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

Correction to January minutes, change CORE to COAR
Jim Maret moved to approve minutes with correction
Dan Cummings 2nd
MCU

**Guest Speaker: Environmental Process for Federal Funded Projects - Paul Kennington, ODOT:**

- NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act of 1970) gives a guideline to check for prior to working on a project: Social Impacts, Economic Impacts, Environmental Impacts, & Public Input
- Satisfy Section 106 of the NHPA (National Historic Preservation Act 1966). This can take from a couple of months to more than a year.
- Tribal Consultation is 30 days for review
- Historic resources
- Biology – Endangered Species Act 1973 – clearance can take from 1 day to 1 year
- Birds – Migratory Bird Treaty Act 1918
- Wetlands & waterways (Oregon's Removal-Fill Law of 1967)
• Permits - 30-120 days to obtain
• Environmental Specifications & Statement of Tech Review (STR) goes into plan
• Bid letter, pre-construction meetings

**Guest Speaker: Setting Speed Controls – Jeff Wise, ODOT:**

• In SEACT area crash rate has increased with the speed limits.
• Criteria has been established in zones where speed limits increased and evaluated
• In the SEACT area, one area of concern between Vale & Cairo was reduced back down to 55 mph on a temporary basis. That temporary order is about to expire.
• Statutory speeds are set at 15, 20, 25, 55, 65, & 70 mph; concerns are speeds between 25-55
• Within the city limits, the City must request an investigation, if it’s within the County they are within the road way authority and are inclined to do a traffic study.
• National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 855; An Expanded Functional Classification System for Highways and Streets
• Some area of concerns has not met the criteria but ODOT is working doing additional things to meet safety standards

**Guest Speaker: COAR Grant Update – Haley Walker:**

• Projects have been selected for this go round of COAR funding
• Aviation System Action Program (ASAP) program is set to sunset January 1, 2022 which affects the COAR Grant, ROAR Program and the SOAR Program
• A push on HB2402 to eliminate the sunset provision on aviation fuel tax of 2 cents and increase it to 4 cents per gallon. The bill died in committee, but they will try again in the 2020 short session.
• The Rural Oregon Airport Relief (ROAR) Grants; State of Oregon defines rural as cities of 500,000 or less. These funds end up going to the bigger cities. Recommending redefining what rural is for aviation.
• Two airports in Oregon received FAA Supplemental funding. No match required. Grant County will receive $6.3 million for a project that’s 100% funded. This funding is specifically for non-primary airports.

**Regional Updates:**
Transit-Frank Thomas

• Angie Jones attended National Rural Transit Review Board:
• Every qualified entity in Region 5 has submitted a STIF application and will be considered in this round.
  • STIF applications were 64 totals statewide
  • A plan completeness review is happening this week
  • Applications will be reviewed by the Public Transportation Advisory Council (PTAC) for recommendation to OTC
  • Possible disbursing funds by October
• Top scoring application came from Region 5
• Federal Transit Administration released unexpected notice of funding opportunity for Section 5339-Buses and bus facility. Turn-around time is quick.
• PTAC is meeting in Harney County on June 3rd
Local Program Update – Mike Barry

- Make sure your Fund exchanges are complete have supporting documentation to back up the invoices
- Small City Allotment (SCA) agreements are done
- SCA statewide committee meeting this week in Salem. Ron Lundbom (Mayor of John Day) is the Region 5 Representative on the committee
- If you have any flood damage on roads let Mike know
- State funded local project, 1st one in the state is in Harney County and is about to close out
- Burns project on D street will be underway soon
- Juntura Rd project is underway. Weather delayed rock crushing
- Ontario, 2nd Street project is coming up
- Ontario, 5th Street will be a State Funded Local Project

Design & Construction Projects-Sean Maloney

In Construction:
- I84 Deck Repair on the bridge crossing over the Snake River, due to be completed this fall
- Finished a 2 in. overlay in the Big Bend area, South of Adrian
- Vale chip seal to complete this summer
- US20 Hampton to Burns a chip seal to be completed this summer
- Farewell Bend on I84 the scale repair is almost completed

In Design:
- STIP Project: Culvert repair on US20
- US20 Harney County line to Black Canyon, overlay project bid in August 2021
- John Day sidewalk project is a Safe Route to Schools project bid in Feb/March 2021
- Freight Efficiency Improvement Project on US20 Burns to Ontario-staring in the next 6 months, going out for bid in Dec 2021
- Malheur County Safety Improvement project, possibly doing a round-a-bout at Cairo Junction. This would be done together with the larger project on US20
- US30 Snake River bridge deck replacement on E. Idaho Avenue

21-24 STIP 100% List-Sean Maloney, ODOT:

This is a draft of the 100% list. This fall will start public outreach process. ACT’s will be asked to help.

