Multiple City Streets Overlay



Local Program.pdf

RST Update

- Nolin Bridge IOF is completed
- Competitive funding opportunities are available, RST is available to assist
- Wallowa Lake bridge project is progressing
- Lottery Bonds are scheduled to be sold this month

New Business

Bridge Preservation – Ray Bottenberg, ODOT

Ray Bottenberg gave a presentation on the Bridge Preservation unit at ODOT. The presentation illustrated the beginning of the unit, why they do what they do, what they do, who makes up the unit and what it costs for design, construction support and what Oregonians get from this program.

Please see the link below for the very informative presentation .



Bridge Preservation
May.pdf

ACT Strategy – Brandon Williams, ODOT

- Primary purpose to identify key transportation investment priorities for the ACT
- Timeline – kick off was held in February 2021 with sub-committee workshops to present a full ACT review in May 2022
- Formal Action Item – Adopting this plan for the formal area strategy ACT
- Commissioner Paul Anderes moved to adopt, Commissioner Dan Dorran seconded. Vote accepted, motion passed

See full presentation in link below



Formal ACT Strategy
May.pdf

Commute Options – Kim Curley

- Help mitigate impacts of traveling
- Majority of funds come from ODOT
- Assists with SRTS, Great Streets programs
- Available to help with Grant applications
- Get-There program – sponsored by ODOT
- Statewide Transportation Improvement funds being used to subsidize van pools

Region 5 Communications – Billie-Jo Nickens, ODOT

- Core team meets on a monthly basis
- Schedules advertising for safety, projects
- ODOT employees and their families record advertising messages to be played
- Expanding this year to DMV and Commerce and Compliance
- Developed over 100 new radio spots with two (2) Facebook posts a month

Freeway Closures – Ace Clark, ODOT District 13

Ace Clark, District 13 Manager discussed what Region 5 has experienced this past winter regarding freeway closures, the causes and the increased number of closures.

- 20-21 Winter saw 17 closures of 2 hours or more
- 21-22 Winter saw 30 closures of 2 hours or more

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These closures are a direct response to commercial trucks not being chained up when required by law. There is a project planned for additional truck parking as well as an area for chain enforcement in order to help decrease the number of accidents.

Partner Updates

Cities/Counties: Wallow County is looking to make a road district. Website has been updated with road information

Byways: None given

LOC: None given

Transit: None given

Bike/Ped: OPRD Grants - \$14M available

Freight: Bob Dixon, Walmart has joined as a new member

CTUIR: 20 Year Transportation update is coming up

MPO – Approved their Bylaws

Meeting adjourned at 12:22pm

Next meeting date: July 7, 2022