

**South Central Oregon  
Area Commission on Transportation  
Sub – Committee Minutes**

**Date:** August 11, 2006

**Time:** 10:30 A.M.

**Place:** KCEDA Conference Room, Klamath Falls, & Lake County Commissioners Room, Lakeview, Telephone Conference

**Attendance:** Michael Stinson, Brad Winters, Ray Simms, Jeff Ball, Ernie Palmer, Trey Senn

**Staff:** Christina Ingram

**Called to order by Vice - Chair Brad Winters – 10:50**

**Approve Minutes:** Tabled for next meeting, no quorum

**Area Manager's Report:** Mike Stinson

- Picture Rock Pass is finished
- Warner Curve is done – they have some minor clean-up to finish
- Hwy 395 work is done
- Hunters Road – ODOT may need to pave
- Maintenance crew is patching as much as they can including work on – Hwy 140, 395, 66
- Hwy 39 in Merrill is done
- ODOT currently has minor contracts out to bid – sidewalk project using funds from emerging small business to do infilling in Merrill and on S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. in Klamath Falls.
- ODOT using special maintenance funds for culvert replacements on Hwy 66
- Spencer Creek Bridge – project finishing next month
- Doak Mountain – has 1 more month of paving
- Spring Creek Hill – have the cultural issues resolved, now they have rock work issues – the current contractor is not comfortable with the current plan so ODOT has called in experts from Colorado to make sure our plan is appropriate for the situation – 90% of the work on the project will be completed this year
- Hwy 39 and the Southside Expressway – the left turn modification has been finished
- Bridge work in Silver Lake – there are no issues, the contractor is very good, he is just slow – the project will be finished this year – He does great work, just needs to be faster

**Area Member's Report:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Connect Oregon:** Mike Stinson

- Portland had one project that was cut
- City of Klamath Falls was funded for the airport for \$1M – they had asked for \$6M as a loan, but were given \$1M as a grant
- Klamath County Chemult train station project was funded for \$125,000
- They are mailing the contracts out – right now the plan is to request monthly updates

- The Governor is talking about a second round, with \$200M available for projects.
- Our ACT needs to get our projects in line now so we are ready if there is a second round – the requirements will be the same – Lake County would like to know if the match will continue to be cash only or if there will be in kind allowed
- The Transportation Lobbyist will push for a clarification of the requirements – there were projects funded this round that did not explain clearly in their application the connection to other transportation systems, or their direct connection to Economic Development
- The timeframe currently being discussed is for the upcoming legislative session – at this point this project is being viewed as a big success by legislators, and state transportation

**Highway 140 Dike Break: Mike Stinson**

- ODOT has finished their roadway re-design and sent it out to seven contractors for bids – they only received one response
- The project came in at \$5M

**Highway Earmark Money**

Commissioner Winters wanted to know if there is any way to streamline the process of actually receiving the federal earmarks – because of delays in receiving funds and the rapid increase of construction costs related to oil, projects are being dropped or significantly scaled down to stay within the allotment – If we received the money quicker it would help with this.

Mike doesn't know of any way to get the funding here faster – ODOT as a whole is having problems with this issue.

**Adjourned: 11:30** No Quorum – members had another meeting starting at 11:30

**\*\*ROW = Right of Way**

**SOUTH CENTRAL OREGON AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** October 27, 2006

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Location:** Lakeview Elks Lodge,

**Board Members Present:**

X Bill Brown	X Melvin Dick	X Brad Winters	X Frank Villagrana
X John Elliott	X Al Switzer	X Ray Simms	X Larry Holzgang
X Stephanie Bailey	X Trey Senn	X Jeff Ball	X J.R. Stewart
X Caro Johnson	X John Widenoja	X Fred Smith	X Mike Stinson
X Butch Hansen			

**Staff:**

X Deanna Redd	X Shilo Ogilvie	X Christina Ingram	X Betty Riley
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**Public:**

Ronne Lindsay	Jim Walls	Ken Kestner	Cary Goodman	Julie Rodwell
Sonn Garber	Steve Yates			

**Meeting Called to Order at:** 1:00 **by:** John Elliott, Chair

**Introductions -- Roll Call:**

**Review and Approve Minutes:**

Board Reviewed the minutes of the June 23, 2006 meeting.

