

**Minutes of Meeting
November 3, 2022 9:00 AM
3012 Island Ave.
La Grande OR
Virtual MS Teams**

Members and Alternates present:

Commissioner Bill Harvey, Michelle Owen, Nolan Perkins, Karen Pettigrew, Tim Patton, Jacob Cain, Byron Smith, Ben Burgener, Commissioner Paul Anderes, JD Tovey, Justin Northern, Dani Schulte, Mavis Hartz, Commissioner Dan Dorran

Guests present:

Andy Gomez, Tim Barrett, David Van Atta, Justin Walker

ODOT Staff:

Sheri Folsom, Michelle Tragesser, Ken Patterson, Rich Lani, Sean Rohan

Opening Meeting:

- Commissioner Bill Harvey called the meeting to order
- Roll call of voting members – Quorum present
- Introductions: Guests introduced themselves
- Announcements: N/A
- September 8, 2022 Minutes Approved.

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

Standing Items & Reports:

OTC/Regional Updates – Ken Patterson

- OTC
 - ✓ OTC has convened a meeting with ACT chairs. Looking for a representative from NEACT.
 - ✓ Commissioner Simpson has termed out. Commissioner Julie Brown, Medford, will assume vice-chair position and Lee Byer has joined the commission
 - ✓ Project Labor Agreements – pilot program to identify 8 projects around the state. Eastern Oregon does not have any projects on the list
 - ✓ ADA settlement – OTC approved the use of Garvey Bonds to fund the program. There is an additional \$1B in funds to assist in completing this project. Region 5 is on schedule to be completed with their required projects by 2027
 - ✓ Tolling has become a big issue. This will cause diversion thru other neighborhoods to avoid the toll fee
 - ✓ OTC's next meeting will be held on November 17th

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➤ Regional Updates

- ✓ Ken Patterson has been promoted to Region Manager
- ✓ Ongoing staffing issues, there are currently 38 vacancies in Maintenance which will affect the Level of Service this winter.

Local Program Update: Michelle Tragesser

- SCA program applications have been reviewed for the final award list which will be out in mid-November.
- Reward amount has been raised from \$100K to \$250K without enlarging the available funds. Fewer cities will be awarded funds for projects
- Fund Exchange – one city left to process in getting funds allocated
- Representative is needed on the committee to assist managing the program

RST Update – Courtney Crowell

- With the promotion of Ken Patterson, a new representative from ODOT will be needed
- Randy Jones, DEQ representative, is retiring 12/31/22.
- Wallowa County has received TCM grant on their Rails to Rails project
- \$2M from the E-Board was granted to Wallowa County for hail damage sustained in August
- \$2M from OEM via E-Board for flood mitigation from the 2019-2020 flooding in and around Echo Or
- \$3M thru the E-Board was granted to the reload facility project to address cost increases
- Wallowa Lake Dam project continues to move forward

24 – 27 STIP Process Update

- Scoping has been completed on all projects
- OTC will review the STIP list
- Inflation is taking a toll on the construction program
- There will be outreaches to the communities involved in STIP projects

New Business

Winter Maintenance Update – Rich Lani, District 12 Manager

- Region 5 is experiencing staffing issues which is presenting a challenge to maintain the expected level of service that ODOT has provided in the past.
- A new project at Exit 216 will increase truck parking and provide a chain enforcement area. Vehicles without chains, when required, will be diverted back to the parking area. This is expected to lower the number of freeway closures due to Commercial Vehicles spun out and blocking lanes due to no chains.
- See below Power Point presentation for more information on costs, salt application and much more

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NEACT Winter
Operations.pdf

Transit Update – Angie Jones

- STIF Discretionary grant applications are due 11/30
- STIF Plans (Formula Funds) are due 1/16, and must have been adopted by the QE's governing body prior to submission
- 5310 and 5311 applications are due 1/20
- STF (State Transportation Fund) & STIF (State Transportation Improvement Fund) are now combined in one application process and classified as Population Base (formerly STF) and Payroll Base (STIF). All STIF Plans require new committee bylaws as the two are now one. Each QE must update and approve their STIF Advisory Committee Bylaws changes before submitting their STIF Plan
- STIF Plans will come before the NEACT and SEACT. New STIF Plans will be fully executed for the 2024 FY

Striping – Sean Rohan, Striping Manager

- Striping covers over 5600 lane miles through 53 towns in 8 counties
- Region 5 Striping Plan is updated yearly and lists what materials are desired for each road in the region. The material selection process and why we choose the materials we use
- Upcoming changes include: MUTCD Updates, Line width changes and Budget, prioritizing the roads, cuts may be coming

See Power Point below for more information



Region 5 Striping
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Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm

Next meeting date: January 8, 2023