The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Dan Joyce. Self-introductions were made; Quorum present.

Angie Jones made motion to approve minutes from March 26, 2018.
Sally Bartlett 2nd
Motion Carried Unanimously

**Guest Speaker: Traffic Safety Discussions-Mike Kimlinger, State Traffic Roadway Engineer, ODOT**

*See attached handout*

Mike’s office takes care of all the traffic control devices on the highways, all speed zoning and roadway engineering.

- Safety is the major goal
- One lane in each direction makes for a safer crossing
- A median is the biggest safety for a crossing
- Improving the crossing includes improving the curb ramps
- Be open to discussion of what works best in the location for safety control

**Q:** How hard would it be to get a rapid flash crosswalk sign at a highly used crossing?
A: We’re pretty good about that and see it as an increase in safety. We would want to take a look at it. Funding and who’s going to do the work is always a piece of it. Cost is about $20,000 per crossing.

Q: Can you discuss the process to change a speed zone in a short area?

A: A research report on: How do we distinguish between rural high speed applications and doing it different in urban areas; will be published in early 2019. Discussion followed.

Guest Speaker: Material Source Video and Discussion-Scott Billings, Material Source Program Manager, ODOT:

Video presentation
- More construction means more construction materials needed
- ODOT is a major consumer of earthen materials
- Material source network has 4 functions: Cost effective supply of materials, quality materials in case of project change, minimize environmental impacts, planning for future projects and materials available

Regional Updates

Transit Updates- Angie Jones for Frank Thomas:
- Grant County received funding for property purchase to expand
- Harney County has an expansion project, land was donated
- Malheur County has a bus barn expansion project in the process of applying for federal dollars
- Angie Jones was recently appointed to the Public Transportation Advisory Committee representing Eastern Rural Providers.

Small Cities Allotment-Sean Maloney for Mike Barry
- Junotura Cutoff Road due to go to bid November 8th
- Using new product, foam asphalt for the Junotura Road project. Foam asphalt has a life expectancy as the same if not longer than regular asphalt. From all the research this will be a good project to use this product
- Burns sidewalk project next phase will be done in January 2019, construction in summer 2019
- Ontario 2nd Street project-bid date is June 2019
- SCA-received 60 applications currently working on the rating. Fourteen cities in this region will receive $100,000

Projects-Sean Maloney:
- Little Pine Creek culver replacement in Grant Co. on US26 is complete
- US395 Canyon Creek Flood South of Canyon City, putting the stream flow back in the area and rebuilding shoulder
- US95 chip seal project from Jordan Valley to the Idaho border, completed in July
- US395 Sign upgrades completed in August
- I84 between Ontario and Baker City paving and bridgework in process, expect completion in the fall
- Variable Message Sign replacement on 184 in Baker, La Grande and Pendleton completed this summer

Upcoming projects:
- US20 chip seal scheduled for next year between Hampton and Burns-65 miles
- I84 median cable barrier project in the region will start next summer
- Farewell Bend scale paving next summer
- I84 Ladd Canyon adding a third lane East bound
- NE Oregon Snow Zone safety improvements on Cabbage Hill; expect to see some safety improvements in the next 2 years
• Snake River bridge deck repairs; will take place next year
• I84 North Huntington Bridge will be doing bridge work
• Juntura Cutoff Road will take place next year
• Burns pedestrian improvements next summer

Discussion held on the SCA funds used only for chip seal projects versus allowing the small cities to choose the road projects.

John Day launched a housing program and as a result they are seeing an upturn in the housing market.

2021-2024 STIP:
• Currently Scoping Projects
• Final 150% list will be finalized in May 2019

OTC & Region Updates – Craig Sipp:
• Thanked SEACT for hosting the OTC meeting in John Day
• Applications were received for SRTS funding, $16 million available statewide, received 140-144 projects totaling $100,000 million needed. Region 5 has 3 projects in John Day, Vale and Nyssa
• Chris Strickland is the new ODOT Manager and Craig’s boss. He comes from Washington Dept., of Transportation. He’ll start October 23rd.
• Sean O’Halloran is leaving OTC and moving on to Port of Portland
• Julie Brown to replace Sean, she works in transit from Medford
• OTC named Commissioner Bob Van Brocklin as Vice Chair as Chair Commissioner Tammy Banney is ending her 2nd term
• Campaign for distracted driving increasing
• Concerns within the agency are that fatality accidents are up 15%, OSP staffing is below 1980 levels. Continuing to work together with OSP in work zones and safety issues
• OTC will look into what ODOT can do to increase safety projects next year especially during construction
• Feedback is important to ODOT in regards to hot spots
• Update from Autonomous Vehicle Task Force, the report came out Sept 10th
• Update on annual key performance measures was reviewed
• OTC is aware of the public transit vehicles age and conditions, making sure there is a plan in place for maintenance &/or replacing them
• Oregon Public Transportation Plan was approved
• HB2017 updates, minor bill corrections will continue to provide updates as needed
• Port of Morrow project presented their Transportation Plan to OTC & was approved
• Update from DMV on the software upgrade, will go live the 1st of the year
• Update on Oregon Highway Plan
• Update on the Transportation Option which affects the congestion on all modes of transportation
• Update on the ADA and the agreement and where we are at. Finished the inventory and came out with over 26,000 curb ramps statewide. Out of that, about 25,000 needed updating
• ODOT will receive $52 million federal funds to reallocate
• One large amendment to the Ladd Canyon project. Bid came in 23% over, asphalt prices have increased. Due to savings in other areas funding is available to move forward