Moved: Al Switzer, Second: Brad Winters, to accept and approve the minutes as presented –

Ayes: All, Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Area Manager's Report:**

- ODOT celebrated fifteen (15) years of the “Adopt a Highway” program – there are forty-five (45) groups that provide trash pickup for one hundred forty (140) miles of road in Klamath and Lake Counties. Three (3) of those groups have been involved for the entire fifteen (15) years.
- Highway 140 Emergency repair should be completed this afternoon – The contract was rewritten for inefficiencies – ODOT recouped almost \$1Million.
- STIP – The financial numbers are not good – We may have to look at deferring some projects – Doak Mountain is a good example – the increase in oil prices added \$100,000 to the total cost of the project – ODOT is continuing with project development.
- Connect Oregon – This program is viewed as a success and there is talk of having a second round – We need to be thinking of projects in case this does happen
- Problem applying for Earmarks – ODOT is only receiving 20-25% of the requested amount about \$500,000 – They don't have the money to make up the difference in the projects that the money was earmarked to complete – The problem with the funding is that disasters like Hurricane Katrina required additional resources which meant the balance was spread into smaller amounts – ODOT is continuing to seek additional funding.

- ODOT is gearing up for winter – mounting plows, the de-icer is ready – most construction is finished except for Spring Creek Hill

**Area Member Reports:**

None

**Public Comment:**

None at this time – Additional Public comment related to the Highway 140 Study is recorded later in the minutes

**Highway 140 Study Presentation:**

See attached printout of PowerPoint presentation – and attached public comment record

**Adjourned:** 2:55 p.m.      **by:** Chairman Elliott

**Next Meeting:** Klamath Falls, Time & Location TBA

**South Central Oregon  
Area Commission on Transportation  
Sub – Committee Minutes**

**Date:** November 27, 2006

**Time:** 1:45 P.M.

**Place:** Klamath County Commissioners Work Room, Klamath Falls, & Lake County Commissioners Room, Lakeview, Telephone Conference

**Attendance:** John Elliott, Al Switzer, Mike Stinson, Butch Hansen, Ernie Palmer, Jeff Ball, Larry Holzgang – #Brad Winters, #Ray Simms – # = by phone

**Staff:** Christina Ingram, Betty Riley

**Public:** Bill Brown, Klamath Co. Commissioner; Mark Willrett, Klamath Falls Public Works; Matthew McMillan, ODOT Intern; Mark DeVoney, ODOT; Ty Beaver, Herald & News

**Called to order by Vice - Chair Brad Winters – 1:35**

**Approve Minutes:**

► Moved: Brad Winters, Second: Al Switzer, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2006 meeting as presented.

Aye: All    Nay: None

Motion Carried

**Area Manager's Report: Mike Stinson**

- Washburn Way Bridge – work completed by LTM – nice job
- Doak Mountain – Completed
- Modoc Point is to continue phase two next year – Expected completion date June
- OTIA III – all bridge work complete in Region 3
- Trucking Industry has concerns that Hwy 97 will not be ready for the change over this year so work can be done on I-5 – They have concerns about delay times
- Beatty Curves – Meeting with the Klamath Tribes in December to discuss alignment and mitigation – ODOT has revised the plan to a 45mph curve and plan to use walls to lessen the impact to the site
- Silver Creek Bridge – completion was expected in November provided the weather held –
  - \*\* Butch to call the project manager in Bend and let Commissioner Winters know
- Delays on Hwy 97 are at 8 minutes – I-5 currently at 7 minutes – as more bridges are brought into construction the delay will increase, ODOT expects the repairs to continue through 2011
- With increase of truck traffic have we talked to OSP about moving troopers to East side to help with patrolling?
  - \*\* Butch to check and let Ernie Palmer know

**Public Comments:** Commissioner Bill Brown requested more sanding on Hwy 97 when it is icy – ODOT staff response was – they are looking at more de-icing including placing tanks in sand trucks to coat the sand before it is spread.

**Area Member's Report:**

Commissioner Winters – wanted to know if ODOT has received the \$1.7 Million in earmarked funds for Hwy 140 out of Lakeview – they would like to get those projects going

Ernie Palmer – BTS has applications available for non profit entity providing transportation – it is 90% grant with a 10% local match – the funds are based on origin of transportation, not destination – BTS phone number is 541 – 883 – 2877 for more information.

**Public Comments:** Mark DeVoney, ODOT – wanted to make sure the Board was aware this meeting was advertised as an Open House and it is open for public comment –

Having Pilot open on Hwy 97 at 3 a.m. is the best thing to happen in Klamath Co.

