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

Angie Jones made motion to approve minutes with corrections.
Jim Hamsher 2nd
Motion Carried Unanimously

No public or stakeholder comments

**Guest Speaker:** US395 Canyon Creek Project, Paul Kennington ODOT Regional Environmental Coordinator:
See attached power point presentation
**Guest Speaker: STIF Funding/Transit Updates – Frank Thomas, Region 5 Transit Coordinator ODOT**

*See attached handout:*

- By law, 90% of the transit tax must be returned to the jurisdiction where it was collected for the benefit of transportation services in that jurisdiction, 4% of funds goes toward inter-community, 5% of funds goes into a discretionary fund.
- Grant County Transportation District and Malheur County are working on applications for discretionary grant funds.
- First round plans were due Nov 1, 2018, second round plans due May 1, 2019.
- In Region 5, 80% of the qualified entities applied in the first round, the remaining 20% will apply in the second round.
- Money will start to flow in May.
- All discretionary project will be required to be reviewed by the ACTS.

**Question:** When will the applications be available for review?

**Answer:** Applications are due Feb 2nd, they will be screened for eligibility then they will be available for review.

**Question:** Can talk about the STIF and the $10.1M in the Gov. budget?

**Answer:** STIF is special transportation funds which is transportation for the elderly and people living with disabilities. It’s state money and highly discretionary. If this goes through, this could have a 40% negative impact on transportation budgets.

**Regional Updates:**

**Mike Barry, ODOT:**

- 15 Small City Allotment's awarded at $100,000 each in Region 5. In the SEACT the towns awarded: Dayville, Prairie City, Burns, Vale, Hines, John Day.
- Apply for fund exchanges.
- JTA projects are all completed.
- Project in Burns going out for bid.
- Reporting requirement (HB2017) was completed by everyone in Region 5 on time.

**Current Projects-Sean Maloney, ODOT:**

- US20 Hampton to Burns chip seal, 65 miles.
- I84 Cable Barrier project throughout the region.
- Port of Entry at Farewell Bend improvements to scales.
- I84 Ladd Canyon climbing lane East bound, 2 yr. project starting this spring, includes new culver replacement and channel work on Brush Creek.
- I84 NE Or Safety Improvement project, installing power between La Grande and Pendleton to help support safety features, 2 yr. project.
- Snake River deck repair going into Idaho, project will take all summer to complete.
- Juntura Cutoff road, starting soon. Oregon Mainline was awarded the bid. This project is using a new product, the 1st project in Oregon to use it and comes with a cost savings.
- Burns pedestrian improvement project will go out to bid in the next few weeks.
- Big Bend paving project on 454 near Adrian.
• US20 in Vale, and OR201 from Airport corner to NW Washington will be a rubberized chip seal
• I84 simple striping project from N. Huntington interchange to the N. Fork Jacobsen Gulch interchange

21-24 STIP 150% List - Sean Maloney, ODOT:
See attached handout
Discussion held on a Variable Message Sign (VMS) on Hwy 20 in remote locations regarding emergency services. Craig Sipp is working with Malheur County’s Emergency Services Director. ODOT has incorporated rumble strips and salt on the roads in the winter time to help with safety.

Still in the early stages of the 21-24 STIP would appreciate any feedback. If there is a need that’s transportation related and not getting addressed, now is the time to bring it to ODOT’s attention.

Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) & Region Updates – Craig Sipp:
• OTC Director, Matt Garrett is leaving the end of June
• Kris Strickler is the new Highway Division Administrator
• Mac Lynn is the new Deputy Hwy Administrator

January OTC Meeting:
• HB2017 Progress Report, Region 5 did exceptionally well getting the local government reports in on time
• SRTS update
• Secretary of State Audits were done on STIF & SRTS.
  o the STIF audit revealed a noncompliance issue
  o the SRTS audit they found the true needs in the application needs to be verified
• Update on Transportation Safety report showed:
  o fatalities due to speed (172), alcohol (176), and no belts (80)
  o Speed racing has increased
• PSU did a preliminary report on speed increases in Eastern Oregon, resulted in more accidents & fatalities
• SRTS grant, 24 projects funded statewide for approx.$16M. three projects in Region 5, John Day, Milton-Freewater, & La Grande. Next round of applications will go out in 2020 and be awarded in 2021
• Amendments that were done:
  o Increased funding in bridge program, 10 bridges in our region will be retrofitted
• Two amendments approved in Region 5:
  o Burns Pedestrian Improvement Project was increased project by $400,000 due to the ADA requirements
  o I84 Snake River Deck Repair increased by $720,000, Idaho will pay for 1/2 the cost

