



SCOACT FULL - BOARD MEETING / MINUTES

When: Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Time: 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Where: ODOT District Office, Klamath Falls & Virtual via MS Teams

Minutes were recorded.

Name	Organization / Title	Board Role	Present / Absent
Barry Shullanberger	Lake County Commissioner	Chairman	Present
Andy Nichols	Klamath County Commissioner	Vice-Chair	
Ben Ebner	ODOT – Area Manager	Voting Member	Present
Adrian Mateos	Basin Transit Service	Voting Member	
Ashley Pence	Town of Bonanza - Mayor	Voting Member	
Rob Akey	City of Merrill - Mayor	Voting Member	
Briana McClain	Lake County – Chamber of Commerce – At Large Member #1	Voting Member	
Keith Harra	Town of Paisley - Mayor	Voting Member	Present
Curtis Raines	Spokes Unlimited / ADA	Voting Member	
Dale Wetzel	Bear Cat, Inc.	Voting Member	
Vacant	SCOEDD	Voting Member	
Derrick DeGroot	Klamath County Commissioner	Voting Member	
Dr. Roberto Gutierrez	KCC	Voting Member	Present
Ernie Palmer	Klamath County – At Large Member #2	Voting Member	
John Hughto	City of Malin - Mayor	Voting Member	
Heather Harter	Klamath Chamber of Commerce – At Large Member #1	Voting Member	
James Williams	Lake County Commissioner	Voting Member	
Jeremy Morris	Bike & Ped (Klamath County Public Works)	Voting Member	Present
Jonathan Teichert	Town Manager – Klamath Falls	Voting Member	Present
Robert Cowie	Chiloquin City Councilor	Voting Member	Present
Kelly Minty Morris	Klamath County Commissioner	Voting Member	
Larry Holzgang	Business Oregon	Voting Member	Present
Jared Hall	Klamath Tribes	Voting Member	Present
Linda Tepper	Crater Lake Klamath Regional Airport	Voting Member	Present
Mark Albertson	Lake County Commissioner	Voting Member	
Mark Willrett	City of Klamath Falls - Designee	Voting Member	Present
Shiela Strubel	Town of Lakeview - Manager	Voting Member	
Norris Randal	Work Source	Voting Member	
Randy Cox	KCEDA	Voting Member	Present

Kevin Sims	Town of Lakeview - Mayor	Voting Member	
Vacant	Rogue Valley ACT	Non-Voting Member	
BJ Westlund	Representative for Senator Merkley	Non-Voting Member	
Julie Brown	Oregon Transportation Commission	Non-Voting Member	
Phil Chang	Oregon Transportation Commission	Non-Voting Member	
Don Holmstrom	Bureau of Land Management	Non-Voting Member	
E. Lynn Burkett	Bureau of Land Management	Non-Voting Member	
Omar Ahmed	Central Oregon ACT	Non-Voting Member	
Jacob Egler	Representative for Senator Wyden	Non-Voting Member	
Les Anderson	Klamath Tribes	Non-Voting Member	
Sharon Kosmalski	Fremont Winema National Forest	Non-Voting Member	
Stan Gilbert	Klamath Behavioral Health	Non-Voting Member	
Stephanie Page	Oregon Department of Agriculture	Non-Voting Member	
Scott Aycock	Regional Solutions Team	Interested Party	
Chris Chang	Safe Routes to Schools	Interested Party	
Devin Hearing	ODOT – Region 4	Interested Party	Present
Don Morehouse	ODOT – Central OR	Interested Party	
Mike Davis	ODOT – District 11	Interested Party	Present
Kacey Davey	ODOT – Region 4	Interested Party	Present
Dennis Linthicum	State Senator	Ex-Officio / Non-Voting Member	
E. Werner Reschke	State Representative	Ex-Officio / Non-Voting Member	

Key Takeaways

Tom Feeley, ODOT Resident Engineer provided an overview of Highway projects wrapping: (1) US 97, OR 58 to California border – complete summer (2025); (2) Brett Way/Homedale Roundabout – roundabout landscaping complete; and (3) U.S. 97 Bridge Deck Replacements – for the bridge over Hwy. 422 (Chiloquin) and the Shilo bridge (North Klamath) – complete summer (2025). (4) OR 140, Widening along Klamath Lake – project includes widening to 12' travel lanes w/ 6' should, along with curve correction and guard rail. Complete summer (2025). All projects are on schedule.

South Central Area Commission on Transportation has several transportation needs throughout the area (Lake & Klamath Counties), primarily related to vehicle and pedestrian safety, congestion relief, and freight mobility.

Agenda Notes

Aoibhe Richardson, Commute Options Program, provided a presentation on their program's benefits and creative solutions to increasing access to transportation options. Additional information available here: <https://www.commuteoptions.org/>

Chair Shullanberger presented and walked through the SCOACT priority spreadsheet, which highlights various transportation needs throughout the area. The list is meant to be a guide, and project

priorities may shuffle, or more projects may be added as SCOACT needs evolve. Funding still needs to be identified for many of the projects on the list.

ODOT Area Manager, Ben Ebner provided a presentation of ODOT projects in development, and projects under construction, along with slides showing future transportation priorities/needs identified by SCOACT. In the interest of time, emphasis was on Klamath County projects, whereas next SCOACT meeting will focus on Lake County Projects, with the December meeting combining both counties and setting overall South-Central Area priorities.

Election was held for SCOACT Vice Chair where Commissioner Andy Nichols was elected. He was unable to be present at the meeting but provided the green light to vote even with his absence. We will confirm the vote at the September meeting.

Action Items

For public awareness and engagement subscribe to ODOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) update list at public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDOT/subscriber/topics. To provide feedback on ODOT processes: www.oregon.gov/odot/Get-Involved/Pages/OTC-Comments.aspx.

Email Ben Ebner (Benjamin.j.ebner@odot.oregon.gov) if you have ideas on specific regional projects to include in the priority list.