

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

**Date:** January 18, 2008

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** 519 Main Street, Lakeview, OR 97630

**Board Members Present:**

<input type="checkbox"/> John Elliott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Winters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ray Simms	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Villagrana
<input type="checkbox"/> Al Switzer	<input type="checkbox"/> Ernie Palmer	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Ball	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Brown
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Butch Hansen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ken Kestner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caro Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale Roberts

**Staff:**

Deanna Redd       Shilo Ogilvie       Christina Ingram       Betty Riley

**Partners:** Mike Stinson      Larry Holzgang

**Public:**

Sandra

**Meeting Called to Order at:** 10:05    **by:** Brad Winters, Vice Chair

**Introductions – Roll Call:**

**Review and Approve Minutes of last meeting:**

Taken off the agenda due to lack of quorum

**Connect Oregon II :**

**Modoc Northern Railroad**

Lake County plans to submit the Modoc Northern Railroad (Lake County railroad) upgrades for a Connect Oregon II project. They need to update rail from Cornerstone to the Industrial Park and add holding spurs – this has strong support from the community. Cornerstone is currently running 20 trucks a day that they would shift to rail.

Additional work is to replace current worn out ties with steel ties on the CA side (Pit River area)

Railroad ran 1400 car loads in 2005 – up to 2400 car loads at the end of 2007.

The Rail Advisory Committee meets February 7 in Portland. Lake County would like to see this project high on the ACT selected priorities.

**Klamath Falls Airport Terminal**

Board was not clear if this was addition or construction of a new one – City representative not present – will clarify at the next meeting

**Modoc Northern Signals in Klamath Falls**

This proposal is to address a current safety issue.

**Klamath Northern – (Gilchrist)**

They need to replace their rail – they have cars of 286,000 lbs. in some areas – current rail is too light duty for this load level.

**General information/Discussion**

How will our ACT be handling prioritization – do we need to do it by email/phone conference or at the next meeting in February? - Tuesday poll the ACT for conference call scheduling

There is an allotment of \$10 million per region

The Super ACT (3 ACT Representative Board) will set the priority for the Region

### **Reduction to the ODOT Mod.**

The ODOT budget facing a deficit of \$142 million for projects currently funded under the 2008 – 2011 STIP – They will be focusing on maintaining the roads they have without expansion – they have asked ODOT staff to cut \$70 million from the Statewide Modernization portion of the STIP – Our Region is being asked to cut \$7 million. The OTC reiterated – the cuts should come from projects in development phase that don't have the construction funding.

Butch is to have the spreadsheet made clearer to understand and forwarded out to the Board.

### **Area Manager's Report:**

**mp = Mile Post**

**ROW = Right of Way**

- Jobs coming up to bid:
  - ◆ Sign on Hwy 97
  - ◆ Highway 62 Fish Enhancement
  - ◆ Drews Creek – Highway 140 – Build April 24 – 16 – 31<sup>st</sup> paving left turn
- Met with Rich Kerr – the Oregon Forest Highway designator
- Currently designated is Junctions with Hwy 97 – added 395 N to 140 and S to CA border
- This creates opportunities to access Forest Highway Land Funds
- State highway not eligible for District low volume funds
- Each District has low volume funds – our District has \$5.3 million – it is spread all over the District
- Most of our roads are in good to fair condition
- We have \$500,000 for chip sealing and maintenance
- High volume chip seal will give you 50/60 additional miles coverage
- The Forest Highway Lands Project could fund preservation
- We need to fix the base – it is impacted by heavy truck traffic – hauling from the perlite mine
- Highway 31 needs to be designated as State Freight Route

### **Area Member Reports:**

- Lake County – snow removal is challenging – the County needs the impact from road improvement, need to look at coordination of haul routes – need to look at the damage to County roads
- Lakeview – Ray wants to have a working session with the County and Town, then a public meeting regarding the Hwy 395/ Hwy 140 junction. The Town has expended all their snow removal budget already. He would like to know about emergency declarations to allow for access to federal funding.
- For Federal Agencies – look at Intergovernmental Agreements – snow removal/ chip sealing
- There is talk of a government task force to increase the gas tax in 2009
- Transportation Community is shifting from modernization to preservation
- Our priorities are 1. Beatty curve is our top priority for modernization 2. Milepost 21 – fall of 2009 – the survey crew is scheduled weather allowing
- Board wanted to know the timeframe on the archaeological study
- Paisley – Dale Roberts – Sign is wrong on Hwy 31 S. – wanted to know the policy for signs regarding Jake brakes – muffled or un-muffled doesn't matter

**Public Comment:**

None

**Adjourned:** 11:20    **by:** Brad Winters, Vice Chair

**Next Meeting:** March 14, 2008 10:00 a.m. SCOEDD Offices