OTC & Region Updates – Ken Patterson:

OTC workshop:
- Last October, heard a lot of feedback regarding loosing ConnectOregon temporarily. ConnectOregon plays a vital role in Eastern Oregon. NEACT & SEACT continue to have a good partnership

OTC Update:
- Public Service Awareness was May 5-11th
- Rural Transit Grant awarded:
  - Senior & Disability Program; total awarded $24 M; there were 42 applicants
  - Rural Areas; total awarded $18.6M there were 35 applications
  - Special Transportation; total awarded $21.9M there were 42 applicants
    Eastern Oregon was well represented
Tri-Met update; up to 100 million trips per year, 300,000 trips per day. The max is almost 40 years old and need to start focusing on maintenance.

DMV update; fees set per statue.

ODOT Director, Matt Garrett is leaving ODOT in June. He’s been with ODOT for 14 yrs.
  - Selecting a new ODOT Director will be up to a committee of 3
  - A consultant will do a nationwide search
  - Interim Director will be assigned until the Commission hires a new director

Project delivery workplan update; The current STIF has around 1600 projects and there’s been over 1700 amendments or changes to those projects. The goal is to reduce the number of amendments.

Trans Load Facility projects; 2 out of 3 facilities will be funded. One of the facilities is in Malheur County. OTC will decide at their next meeting in June.

Durable striping US95 from Burns Junction to Idaho US95 followed by a chip seal.

Discussion around tolling I5 & 205 – it’ll be monitered electronically.

Tammy Baney Chair for OTC will be retiring.

Regional Updates:
- ODOT held a trades fair where 460 students from Eastern Oregon and Idaho attended. This is held every 2 years.

Tribe/City/County Updates:

City of Ontario- Dan Cummings:
- The SE 2nd Ave project will go out for bid this fall
- The SE 5th project is going out for design
- Working on Oregon St from SW 4th to E Idaho St intersection.
- Grand opening of splash pad this Friday
- Adam Brown is working on a multi-trail system from SW 4th Ave by the Armory, around the college, up Park St, through the college and connect back into the sidewalk on Park St. Applying for grant funds.

City of Nyssa – Jim Maret:
- The CDBG Water System project is finished
- New housing development, houses are selling as soon as they are finished
- Eight-9 new businesses
- New hardware store opening in June/July

City of Hines – Judy Erwin:
- Two Small City Allotment projects will be going out for bid soon. Engineers will review the streets in town and plan to address the streets that need immediate repair and another plan for maintenance on the rest of the streets
- New apartment complex going in will have Five 4plexes
- Several new houses going in
- Pallet mill opening this summer
- The old Hines office building is being turned into a B&B
- Big Bear was recently purchased and reopening for business and putting in RV and tent camping sites
City of Burns – Dauna Wensenk:
- New improvements for downtown
- SCA project will be happening this year, plus another $500,000 for more improvements
- Water Master Plan is still in process
- The City is in the process of looking for a replacement for Dauna as she is resigning

Burns-Paiute Tribe – Kenton Dick:
- Putting in a Hemp extraction building at the site of the old casino, equipment will be installed in the next few months
- Possible hemp crop on a 100-acre field
- Working on renovating a building downtown to be used by tribal members
- Working with USDA on getting the infrastructure approved for the Kessler property
- Submitted the STIF application
- Purchased the Armory from the Oregon National Guard
- Housing is an issue. Putting in an RV park to help with seasonal workers

City of Prairie City – Jim Hamsher:
- Converting 15 RV spots to year-round spots, changing frost free’s and electrical services
- Grocery store is doing an $80,000 false front project
- Hitchin Post drive in reopened
- Three new houses will be finished this year
- The $2M sewer project should be completed this summer
- The $1.5M water project should be completed by July 1st
- A new US Cellular tower going in by the saw mill
- Using SCA with the sewer project

Transit Rep-Angie Jones:
Grant County:
- Three deviated fixed routes going since January.
- As of April, logged over 1300 trips for 2 routes
- Positive feedback from the community on those routes
- Received positive feedback in Baker County for a route from John Day to Ontario
- Submitted 6 applications for the STIF grants
- Route from Prairie City to Mt Vernon was increased from 3x a day to 4x a day. Which cut down the wait time for the riders

Grant County Regional Airport – Haley Walker:
- North Apron reconstruction project going on right now
- Received $6.3M FAA supplemental funding
- Airport Master Plan is finished

New Business:
- Guest speaker ideas:
  - Trip check presentation via Skype
Membership Review:

Sean went over each county’s membership:
Grant County – No vacancies
Malheur County – One vacant and One Alternate
Harney County – One vacant spot
At Large positions – Vacant Freight Rep

Next meeting:
July 22, 2019
Grant County Regional Airport, John Day

Respectfully Submitted