

**Minutes of Meeting
July 6, 2023 9:00 AM
3012 Island Ave.
La Grande OR
Virtual MS Teams**

Members and Alternates present:

Joe Hayes, Nolan Perkins, Commissioner Jeff Wenholz, Karen Pettigrew, Aaron Palmquist, Byron Smith, Linda Hall, Ben Burgener, Tom Fellows, Commissioner Paul Anderes, Robert Strope, Dough Wright, Kyle Carpenter, Commissioner Susan Roberts, Todd Nash, JD Tovey, Mavis Hartz, Bob Dixon

Guests present:

Andy Lindsey, David Van Atta, Justin Walker, Kim Curley, John Barkley

ODOT Staff:

Sheri Folsom, Michelle Owen, Ken Patterson, Jane Good, Tom Strandberg, Sean Maloney

Opening Meeting:

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

Public and/or Stakeholders Comments: If Any:

Standing Items & Reports:

OTC/Regional Updates – Ken Patterson

- OTC
 - ✓ The OTC will meet in Pendleton at the Wildhorse Resort for their July meeting. An hour has been scheduled for comments from ACT and CTUIR members
 - ✓ The Interstate Bridge project has been funded \$1B in general funds. This is the first time we have seen general funds used for this type of project
 - ✓ Presentations on Strategic Plans will be coming out. OTC would like to adopt by later 2023

- Regional Updates
 - ✓ News is around the delay of the Rose Qtr and widening of Stafford Road. This is a result of the Tolling conversation. The Rose Qtr had extensive funding increases and without the Tolling revenue, the project is being put on hold

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24-27 STIP – Sean Maloney

- The draft is still open for comments and we expect approval from Federal Highway by October 1, 2023
- Allocation for the 27-30 STIP will be in January, Scoping starts in June 2024

Local Program Update: Michelle Owen

- SCA applications are open until July 31, 2023 and are online. Funding will be awarded in January
- The Notice of Funding Opportunities are available and Michelle will be sending those out as she receives them
- Michelle gave recognition to several of our Locals for completing projects
 - Echo & Huntington – Overlays
 - Multiple HB2017 Projects for Heppner, Milton Freewater and Irrigon
 - Hermiston IOF Penny Lane extension looking at finishing in July
 - Umatilla Co-Mac Hoke/Nolin Bridge completed-ribbon cutting in early June
 - Burns projects-SCA and HB2017
 - John Day-SCA
 - ADA Projects
- Michelle will be sending out a Bridge list for city/county to review and confirm and provide feedback. Region 5 is testing this for other regions

RST Update – N/A

Transit Update – Angie Jones

- Karyn Criswell is no longer with ODOT. Stefanie Coons is acting as the Interim PTD Division Administrator
- Stephanie Zellner is on a rotation as the PTD Policy & Implementation Unit Manager and Marsha Hoskins is acting as PTD Division Advisor
- PTD Planning is starting for the 27-30 STIP
- All but one agency in the NEACT has returned signed grant agreements for execution on July 1st. That agency will return their signed agreement mid-July
- CTUIR/Kayak is getting ready to host the OTC meeting on July 13th
- Two agencies in the NEACT received their compliance review findings back this week. Angie will work with those agencies to answer questions and close findings
- Mandatory Drug and Alcohol training is occurring in Bend for Region 5 providers.
- ODOT PTD & OTA are teaming with WSDOT & WSTA for a conference later this year.

New Business

27 – 30 STIP – Ken Patterson, Region 5 Manager

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- The 27-30 STIP was reviewed with a focus on the Funding Categories, Timeline, Funding challenges, Federal Highway Formula Funding, the total gross State Highway Fund forecast as well as the ADA Curb Ramp Program.

See Link for Full Presentation



27-30 STIP for
advisory committees 0

Rail Safety – Chris Malm

- The Rail Safety and Regulatory Branch is composed of four teams: FRA Inspection Team, Grade Crossing Safety Team, State Safety Oversight Team and the Walkway and Clearance Inspection Team
- Program funding comes from the gross revenue fee (GRF), Grade Crossing Protection Account, a Federal Transit Administration grant and Transportation Operating Fund
- There are ten (10) FTE with an additional two FRA-certified Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Inspectors
- The challenges facing the Grade Crossing Safety Team include the new requirement from UPRR and BNSF that the road authority involved in a crossing project to pay for annual maintenance costs

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ODOT Rail Safety &
Compliance Section.p

ACT Workplan

- Sub-Committee was created to review the ACT workplan and complete.
 - ✓ Commissioner Dan Dorran
 - ✓ Commissioner Jeff Wenholz
 - ✓ Commissioner Paul Anderes
 - ✓ Eric Imes
 - ✓ Aaron Palmquist

ARTS Update

- Outreach will start this summer by DKS. Applications to be submitted in the Fall and project selection will be made in Winter with scoping to begin June 2024

Meeting adjourned 12:00pm

Next NEACT meeting September 7, 2023