
Joint ACT Meeting
November 6, 2025
10:00am – 1:00pm PDT
Via Teams ID 278 489 427 281 2 or
OTEC Facility
4005 23rd St.
Baker City, Or

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Introduction of Guests
- Approval of Minutes
- Public Comments

➤ **Presentations**

- CIP – Kayla Hootsmans, Amanda Pietz ODOT
 - ✓ Amanda Pietz spoke about the Capital Investment Plan (CIP), she explained how the CIP will be developed using feedback from discussions with ACTs and Modal Committees and OTC Members. The goals for the projects will be Stewardship, Safety, Mobility and Accessibility, Sustainability and Climate and Equity. The role of the ACTs will be to inform CIP development, identify needs and investment opportunities and to comment on the draft CIP.

Full presentation available upon request

- Red Light/Automated Enforcement, Eric Leming ODOT
 - ✓ Eric presented information on how photo enforcement works in Oregon and what is allowed. There are three types of photo enforcement in Oregon, Mobile speed cameras, Fixed speed cameras and red light running + speed cameras. The first Mobile speed camera pilot started in 1995 and through the years has developed into Fixed speed cameras being open to all cities. The majority of cameras are being used along the I-5 corridor with the city of Bend beginning their program. The benefits to the camera enforcement is better behavior near the camera, fewer fatal/severe injury crashes and safer enforcement for officers & public. The downside is that there are more low-severity crashes, higher citation caseloads, net cost and privacy concerns from the public.

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➤ **Regional Updates**

- Region Updates – Ken Patterson, Region 5, ODOT
 - ✓ Winter operations have started. Vacant positions are being filled, and Region 5 will be close to the previous year's staffing.
 - ✓ 2nd wave of recruitment will begin in December
 - ✓ Region 5 has started a 4-day mini training academy in Baker for the new applicants

- ✓ A new traffic signal in Pendleton has been modified to accommodate the oversized loads coming through the region. It is designed to swing to allow the loads to pass by then will be repositioned
- **Local Projects – Michelle Owen, ODOT**
 - **Small Cities Allotment:**
 - ✓ *Close outs recently in Enterprise, Canyon City, Vale and Seneca.
 - ✓ *11 other active grants in NEACT/SEACT
 - ✓ *New solicitation in the spring of 2026.
 - **HB 2017 Projects:**
 - ✓ *Baker City-Construction just completed on Cedar St
 - ✓ *CDA-Construction Contract just awarded-starting this week
 - ✓ *Hermiston-Final UPRR approvals pending for phase 2 on Geer/Harper at N 1st
 - ✓ *Port of Umatilla-Under Construction
 - ✓ All others completed.
 - **Local Bridge Program:**
 - ✓ *Umatilla County-Thorn Hollow-under construction-complete in April '26
 - ✓ *Baker County-Holbrook Rd: Pine Creek-in design
 - ✓ *Union-N College: Little Creek-in design-bidding in late 2026
 - ✓ *Wallowa County-Caudle Lane: Lostine River-in design bidding late 2026
 - ✓ 4 other local bridges selected for 27-30 STIP
 - ✓ Harney County (2), Wallowa County, Morrow County
 - **Other:**
 - ✓ Oregon Community Paths:
 - *Hermiston Belt Park Greenway Trail - design only wrapping up
 - *Umatilla River Trail Phase I - in design
 - *CTUIR trail in 27-30 STIP
- **RST – Courtney Crowell**
 - ✓ Looking at options for wildlife crossing projects
 - ✓ Malheur Co. Lake Owyhee Road project-completing an invasive species study and adding boat inspection station
 - ✓ Discussion on carcass removal is ongoing
 - ✓ Working on some broadband issues
 - ✓ Working with Business Oregon, looking to make visits to businesses to see what their challenges are
 - ✓ Connect Oregon next round of solicitations from now until early next year. The program has expanded to \$75M.
- **City/County/Tribal/Transit/Bike/Ped/Freight Updates**
 - ✓ See attached for updates

➤ **Business**

- NEACT: Umatilla River Bridge Build Grant Letter of Support
 - ✓ Commissioner Dorran made the motion to provide a letter of support from NEACT, Aaron Palmquist seconded, motion carried.
- New COAR Representative for NEACT
 - ✓ Discussion was held for a new COAR Representative, Doug Wright is currently in this role. Barry Murphy was voted in and will assume the duties

- Reschedule January 2026 meeting date
 - ✓ It was decided to move the January 1st meeting to the following week, January 8th due to the holiday
 - SEACT: Modify By-Laws for 3 Co-Chairs
 - ✓ Judge Hart suggest tabling this discussion until the January meeting in order to be able to discuss with the other two Judges
 - Agenda Build
 - ✓ ODOT cost of snow event damages to the roads on the West side of the state vs what damage is done to roads in Region 5.
 - ✓ Rural transit
 - ✓ Oversight permit fees
- Adjourn
 - Next Meetings: NEACT January 8, 2026
SEACT January 29, 2026, Harney County Courthouse

*** Public comments are welcome at any time during the ACT meeting***

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