The meeting was called to order by Pete Runnels. Self-introductions were made; Quorum present.

Haley Walker made motion to approve minutes from September 24, 2018.
Jim Maret 2nc
Motion Carried Unanimously

**Guest Speaker:** ATV’s on State Hwy’s-Ian Caldwell, Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept.
PowerPoint presentation

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Sexual Harassment Training conducted through ODOT training website

COAR Grant Applications- Haley Walker

• The COAR Grant will sunset after this grant cycle. If you want to see this grant continue go to the Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA) website and leave a comment.
• Five applications were reviewed and scored by the SEACT committee
• Haley will submit the rankings to the Oregon Department of Aviation, from there the applications go to the Aviation Review Committee (ARC) where all the applications are ranked again. The ARC will make a recommendation to the ODA Board and a final decision on who will receive the funding.

Regional Updates

Transit Updates- Frank Thomas:

• The ODOT Rail and Public Transit Division (RPTD) is in the process of reviewing the 1st round of applications for The Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF).
• 19 Applications were submitted, 9 came from Region 5.
• Money will be dispersed in Spring 2019.
• Congratulations to Angie Jones for being appointed to the ODOT’s Public Transit Advisory Committee.
• Harney County bus barn expansion is a $300,000 project, just finished the Categorical Exclusion
• Working with the Burns-Paiute Tribe on Categorical Exclusion and also for Malheur County

Question: How do you get involved with your local transit organization?
Answer: Contact Frank to get more information; frank.thomas@odot.state.or.us

Small Cities Allotment-Sean Maloney for Mike Barry – Time to Apply is now! Apply, Apply, Apply!

Project Review-Sean Maloney:

Coming up in 2019:
• Chip Seal on US20 between Hampton and Burns-65 miles
• I84 cable barrier in the median to prevent accidents from crossing into oncoming lanes
• Farewell Bend scale paving next summer
• I84 Ladd Canyon climbing lane to East bound and replacing a couple of culverts
• Snake River bridge deck repair on I84 went to bid
• NE Oregon Safety Improvement project will provide power at Meacham and Cabbage Hill for variable message signs and curve warning signs
• Juntura Cutoff Road bids came in at $4.1M which was less than expected
• Burns pedestrian improvements

2021-2024 STIP 150% Project Review-Sean Maloney:

Handout
• New to the list are the projects as a result of HB2017
• Field scoping and estimates should be done by the end of the year

OTC & Region Updates –Sean Maloney for Craig Sipp:
• Focused on safety related projects;
  o Snow Fence along I84
  o Reflectors on all the concrete barrier
  o Light on one of the curves on Cabbage Hill
  o Speed feedback trailer using in a construction work zone
  o Work zone safety committee focusing on how to make work zones safer
• Rubberized chip seal through Vale
• Pilot project on I84 at Poverty Flats adjusting traffic flows to allow wide loads through during daylight hours instead of only at night as per contract agreements
• In full winter operations using wing tow and snow plows in addition to the use of salt on the roads

Regional Solutions Team (RST) – Scott Fairley:
• The Local Equal Opportunity Fund was created to help communities address natural resiliency. In Eastern Oregon, John Day was awarded $50,000 and the City of Burns is in the process of applying
• Eastern Oregon Boarder Board have been meeting for almost a year and have concepts to present in the next legislative session
  o Reciprocal licensing across state boarders
  o Rural Broadband
  o Rural housing development
In addition, they are discussing projects to fund with the $5M they received from HB2017.
• Malheur County Reload Facility has received land use permit for a site near Nyssa. A business plan has been submitted to OTC which will require approval by December. Once the plan is approved the money will be released to move forward on construction.
• Bids for Juntura Cutoff road bids were accepted and approved Nov 9th.
• Harney County received a grant from DLCD to do a housing study. GEODC was awarded the project.
• Business Oregon is busy working with a lot of communities

City/Tribe/County Updates:

Burns Paiute Tribe-Kenton Dick:
• Working on a hemp extraction project. It’ll be located where the old casino was
• Attended the Transit Conference recently and will be looking into improving the buses in addition to looking for outside dollars for infrastructure development
• Working on adding 2 bus stops on the reservation by June 30th, 2019
• Currently reviewing the Transportation Bus Plans are following ADA and low income population documentation
City of Hines – Judy Erwin:
- Judy is retiring at the end of this year, this will be her last SEACT meeting
- Dollar Tree is opening in February
- LP Mill was purchased by Wisewood Energy and is in the process of renovating it for a pellet mill. It will create 15-20 jobs
- Rezoning some property from commercial to residential so more homes can be built
- Breaking ground in the spring for 20 townhomes to be built
- On the housing side: three manufactured homes are going in on lots, one house was just completed and 2 more are planned to be built, old Hines Mill office is being rezoned for a bed and breakfast
- The City of Hines is in the process of becoming a Certified Local Government so homes can be designated as historical properties to get grants
- A new building is getting built that’ll have a laundry mat and 2 additional retail spaces for rent

City of Ontario- Dan Cummings/Adam Brown:
- Received 14 pre-applications for marijuana retail stores
- One hemp processing plant under production with three others in the works
- About half of the marijuana retail stores are going into existing buildings and with the change in use it requires them to bring the buildings up to code
- Not sure of the amount of traffic the marijuana stores will bring in but with current traffic study it should be okay
- Grateful for the COAR Grant that provided for the projects at the Ontario Airport

City of Nyssa- Jim Maret:
- Water improvement project is completed and on budget
- There were 5 new homes built last year, expecting the same or more this year
- New businesses:
  - drive through coffee shop,
  - new pizza place,
  - Eagle Eye Produce office on main street
- ODOT adjusted some speed limit signs near the middle school
- Calico Mine is still in the application process

City of John Day - Nick Green:
- Currently there are 15 capital improvement projects going on, applied for over $7M in funding and so far received just over $4M. Very appreciative to the community and the agencies that have helped.
- Struggling with the cost of labor standards (Davis Bacon/BOLI), and tariffs are creating high costs of materials, contributing to the costs of the projects to increase. Local contractors can’t or won’t bid so the contractors are coming from outside the area which means local dollars are leaving the county.

Discussion held regarding labor costs and contractors’ availability

City of Prairie City – Jim Hamsher:
- Sewer project is starting this week
- Attending a grant review board meeting in Salem for the water project
Transit Rep-Angie Jones:
- People Movers applied for 1st round of the STIF application, funding will help with the deviated route, working capital and bus barn expansion, also submitting for the STIF discretionary inter-community connection to get the route up between John Day and Ontario,
- Concerned with the cost of the construction coming up

The group congratulated Angie on her new appointment.

Bike/Ped Rep-Adam Brown:
- 1st community trail project is coming up

Harney County-Judge Runnels:
- Broadband feasibility study revealed that it would take $40-42M to do the projection including Grant County
- Harney County will take over the weight Station just outside of town. Waiting on the contract from the state

Business:

Membership Review & Planning:
- The need to select a Co-Chair. Judy Erwin Moved to select Pete Runnels to fill the role as a Co-Chair. Angie Jones second, discussion followed, reading the current By-Laws on roles and responsibilities. Motion Carried Unanimously.
- Malheur County has 2 vacancies, Harney County has 2 vacancies and the At-Large Freight Rep is vacant
- Presented Linda Simmons with a plaque for her many years of service on the SEACT committee

Discussion held on future guest speakers. Sean asked the group to send him any suggestions for guest speakers especially if it’s transportation related.

Next meeting:
January 28, 2019 John Day
Grant Co. Regional Airport

Meeting Adjourned 1:56

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Moore