Chair Gary Milliman called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Roll was called and quorum confirmed. (18 voting members present. V = voting member for this meeting. Quorum = 12 (50% of filled [currently 23] membership positions.)

**Commission Members and Alternates in Attendance (alphabetical)**

1. Adams, Scott  Douglas County (Alternate) V
2. Bernhardt, Kathryn  Transit (Alternate)
3. Boyer, Brant  Douglas County Stakeholder (Primary) V
4. Christensen, Richard  Curry County (Alternate) V
5. Hossley, Jim  Coos Bay (Primary) V
6. Hunter, Chris  ODOT SW Area Manager (Primary) V
7. Jensen, Matthew  Coquille Indian Tribe (Primary) V
8. Kerr, Patrick  Freight/Rail (Primary) V
9. Kohn, Robert  Coos County City-At-Large (Alternate)
10. Kutch, Ron  Coos County Stakeholder (Alternate)
11. Mawson, Robert  Coos County City-At-Large (Primary) V
12. Milliman, Gary *(Chair)*  Brookings (Primary) V
13. Murphy, Michael  Coos County (Primary) V
14. Neavoll, Darrin  ODOT District 7 Manager (Alternate)
15. Negherbon, Sean  Douglas County City-At-Large (Primary) V
16. Pryce, Loree  Bicycle & Pedestrian (Alternate) V
17. Rainville, Lonnie  Douglas County City-At-Large (Alternate)
18. Richards, Terrie  Curry County Stakeholder (Primary) V
19. Stump, Jeff  CTCLUSI (Primary) V
20. Sweet, John  Coos County (Primary) V
21. Thompson, Sarah  CCBUTI (Alternate) V
22. Vitek, Charmaine  Port (Primary) V
23. Wasbauer, Joanne  Transit (Primary) V

**ODOT Staff in Attendance**

1. Cornutt, Lisa  ODOT Planner
2. Haan, Corey  ODOT Local Agency Liaison
3. Latham, Dan  ODOT Project Information Specialist
4. Reading, Frank  ODOT Region 3 Manager
5. Strader, Lisa  ODOT ADA Planning Manager
6. Wade, Joanna  ODOT Administrative Specialist
Approval of Minutes

• Motion made and seconded to approve the May 10, 2019 SWACT Minutes.  
  (Joanne Wasbauer /Charmaine Vitek)
• Discussion: None.
• Motion carried.

ODOT Introductions and Updates

Frank Reading, ODOT Region 3 Manager, introduced Chris Hunter, ODOT South West Area Manager and primary SWACT representative and Joanna Wade, ODOT Administrative Specialist and SWACT coordinator. Gary Milliman explained his participation in the ODOT Director interview process and reported that an offer was made to Kris Strickler. Martin Callery (OTC) described the interview process more in-depth and noted that Kris will be the Interim ODOT Director until December legislative confirmation.

Membership Updates

Gary Milliman announced the following membership updates: Loree Pryce was appointed the Alternate Representative for Bicycle and Pedestrian Modal, Mayor Robert Kohn was appointed the Alternative Representative for Coos County City-At-Large, Lonnie Rainville was appointed the Alternative Representative for Douglas County City-At-Large, Brant Boyer re-applied to be a Primary Representative for Douglas County Stakeholders, Art Poole re-applied to be an Alternate Representative for Coos County Stakeholders, and Jeff Stump was appointed the Primary Representative for the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians.

• Motion made and seconded to approve all membership updates.  
  (John Sweet/Jeff Stump)
• Discussion: None.
• Motion carried.

Public Input

None.

Port of Coos Bay Presentation

Patrick Kerr presented an update on the Port of Coos Bay and the future of the railroad in the area. He discussed upcoming railroad projects including replacing ties and improving tunnels and bridges. He put forward a desire to improve the reputation of the railroad as a business partner and to improve relationships with communities and other transportation agencies.
Discussion:

Ron Kutch asked if tunnel work would shut down railroad services. Patrick responded that the railroad was hoping for as little down time as possible while working on the tunnels. John Sweet thanked Patrick for the railroad’s role in area transportation, especially after the G.P. Mill closure. Gary Milliman mentioned that he served on NW Pacific Railroad Board, which was the last railroad after the closure of mills in Northern California, and that Patrick might look at the history of the railroad in Scotia, CA.

❖ 2021-2024 STIP Draft 100% List: Fix-It Program Informational Presentation ❖

Presentation:

Darrin Neavoll, ODOT’s District 7 Manager, reported on the projects that ODOT recommended moving forward with for the current STIP. He categorized the types of projects as bridges (5), culverts (3), operations (5 including signals, turn lanes, slides, and variable message signs), preservation/paving (3), and safety (2 including clear zone improvements and wrong way driver mitigation).

Discussion:

None.

❖ Project Updates ❖

Presentation:

Dan Latham, ODOT Project Information Specialist, gave a presentation to update members on construction projects in SW Oregon, which included:

1. I-5
   a. South Umpqua River “Vets” Bridge, MP 124
      i. Completed except for pedestrian/bike path
   b. Exit 124 Lights and ADA Ramps
      i. In final stages of completion
   c. Roberts Mountain Climbing Lanes
      i. Excavation is scheduled through the spring of 2020 and the project should be completed by the summer of 2021

2. OR 42
   a. Lower Lookingglass Creek Bridge repair
      i. Completed
   b. County Line Slide repair, MP 45
      i. Scheduled to be completed by October

3. OR 38
   a. Culvert replacements, MP 7-9
      i. Scheduled to be completed by the end of September

4. US 101
   a. Dean Creek paving and safety updates, MP 0-6
      i. Scheduled to be completed by October
   b. McCullough Bridge painting
i. Painting will continue through October

5. OR 241
   a. Isthmus Slough Bridge painting and improvements
      i. Scheduled to be completed by October

Discussion:

Ron Kutch inquired as to why the first round of bidding on the Hooskanaden Slide repair was unsuccessful. Darrin Neavoll answered that there was only one bidder and that bidder was unable to complete the project this year, so the project was re-evaluated and will go out for bid again this winter. Dan Latham noted that a planning project was launched to address slides in the future. This project will evaluate slide areas on the coast and consider cost and options available to keep traffic moving when future slide occur. Gary Milliman asked what happens to money from canceled projects. Frank Reading responded that this money usually goes towards other projects that are in need of extra funds. Brant Boyer asked why ODOT reduced lanes from four to three in Reedsport. Frank, Darrin and Chris explained the theory behind this type of lane reduction (or road diet) and how it can actually help traffic to run more smoothly and safely with a center lane dedicated to turning.

Small City Allotment (SCA) Informational Presentation

Presentation:

Corey Haan informed the members about the Small City Allotment Program. This statewide program allows cities with fewer than 5000 people to apply for funding for non-highway street repairs. Corey reviewed the timeline for applications and the scoring sheet used by the small city advisory committee to rank and review applications. Jeanette Denn is the region contact for this program.

Discussion:

John Sweet confirmed that ODOT will send applications out to small cities. Chris Hunter reminded members that there is a max of $100,000 per project. Gary Milliman asked how competitive the process is and Corey responded that is a very competitive process but last year the region did well with several small cities receiving project funding. Terrie Richards commented that Port Orford applied and that the application was difficult to understand because of “ODOT language” but she was able to get help from ODOT. Mayor Kohn asked if the process is currently closed and Corey informed members that no more applications are being received for this year, but it is an annual program.
**Presentation:**

Frank Reading, ODOT Region 3 Manager, updated members on the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC). Martin Callery, OTC member, was in the audience and able to answer questions as needed.

- In August the OTC visited Ashland and RVACT. They might visit SWACT next year.
- There is a new OTC Chair, Bob Van Brocklin, and a new OTC Commissioner, Sharon Smith. There is a new ODOT Director, Kris Strickler.
- In 2018 Oregon received $27 million in redistribution funds. The OTC worked on the 2019 Federal distribution of funds in August and approved 3 scenarios for future funding ranging from $15 to $50 million. Projects to receive funding include tolling on I-5 and I-205, I-5 Columbia River Crossing, Boone Bridge study, updating charging stations along the West Coast electric highway, and bridge ratings and strengthening to accommodate shorter/heavier hauling vehicles.
- In July the OTC approved STIF discretionary funding with a statewide excess of $19 million for capital planning, operations, and administrative projects. Of that funding Coos County received about $600,000 and Josephine County received about $460,000.
- Connect Oregon has earmarked funding for four projects East Beach (OTC approved), Treasure Valley (OTC approved), Mid-Willamette (OTC approved), and Brookes (not enough information, OTC did not approve). The Mid-Willamette intermodal project will move commodity from trucks to railroad.

**Discussion:**

Martin Callery notified members that OTC meeting dates will be changing because of the new director, chair, and commissioner. He let the members know that the OTC is concerned about engaging with the ACTS and helping determine a more significant role for the ACTS. Frank Reading mentioned that the role of the ACTS might be moving towards area strategy groups with the focus being able to respond quicker to local transportation needs. Gary Milliman added that he sees a system of local transportation plans being consolidated into the ACT regions. Martin Callery added that the ACTS would have more of an enhanced role in planning.

- ADA Settlement Agreement and Transition Plan

**Presentation:**

Lisa Strader gave an overview of ODOT ADA Settlement Agreement. The goal of the transition plan is full program access with a focus on fixing curb ramps and pedestrian signals. ODOT has 15 years to remediate and should be done by 2032. During the first five years, from 2018 to 2022 ODOT plans to fix 8,057 curb ramps, with 200 next year in the SWACT area.

**Discussion:**

None.

- Required Training

**Presentation:**
Gary Milliman reminded members that Harassment/Discrimination training is due in iLearn by December 31, 2019. All SWACT members have received an email link for the training with instructions on how to complete the training.

**Discussion:**

None.

- **Business from the Commission (formerly NOA)**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:14 pm.

**Next SWACT Meeting: Friday, November 8, 2019, at 10 am in Coquille, OR**