Regional Solutions Team (RST) – Ken Patterson:
• Courtney is on maternity leave, Nate Stice is filling in for Courtney
• The RST has a full team now, Nancy Bruner is the DEQ Rep from Bend
• Success Story: John Day is the first community in the state to receive the Local Economic Opportunity Fund grant.
• Reload Facility group will do a presentation at the Nyssa Planning Commission meeting tomorrow night. The final proposal is due to ODOT on October 27th.
• The final recommendation for the Regional Infrastructure Fund projects went to the City of Pendleton for repairs on an old WW2 hanger that houses a UAV company. In NE Or, the funds were split between Joseph and Baker City.
• Working on Immediate Opportunity Funds projects identified through Business Oregon. Currently working with CTUIR on a new health clinic, Union County’s industrial park and a data center project in Umatilla.
• Eastern Oregon Border Board was established from HB2017; the board is diving into the issues that have caused Oregon to be at a competitive disadvantage with Idaho.
• Juntura Cutoff Road project is funded from 9 different sources and is going out to bid in November.

City/Tribe/County Updates:

City of Ontario- Dan Cummings:
• A firm has contacted Dan to put in a facility that’s rail dependent.
• A carwash is coming in and will notify District 14 office on traffic impact.
• The ban on marijuana sales may be lifted in November working on the codes, will be asking for a traffic impact from the businesses.
• A new Marshall’s store is going into the old Kmart building.
• Ontario put in an application for Safe Routes To School.
• City Manager is working on a trail project.

Burns Paiute Tribe- Kenton Dick:
• Developing 256 acre property looking at $6M for major improvement to include water, housing development, wellness center and a community facility.
• Safety concerns regarding to speed zone changes on rural roads.
• Tribe is going after STIF funding.

City of John Day - Nick Green:
• Kicking off the Innovation Gateway development plans next month. Intergovernmental agreement is at the DOJ for review, council is scheduled to approve the draft, subject to final revisions and looking at having a Notice to Proceed by October 18th.
• Along with the Local Economic Opportunity Fund grant, John Day was approved for an additional $70,000 through EDA. A total of about $140,000 economic develop effort in parallel with the area plan.

City of Hines– Judy Erwin:
• Rezoning some areas to allow more residential.
• The new FedEx distribution center is open.
• The old mill house has been purchased and is being renovated for a B&B.
• The Dollar Tree Store is getting built and getting ready to pave the road beside the store.
• Woodwin Industries purchased the old Louisiana Pacific facility for a wood pellet mill, construction will start next month.

City of Prairie City – Jim Hamsher:
• Thanked Scott Fairley of Business Oregon and Anderson Perry for their help on an application for a water improvement project. It’ll be a $1M loan and a $500,000 grant.
• On the verge of starting a sewer project that’s already been awarded.
• A US Cellular tower contract should be completed in the next few weeks.
• Opened up 3 new businesses.
• School enrollment has increased

Transit Rep-Angie Jones:
• Grant, Harney and Malheur County, with the exception of the Tribe, will be applying for the 1st round of STIF funding. Applications due by November 1st, awards may be as early as May 2019.

Business:

Not a lot to add to the August OTC meeting except to thank everyone for attending.

OTC Survey/Workshop:
• October 18th is the OTC workshop where they invited all the ACT Chairs.
• Judge Joyce will be going to represent SEACT.
• The Re-occurring theme: The future role of the ACTS
• A survey will be going out prior to the workshop. If you have any ideas or feedback, please pass it on to Judge Joyce, Judy or Sean.

ACT Engagement Topics 2018:
• Engagement topics will be directed from the OTC Workshop

Membership Review and Planning:
• Judy Erwin announced she is retiring from the City of Hines
• Sean has talked to EP Minerals to have a Freight Rep at the meetings
• Linda Simmons has stepped down from the SEACT Committee
• Sean will get a plaque for Linda and Boyd
• Sean will talk to Pete Runnels to fill the role as a Vice Chair unless someone else wants to step in. Discussion to be continued for next meeting.

Core Grant:
• Timelines are out
• ACT Review Committee was appointed, Alan Daniels and Nick Green. Sean will ask Haley

Comment: ATV corridor on state hwy’s that are in city streets. A benefit would be the economic potential to create recreational activity. It could be in certain areas and for certain circumstances. It’s a valid conversation to have as it would affect a lot of Eastern Oregon communities. ODOT will do some research and maybe bring someone in for the next meeting.

Next meeting:
November 26, 2018 Burns, OR
Harney County Court House

Meeting Adjourned 1:16

Respectfully Submitted,