**Transportation Enhancement Grants:**

We have two applications to consider:

Klamath County – Bike Path on Foothills

Lake County – Continuation of Streetscape project

Bonanza – rejected for technical problems

Both are in competition – as an ACT we can specify both are important – they are in competition against 75 other projects statewide – the Statewide budget is \$11 Million.

Brad discussed it with the Lakeview Town Manager – they will support the Klamath Project as the number one priority because it is a safety issue – they would like to see the Lakeview project listed as a “High Priority”.

Ray Simms will support safety before beautification

► Moved: Ray Simms, Second: Ernie Palmer, that the ACT support the Klamath County Transportation Enhancement Grant as First priority with the Lake County application as Second priority.

Aye: All Nay: None

Motion Carried

**Connect Oregon 1: Comments to ODOT regarding the process**

- From the ACT up was a problem
- ACT's did a good job of prioritizing
- Transit lobby has discussed process & supports a Connect Oregon 2 – members gave high credit to Commissioner Elliott
- Mode & ACT recommendations were largely ignored – Transit lobby will lobby for change
- It makes no difference if the project was seeking a grant or a loan – they were weighted the same so eliminate the loan option

### **Federal Earmarks:**

- Each Congressman gets two earmarks
- ODOT requested earmarks to address the Hwy 140 – Hwy 39 Junction – possibly install a roundabout or light – extend the improvements all the way to the Henley Schools and address the entrance to the schools – also the Beatty & Bly public pedestrian ways –

### **Highway 138 Extension:**

- ODOT has a request from lumber company in Roseburg to designate Hwy 138 as an official truck route.
- Lake County portion has seventy-five (75) miles with 8% grade.
- ODOT does not have any money to help the counties with maintenance.
- ODOT did a cost analysis if they were to take over the road – based on the expectation for additional service i.e.: plowing 24/7, increased traffic adding maintenance costs – projected to be \$1Million
- ► Klamath and Lake Counties may be interested if there is funding to help with improvements and maintenance.

#### **Questions:**

- ◆ Does the \$1Million figure come close to the actual expected costs – ODOT picked a similar road that they already manage for comparison – yes they think it is close.
- ◆ Without the designation nothing changes – at this time Roseburg Lumber is already using the route – they will continue to use it –

► Moved: Al Switzer, Second: Ray Simms – The ACT is opposed to a designation change unless the proposal includes funding for full maintenance of the road as identified by Mike Stinson of ODOT.

Ayes: All Nays: None

Motion Carried

### **2008 – 2011 DRAFT STIP Presentation:**

Correction on pg. 2 – OR 140 – Ritter Road is in Klamath County, not Lake County  
pg. 2 – OR 66 Greensprings Interchange Development Plan – is \$425,000, does that include the \$300,000 earmarked money that Klamath County has been promised for that project? – Mark DeVoney was not aware that there was earmark funding available – he will consider using the \$300,000 someplace else – suggestion was made to use that funding to re-do the Klamath County urban plan – Mark said he had that funded through another source – he has a project in another county he is thinking of using the \$300,000 for – ACT members commented that the money should stay for projects here since it was originally planned for here – discussion was left there.  
pgs. 4 & 6 – Region 4 Transit Support – is that Bend? – Not Identified yet  
pg. 1 – Doak Mountain Interpretive Center for \$300,000 – what is that for? – it is now \$60,000 – the turnouts are finished – there are three signs on each side – the design will be \$5,000 – 6,000 with \$1,000 to install the signs and the signs on each side approaching to let people know an interpretive site is coming up.

Are projects like Bly Mountain on the previous STIP still covered? – Yes

pg. 3 – Klamath Falls Area Signals – says Project is contingent on local funding – is ODOT looking for the same type of contribution as previous projects? – yes  
Does ODOT have access now to the Hwy 97 planning money – yes – we have one year to get things finished before the truck traffic shift over causes bigger problems  
Regarding the trees in the ROW near Chemult – can the trees be chipped instead of burned? – ODOT had been given the idea of having someone that wants to sell them as Christmas trees contract to cut them – they are working on ideas  
Federal Burning is affecting the DEQ air quality of Klamath County which will penalize the citizens – Lake County has the same problem

**Public Comments on STIP:**

None

Moved: Jeff Ball, Second: Al Switzer, for the ACT to support and recommend the items on the DRAFT STIP to the State.

Aye: All Nay: None

Motion Carried

**Adjourned:** 3:20 p.m.

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▶ Item to be followed up on or Item acted on

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