Comments: The rise of distracted driving has increased.
Question: How do we get an application for Emergency funding for SRTS?
Answer: Ken can work with you and Amanda Peets is the state program manager
Regional Solutions Team (RST) – Courtney Crowell:

- The Governor appointed Rep Lynn Findley to be the new convener for the Greater Eastern Oregon Advisory Committee.
- The Governor appointed Morrow County Commissioner Melissa Lindsey to AOC
- James LaBar is the new Regional Solutions Director
- Three projects in Eastern Oregon was funded by the Regional Infrastructure Fund:
  - In the Greater Eastern Oregon Region to rehab an old hanger for the UAV industry
  - Two projects in NE Oregon Region
- Treasure Valley Trans-Load Facility is waiting for approval from ODOT. They are looking at 210 acres in Nyssa
- Eastern Oregon Boarder Board is continuing to meet. Setting up processes for loans and grants. They have 5 legislative concepts Representative Findley is taking to legislature
- Juntura Road is a Regional Solutions project moving forward
- Working with the City of John Day and DEQ on a wastewater project

Comments: Update on the Treasure Valley Trans-Load Facility; the 3rd party review is done and is on the ConnectOregon website for review. Should be on the agenda for OTC’s February Agenda. Once the make the decision to move forward that will release the rest of the funds that were allocated for that project.

- Immediate Opportunity Funds Projects are going to businesses coming into SE Oregon, several projects going on in Eastern Oregon
- The Federal Bill program, Oregon had 3 projects that went through all the reviews and got nominated to the Secretary of Transportation. Port of Morrow got funding.
- Legislature gave $500,000 to the Local Economic Opportunity Fund program. Two applications were received; John Day to $50,000 to do Economic Development strategy work and Umatilla Basin Basalt Stabilization Effort received $50,000 through GEODC.

2015-2018 STIP Enhance Accounting Report - Ken Patterson:

- No changes from the last meeting.
- Total $290,000 in the account in case of unexpected cost over runs

2021-2024 STIP Process Update – Craig Sipp:

- There are 3 leverage categories; Enhance, Safety, Bike/Ped
- NEACT/SEACT will meet later this spring to go over the 150% list
- Proposed 100% list to be presented in June

City/County/Tribe Updates:

City of Ontario- Dan Cummings & Adam Brown:

- Trail Grant
- Signed right-of-way agreement with ODOT for SE 2nd Street
- Over 17 new land use acquisitions-12 for reconditional use permits for the marijuana stores
- New 32-unit housing development will be constructed for seniors and veterans
- New Marshalls store opening in April
City of Burns – Dauna Wensenk:
- Working on Water Master Plan
- Street Improvement Projects scheduled for this year
- A new leather opened up and is offering classes
- Economic development workshops; Nick Green came and did a presentation

Grant County – Allison Field:
- Allison has been appointed the new Director of Economic Development

City of Hines – Kirby Latham:
- New water tank and water lines
- New Dollartree will be completed in the next 2-3 weeks
- Received an award for Small City Allotment
- Rezoning some property from commercial to residential and from industrial to commercial
- New laundry mat is under construction
- Westridge, a new 20-unit complex for workforce housing has been built

City of John Day – Nick Green:
- Thanks to ODOT for the help and support for the SRTS application
- Three packages going on that reinforce one another:
  1. First construction project is underway on the innovation gateway reclaim water facility project. First technical memorandum has been delivered to the city. Final area plan will be delivered to the city in June and will be adopted this summer.
  2. Working with Oregon State Park & Rec for an opportunity to liquidated city properties, create a Kam Wah Chung Cultural Interpretive Center and connect to the innovation gateway through a trail system & city park.
  3. A new pool and rec center mostly funded by a local bond that will be prepared for the November election. Design team is working on new plans and will be adjacent to the innovation gateway.

