

RVACT *Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation*

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Summary Meeting Minutes

DATE | TIME: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 | 9:00 – 10:50 a.m.

LOCATION: Online Via Zoom

The following attended:

VOTING MEMBERS		
DESIGNATED	Organization	Phone Number
Mike Quilty	Central Point	664-7907
Melia Biedscheid	Gold Hill	855-1525
Nick Card	Medford	774-2000
Eleanor Ponomareff	Talent	535-1566
Neil Burgess for Scott Chancey	Josephine County	474-5460
Elijah Oberlander	ODOT	890-2601
Paige West for Jenna Marmon	RVTD	774-5925
Tonia Moro	RVMPO	973-2063
VOTING MEMBERS		
OTHER STAKEHOLDERS (Modal + Private)	Organization	Phone Number
Lesley Orr	Bicyclists/Pedestrians	707-218-4025
Mark Gibson	Trucking	944-2018
Mike Montero, Chair	JxCo Private Sector	779-0771
Mike Savage	JxCo Private Sector	840-7104
David Dorner	JxCo Private Sector	941-1158
Justin Gerlitz, Vice Chair	JoCo Private Sector	244-2617

ALTERNATE VOTERS PRESENT		
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Matt Samitore	Central Point	
Gaoying Vigoa	Talent	
INTERESTED PARTIES		
Name	Organization	Phone Number
Mary Dillinger	ODOT	
Amanda Pietz	ODOT	
Jillian Trinkaus	ODOT	
Darrin Neavoll	ODOT	
Lisa Cornutt	ODOT	
Jennifer Boardman	ODOT	
Kayla Hootsman	ODOT	
James Philp	Jackson County	
Rob Underwood		

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1. Welcome / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum [Audio for Items 1-4](#)

9:00 a.m. | Chair Mike Montero called the meeting to order; roll was called, and a meeting quorum was confirmed.

2. Review Meeting Agenda

3. Public Input

No public input at this time.

Consent Calendar

4. Review/Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Niack Card moved to approve the September 10, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Mark Gibson.

No further discussion.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion Items

5. Capital Investment Plan by Amanda Pietz [Audio](#)

- The Capital Investment Plan is the investments ODOT plans to make over a 10-year period. This will include Projects, like preservation or bicycle and pedestrian, Programmatic, like Operations and Maintenance, and Quick Response, like safety or emergency management. The plan will have planned investments that are fiscally constrained and interested investments that are aspirational.
- Projects in the plan are bucketed to timeframes based on urgency, readiness, level of understanding of risks, and availability of funding. These will be reassessed annually.
 - Years 10-8: Investment identified for meeting longer term needs. Commitment for project to be further developed.
 - Years 7-5: More eminent need, with clear project concept and high-level scoping work complete. Further development for programming.
 - Year 4-1: Immediate need, project is ready and anticipated risks are known, funding is available, and the project is programmed in the STIP.
- ODOT will be transitioning to an annual STIP update, instead of the current 3-year update. This will mean fewer projects are programmed overall and projects will be phased, so enough information is gathered to make more accurate cost assumptions.
- ODOT is currently seeking input from the ACT's and public while OTC sets priorities among the OPT goals in July. Some input being asked for includes what metrics should be used and how they should be prioritized. This will not be the last time ODOT seeks input from RVACT on this plan.

6. RVACT Subcommittee for Project Prioritization by Mike Montero [Audio](#)

- On March 11, 2025, a subcommittee met to discuss and draft a framework for project prioritization for the STIP. The draft framework can be found <https://rvmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/Priority-Projects-Framework-RVACT.pdf>
- Further comments will be collected, and a final draft letter will be sent to members before the final document is sent to OTC.

7. Local Construction Project Updates by Mary Dillinger [Audio for Items 7-10](#)

- The Jackson County ADA projects will be kicking off within the next month. There will be ADA ramps installed in various locations over Jackson County.
- The Big X (OR238, OR99, and Hwy62) construction will be nightwork for the next few months. Improvements include pavement and bridge preservation, and bike/pedestrian/ADA ramp upgrades.
- The Foothill Rd Improvement project has been broken into different sections. The Jackson County section, Delta Waters to Dry Creek has been completed. The City of Medford section, Hillcrest to Delta Waters, is an active construction zone, but is open to traffic. The expected completion date is in 2026.
- The Glenwood to Coleman project is part of the Alameda Fire rebuilding process. Construction began in November 2024 and will continue this year.

8. Region and OTC Updates by Darrin Neavoll

- Elijah Oberlander is the new Interim Area Manager!
- Due to the unusual amount of snow in the valley, the roads were damaged more than usual this time of year. The estimate is around \$50 million worth of damage. ODOT, the counties, and cities are working together to get some federal reimbursement for repairs.
- OTC met last Thursday to discuss many topics.
 - They met with Mid Valley ACT to discuss their work plan and goals.
 - They discussed the STIF funding and approved the plans.
 - DAS has created a Customer Service Policy all state agencies must follow.
 - In 2023, OTC approved \$10 million to go to the Vulnerable User Crash Response Program. This allows ODOT to investigate fatal or serious crashes in a quicker manner and respond to any changes that need to be made to prevent a crash of a similar nature. Within Region 3, the fatalities of bicycles and pedestrians have increased, so the region has been able to use these funds to make changes as possible.
- 2025 Session by the numbers:
 - ODOT is now tracking 475 active bills. 71 bills are priority 1, 64 bills are priority 2, and 161 bills are priority 3.
 - The Oregon Transportation ReInvestment Package (TIP) framework was released in April. 90% of the revenue will be directed towards supporting ODOT essential operations, maintenance, and preservation efforts. The remaining will go towards fulfilling prior commitments. At full implementation, \$1.9 billion will be raised per biennium. \$1.5 billion will be from increased to existing revenue, and \$486 million will be from the new 1% System Use Fee on vehicle prices.
 - At the end of April, Oregon House Republicans release their stabilization proposal. This identifies approximately \$730 million in refocused spending, cost savings, and spending cuts. This proposal will refocus funding on ODOT's core mission of maintaining safe and reliable roads and bridges.
 - There will be a revenue forecast out by May 14th. There is likely not going to be significant funding for projects until the 2027-2029 cycle.

9. Agenda Build/Future Meetings

10. Adjournment

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- **The July 2025, Jackson County RVACT meeting will be Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Location to be announced.**
- **The September 2025, Josephine County RVACT meeting will be Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Location to be announced.**