

# **RVACT** *Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation*

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## **Summary Meeting Minutes**

**DATE | TIME:** Tuesday, November 18, 2025 | 9:00 – 11:04: a.m.

**LOCATION:** Jackson County Auditorium, 200 Antelope Rd., and Microsoft Teams

*The following attended:*

<b>VOTING MEMBERS</b>		
<b>DESIGNATED</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Mike Quilty	Central Point	
Melia Biedscheid	Gold Hill	
Larry Dickerson	Phoenix	
Gaoying Vigoa	Talent	
Scott Chancey	Josephine County	
Matthew Jensen	Coquille Indian Tribe	
Denise Krause	RVTD	
Tonia Moro	RVMPO	

  

<b>VOTING MEMBERS</b>		
<b>OTHER STAKEHOLDERS (Modal + Private)</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
Leslie Orr	Bicyclists/Pedestrians	
Mark Gibson	Trucking	
Mike Montero, <b>Chair</b>	Jackson County Private Sector	
Mike Savage	Jackson County Private Sector	
Justin Gerlitz, <b>Vice-Chair</b>	Jackson County Private Sector	

## ALTERNATE VOTERS PRESENT

Alternate Voters Present	Organization	Phone Number
Scott Fluery	Ashland	
Alex Greogitch (sp – alternate?)	Medford	
Steve Lambert	Jackson County	
Jeremiah Griffin	ODOT	

## INTERESTED PARTIES

Name	Organization	Phone Number
Mary Dillinger	ODOT	
Darrin Neavoll	ODOT	
Lisa Cornutt	ODOT	
Jennifer Boardman	ODOT	
Laura Cole	ODOT	
Michael Baker	ODOT	
Kayla Hootsmans	ODOT	
Danielle Harp	ODOT	
Julie Denney	ODOT	
Peter Sage	None – Public observer	
Wayne Lee	Media - Upper Rogue Independent	

### 1. Welcome / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

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

### 2. Review Meeting Agenda

### 3. Public Input

Public input: Question was asked what the impact of not having HB3991 pass would look like for the area in which we live and reside in. Darrin Neavoll (ODOT) responded with it would have a significant impact to our Maintenance and Operations with approximately a 1/3 cut to budget. Which means a cut in our ability for winter maintenance to keep the roads open and clear.

Public input: question about improving Leigh Way in White city, at the intersection of Hwy 140 and HWY 62. Jeremiah was able to update and state that there in a plan in motion to improve the Leigh way turn lanes.

## **Consent Calendar**

### **4. Review/Approve Previous Meeting Minutes**

*Mark Gibson moved to approve the September 10, 2025, meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Mike Quilty*

*No further discussion.*

*Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.*

## **Action Items**

No Action Items on Agenda

## **Discussion Items**

### **A. CIP Presentation : 12:35 Presented by Amanda Pietz**

Broke down details on how the investment and funds are distributed within ODOT. One thing that was addressed was how plans and projects are considered, and to develop improvements to the OTC and ODOT. Questions were raised to have those plans that ODOT is considering available to allow for discussion. Top 3-5 needs Reasonableness, Urgency, Regional and State wide benefit(s) and alignment with OTC investment priorities are key components to consider when presenting projects. Heat maps of traffic volumes, Safety needs, ped/bike needs, were asked to have available by meeting participants. Darrin stated he would find a way to get those provided to the next meeting to discuss how this committee or group can present (41:00 minutes)

### **B. Region and Budget update: 1:03:15 Presented by Darrin Neavoll and Jeremiah Griffin**

Darrin provided agency updates, including the passing of the special session HB3991 and what that means for ODOT. Also explained how if a referendum is to happen what will happen with the passing of funds in the special session: should enough signatures be collected and accepted by the states Secretary of State Election Division all proposed fees and taxes would halt at the time of acceptance of signatures until it goes to vote in November 2026

Jeremiah presented on the goods that the HB3991 will do for winter operations and preparations, allowing us to not only hire temp/seasonal employees, but also provides OSP with additional coverage funds, where ODOT sees trucks not obeying the chain laws put in place for winter travel conditions.

### **C. ODOT Project Construction Update: 1:46:55 Presented by Mary Dillinger**

Wrong Way Driver, Quick moving project, Gage-it Construction doing work. Tasks, applying low-cost treatments, such as reflectors, and updated signage.

Monument Drive to N. Grants Pass: pavement repair along I-5 in travel lanes, replacing bridge joints, removing hazardous guardrail and replacing said guardrail.

Allen Creek: modernization project, adding shoulders, sidewalks and other pedestrian amenities, please be

advised and follow single lane detour.

The Big X (OR238, OR99, and Hwy62) Replacing ADA ramps, updated road surface, multiuse path – this is not taking up a lane of travel and providing signal upgrades.

Foothill Road improvement: Local project with City of Medford, two lane road expanded. Continued work, that will be seen is work on the side of the road for culverts/ditches.

The Glenwood to Coleman project is part of the Almeda Fire rebuilding process. improving safety for pedestrians, Transit guests and cyclists.

Additional comments, questions on presentations please address to committee in an email.

**5. Agenda Build/Future Meetings**

**this is be up to ODOT Region 3 and District 8 teams.**

**6. Adjournment**

**meeting Adjourned at 11:09 am**

- **The January 2026, Jackson County RVACT meeting will be Tuesday, January 13, at 9:00 a.m**