City of Prairie City – Jim Hamsher:
- Thanked Sally Bartlett for her hard work for Grant County
- Construction started on a $2M sewer project.
- Moving forward on a $1.5M water project should be completed by August
- New businesses opened up recently
- Construction on a couple of houses are underway
- Thanked ODOT for the Small City Allotment grant

Transit Rep-Angie Jones:
- Malheur County reported they will be applying for the next round of STIF funding for projects that include:
  o Updating their county coordinated human services public transportation plan
  o Additional route from nearby cities in Idaho to the City of Ontario to include new stops in low income neighborhoods designed for the workforce of major employers
  o Expanding operating hours
  o Add to the City of Ontario fixed route resulting in two lines
  o Stabilizing staffing by having a competitive benefit package
  o Add additional operations staff
Purchase additional vehicles to expand the services

- Grant County applied for STIF funding in the 1st go round. Their projects include:
  - Starting a route between John Day and Ontario
  - Expanding bus fleet
- Purchased property next door to tear down house but the work requires Prevailing Wage rates
- Talking to ODOT for possible funds available to build shelters on fixed routes

**Harney County – Pete Runnels:**
- Harney Co. transit went to a fixed route service, received a grant to expand the bus barn and will add some shelters on the fixed route
- Taking over the management of the weigh station

**Burns-Paiute Tribe – Kenton Dick:**
- Working with USDA on an Infrastructure Development Plan. This will help find funding to develop the Kessler Property
- The Burns Paiute Foundation given property across the street from the Chamber of Commerce in Burns, consulting with architects for best use of the building.
- A new steal building is going up at the site of the old casino. They are considering a hemp processing facility

**Bike/Ped Rep-Adam Brown:**
- Asking for all the cities and counties in SEACT to email him their Master Plan for their parks.

**Business:**

**CORE Grant Update – Haley Walker:**
- Haley reviewed the history of the CORE Grant
- Aviation Review Committee received 42 applications with a total grant request of $3.8M
  - 23 applications for Priority 1,
  - 2 applications for Priority 2
  - 17 applications for Priority 3
- Total grant award is estimated to be between $2.1-$2.2M
- First scoring process is done by the Aviation Review Committee (ARC). The 2nd scoring process is done by the ACT’s. The two scores combined are taken into consideration for a final score for prioritization and presented to the Oregon Dept. of Aviation Board for approval
- Regional significance was added in case of a tie.
- Currently; Applications have been prioritized, resolved any ties and the next step is for the ARC Chair to present their recommendation to the Aviation Board for final approval
- It is not required for the entire ACT to go through the scoring process. The options are for a subcommittee to meet to score applications or have an ACT Rep from another Region score. SEACT decided to score applications as a group
- The ASAP program with the fuel tax sunsets January 1st, 2022. It not being recommended to increase that fuel tax, but it is being recommended to extend the sunset date.
- SEACT submitted 5 applications they were prioritized:
  - Ontario had 1 for Priority 1 that ranked #1 overall
  - Grant County Regional Airport had one that ranked #6
Burns had 2 applications for Priority 3 that ranked #4 & #6 overall
Ontario had 1 application for Priority 3 that ranked #15 overall

**ACT Engagement Topics for 2019:**
- Looking for topics to present to the NEACT/SEACT in joint meetings. If you think of anything that would affect both area contact Sean, Judy or Ken.

**SEACT Membership Review:**
- In Grant County Allison Field will replace Sally Bartlett and Commissioner Jim Hamsher replaced Boyd Britton
- In Harney County Kirby Latham replaced Judy Erwin
- In Malheur County Linda Simmons left so there is a vacant position open.
- At Large Freight Rep position is vacant

**Guest Speakers:**
- A presentation on Interstate 11 which is a proposed route from Arizona to Canada that would go through Malheur County.
- Discussion on Safety regarding public speed
- Possible Joint Act discussion on the operational activities on various roads in the area

**Other Business:**
- The upkeep of Brothers Rest area in Region 4 needs improvement
- Compliment ODOT Staff with help on a noise survey
- Construction Field Day for Junior & Senior High School Students will be May 2nd in Baker City. Need vendors & sponsors, contact Tom Strandberg

**Next meeting:**
- March 18, 2019
- ODOT District Office

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted