Oregon Wildlife and Transportation Advisory Group

Agenda for OWTAG Kickoff

Wednesday, November 18, 2026
8:45AM - 4:30PM
ODFW Commission Room, Salem, OR
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MEETING PURPOSE:

- First meeting of the Oregon Wildlife and Transportation Advisory Group
- Establish membership, roles, and responsibility of the OWTAG
- Share 3-year Goal Framework and plans for future meetings
- Gather input from members regarding participation, goals, and strategic direction of the group

AGENDA

TIME	ORDER	AGENDA ITEM
8:45-9:15 *30 min*	**1)**	**Arrival & Introductions** • Introductions • Agenda for today and logistics *Abby Hall (CDR)*
9:15 - 9:30 *15 min*	**2)**	**Welcome** • Purpose and role of OWTAG • Recap of ORS 366.162 (2025 c.42 §§2-3) • Agency priorities and current challenges *Tova Peltz (ODOT), Bernadette Graham-Hudson (ODFW)*

9:30 - 9:45 *15 min*	**3)**	**The Need for Wildlife Crossings** ● OCAMP overview and application ● Safety goals for people and animals *Tim Greseth (OWF), Rachel Wheat (ODFW), John Raasch (ODOT), Facilitator: Daniel Estes (CDR)*
9:45 - 10:05 *20 min*	**4)**	**Wildlife Crossings To Date** ● Where projects have occurred ● What has been learned (what worked, what results have been, what didn't work) ● Long-term cost implications of projects *Rachel Wheat (ODFW)*
10:05 - 10:35 *30 min*	**5)**	**State Highway Fund Uses & 3rd Party Projects** ● Current process ● Identified gaps or lessons ● OWTAG role in coordinating going forward *Omar Ahmed and Patti Caswell (ODOT), Facilitator: Daniel Estes (CDR)*
10:35 - 10:45 *10 min*		**BREAK**
10:45 - 11:30 *45 min*	**6)**	**Advisory Group Role** ● Review Charter ● Review roles and responsibilities ● Build consensus to approve and adopt Charter *Abby Hall (CDR)*
11:30 - 12:15 *45min*	**7)**	**Outlook for the Future / 3-Year Goal Framework** ● Plan and schedule for OWTAG meetings ● Review 3-Year Framework ● Where do we hope to get? ○ Types of projects ○ Types of animals ○ Funding pathways *Daniel Estes (CDR)*

12:15 - 1:15 *60 min*		**LUNCH** *Lunch will be provided.*
1:15 - 2:15 *60 min*	**8)**	**Coordinating with NGOs** ● Commitment to support OWTAG and contribute to shared project criteria ● Role in fundraising, public support, and advocacy ● *Note:* this will be a round-robin with time for each NGO to weigh in *All NGOs, Facilitator: Abby Hall (CDR)*
2:15 - 2:35 *20 min*	**9)**	**Current ODOT Process** ● Share basics of CIP process and current funding mechanisms ● What makes a competitive wildlife crossing project? (w/in current ODOT process) *Ken Shonkwiler (ODOT)*
2:35 - 2:55 *20 min*		**BREAK**
2:55 - 3:45 *50 min*	**10)**	**Criteria for Wildlife Crossings & Prioritization Process** ● Presentation on current ODFW/ODOT priority matrix ● Initial exploration of draft table ● Highlight current CIP evaluation criteria ● How to include both ODOT priorities for safety (drivers and workers) with additional priorities for smaller species? *Rachel Wheat (ODFW), Cidney Bowman (ODOT), Facilitator: Abby Hall (CDR)*

3:45 - 4:15 *30 min*	**11)**	**Next Steps** ● 2027 draft meeting schedule ● How OWTAG will report to legislature, agencies, and partners ● Maintaining transparency, communication, and building the coalition *Abby Hall (CDR)*
4:15 - 4:30 *15 min*	**12)**	**Wrap Up & Close** ● Final thoughts, questions, and next steps after today *Tova Peltz (ODOT), Bernadette Graham-Hudson (ODFW)*