

RVACT *Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation*

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Summary Meeting Minutes

DATE | TIME: May 12, 2026 | 9:00 – 10:08 a.m.

LOCATION: Microsoft Teams

The following attended:

VOTING MEMBERS	
DESIGNATED	Organization
Mike Quilty	Central Point
Melia Biedscheid	Gold Hill
Pam VanArsdale	Mayor, Rogue River
Elijah Oberlander	ODOT
Denise Krause	RVTD
Wade Elliott	MRMPO
Scott Chancey	Josephine County
VOTING MEMBERS	
OTHER STAKEHOLDERS (Modal + Private)	Organization
Leslie Orr	Bicyclists/Pedestrians
Mark Gibson	Trucking
Mike Montero, Chair	Jackson County Private Sector
Mike Savage	Jackson County Private Sector
David Dorner	Jackson County Private Sector
Justin Gerlitz, Vice-Chair	Josephine County Private Sector

ALTERNATE VOTERS PRESENT	
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Dan Worth	Medford, Public Works
Gaoying Vigoa	Talent, Public works Director
Steve Lambert	Jackson County Roads, Director
INTERESTED PARTIES	
Name	Organization
Laura Cole	ODOT
Lisa Cornutt	ODOT
Michael Baker	ODOT
Mary Dillinger	ODOT
Darrin Neavoll	ODOT
Julie Denney	ODOT
Ian Horlacher	ODOT
Paige West	RVTD
Unknown Participant – by phone ending in 2731	

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: received a letter from Josephine County Commissioner Gary Richardson – Eli stated he has sent an email for follow up on the routes RFI, for DOT and Local agency’s to provide feedback, prioritizing 199 and 238.

4. Review/Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve: Mike Svage

Second: Steve Lambert

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion Items

A. **Act/Modal Chari Meeting Recap: Mike Montero**

This is a Semi-Annual Meeting that the OTC requests that all Area Commission Chairs and former committee chairs attend together. Discussed current vacancies in our ACT which include Butte Falls, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Third Member of Josephine County private sector. Other questions included Biggest Challenges, Biggest opportunity, and greatest need. The Funding for CIP will be totally competitive across the state, as the entire state has needs and not just the Portland metro area. Safety topics included travel of trucks on winding roads and tolling etc.

B. **Charter By Law Update: Eli Oberlander, ODOT**

Charter by-laws and being updated to an agency wide template, Mike Baker is taking a first look at moving the RVACT's bylaws into the new template. A new template and updated information will be provided before our July RVACT meeting.

C. **Region 3 Manager update: Darrin Neavoll, ODOT**

HB3991 Implementation update: The bill that is being referred to voters, a portion of which will not be referred to voters that include the RUC, Road Usage Charge, and the Truck Taxation both will be working on being implemented.

Formal public involvement policy- approved

Audit accountability - making sure that all are following through with the recommendations.

Rose Quarter section will have some work done, due to funding, the project was dispersed into multiple sections and part 1A and 1B will only be completed.

Budget discussion, funding was redirected for the biennium, Oregon's Biennial budget cycle, Agency request, Governor's budget, legislative session, budget execution. OTC must approve ARB, Agency Request Budget.

Saving money agencywide by holding approximately 700 positions.

OTC reviews and approves agency budget prior to submission to DAS.

Anticipating about a 30% cut in budget.

Steve Lambert chimed in that it's important to look at the whole picture as the cities and counties will be impacted from a budget standpoint.

Governor work group was created and tasked to deliver: Assess service levels, Review Current and projected financial coordination, evaluate how Oregon will perform, and develop a tiered comprehensive framework. Vision work groups are divided into smaller groups, that will have experts in each category of expertise. The groups had their first meeting on May 1st, next meeting will be June 1st, and the subgroups will meet between the work group meetings.

D. Construction Update: Mary Dillinger ODOT

1. I-5 southern Oregon Wrong way driver
2. I-5 Monument Dr. to N. Grants Pass
3. Allen Creek Road Improvements
4. Jackson County Curb Ramps Phase 2
5. Jackson County Curb Ramps Phase 3
6. OR 62: Lost Creek Lake Bridge Project
7. Foothill Rd Improvement Project
8. OR99: Glenwood Road to Coleman Creek

5. Agenda Build/Future Meetings

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

***Note to talk about adding, how well is it understood by the public that a funding crisis for ODOT also affects Local roads. Steve mentioned a budget presentation, and he and others can work on it offline to come up with something to present.**

6. Adjournment

meeting Adjourned at 10:08 am

- **The July 2026, Jackson County RVACT meeting will be Tuesday, July 14 2026 at 9:00 a.m.**