

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

**Date:** June 19, 2009

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

**Location:** 317 S 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor – Klamath Falls, OR

**Board Members Present:**     = by phone

X Brad Winters	X Al Switzer	X John Elliott	X Cheryl Hukill	X Ken Kestner
X Dan Shoun	X Butch Hansen	X Frank Villagrana	X Tom Chester	X Mark Douglas
X Jeff Ball	X Ray Simms	<input type="checkbox"/> Betty Tyree	X Mark Cobb	<input type="checkbox"/> Gary Zieg
<input type="checkbox"/> Rhonda Lyon	X Larry Holzgang	X Ernie Palmer	<input type="checkbox"/> Jared Hall	<input type="checkbox"/> Caro Johnson
<input type="checkbox"/> Chip Massie	X Randy Norris	<input type="checkbox"/> Derek Martin		
<input type="checkbox"/> Senator Whitsett	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Gilman	<input type="checkbox"/> Representative Garrard		

**Staff:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Deanna Wilson	<input type="checkbox"/> Shilo Spurlock	X Christina Ingram	X Betty Riley	X Pam Ruddock
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**Partners:**

X Mike Stinson	X Larry Holzgang	X Trey Senn	<input type="checkbox"/> Devin Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Ralph Paull
X Stan Strickland				

**Public:**

X Frank Villagrana

**Meeting Called to Order at:** 10:10 a.m.    **by:** Brad Winters, Chair

**Introductions – Roll Call:**

**Review and Accept Minutes of February 27, 2009:**

The Board reviewed the minutes of February 27, 2009.

Moved: Ernie Palmer,                      Second: Trey Senn, to accept the minutes as presented.

Ayes : All        Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Immediate Opportunity Fund Guidelines – Revised by the OTC we need feedback:**

Butch stated that members need to read through the Guidelines with the changes that have been made and either e-mail or phone him with any comments or suggestions.

Tom Chester stated that he needed more background on the information and looks as though the last time it was “tinkered” with was back in April. Butch stated that the purpose of the “Immediate Opportunity Fund” is to support primary economic development in Oregon through the construction and improvement of streets and roads. In 1987 the Oregon Legislature created state funding for immediate economic opportunities with certain motor vehicle gas-tax increases. Access to this fund is discretionary and the fund may only be used when other sources of financial support are unavailable or insufficient. The IOF is not a replacement or substitute for other funding sources. Larry Holzgang stated that the Type C is an addition to the policy and that it is ODOT dollars assistance. Industries that can benefit are Forestry, Renewable Energy, Retail, etc. It has to be a certified industrial site and has to be constructed within 6 months. Larry is considered the middle man to streamline the process.

Type A projects are eligible for up to \$1,000,000

Type C projects are eligible for up to \$500,000

Butch would like members to submit any comments within a week.

**Update on Local Stimulus Awards Reports:**

Al Switzer, Klamath County – Everything is good. Klamath County is working with Klamath Falls on paving Washburn Way.

Ray Simms, Town of Lakeview – Received \$80,000 for the extension on North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Also stated that the sidewalk project was close to being finished.

Mark Douglas – Paisley – no updates

Ernie Palmer – BTS – Has received ARRA funds to improve the vacant lot across the street and has received \$624,000 Transportation dollars from the Federal Government for upgrading their operation in Klamath Falls.

Jeff Ball, City of Klamath Falls – Receiving ODOT dollars to repave Spring Street. He also stated that he is seeing a lot of projects that have gone out to bid are coming in lower than expected.

There was discussion about the City of Merrill receiving \$94,000 Small Communities money to redo their sidewalks and that Bonanza had also received \$94,000 Small Communities money for their Streetscape and surveyor projects.

Butch Hansen – ODOT – Discussed the chip seal project on Silver Lake Rd. Stated that they are using a new material “hot chip seal” on one side and the other side with just a regular process. This is a pilot project to see how well the new material will stand up to the weather and traffic conditions. He also spoke about a project on Hwy 140 where they will be using a CIR inlay. This is 2” hot mix and grinding down 2”. Saves 50% and holds up real well. It flexes so there is no cracking in the immediate future. He also stated a project on Hwy 97/OR 37 near LaPine where they are using warm mix asphalt. It has less emission. Hwy 140 at the Merrill/Lakeview junction, looking at a “Roundabout”; stating that this would help traffic to flow much better. He stated that the traffic control at that location is antiquated and needs to be changed. Butch also stated that the roundabout cost less money than upgraded traffic control signals. With traffic signals you not only have the installation costs but there is maintenance also tied to the costs. Brad Winters stated that he would like a presentation of the roundabout at a future meeting.

Brad Winters stated that they are going to receive Stimulus monies for the 510 overlay Improvement project. He also stated that Modoc Northern Railroad’s contract has been terminated and there is now an Agency Agreement with Lake County Railway. Lake County asked for an extension on Connect Oregon II. Tom Chester asked about the Connect Oregon II – It was explained that Connect Oregon II is a competitive grant process that is funded through Lottery monies and the money is to be used for “non-highway” projects. The money is split between each of the 5 regions. The Lake County Rail project is one of the projects from this region that was funded.

Ray Simms then spoke about the Ruby Pipeline between Wyoming and Malin.

Ernie added that he had gone after a grant for 3 brand new modified mini-vans that are used in their Dial-A-Ride program. These have a Chevrolet chase which he has learned are no longer made. He was set to purchase these from Dodge but because of the re-alignment of Chrysler, they are now being made in Canada and the grant stated requirement is “Buy American”. So he went with 10 small passenger buses that are actually built in Woodburn, Oregon.

Jeff stated that the City is working on renewable energy projects such as the Methane Gas recapture.

Motion to draft a letter to send to ODOT for support of the Lake County Line – Christina to put together the letter.

Vote: Ayes All      Nays: None  
Motion: Carried

Updating on Hwy 140 grinding – Butch spoke about the updates to Hwy 140.

**HB 2001:** Becomes available in 2011 and has not yet been signed by the Governor but it is anticipated that he will sign.

**Review of Needs List to show projects important to support Economic Development –**

Butch had Christina pull a spreadsheet of the Modernization projects from the Needs list. He is seeking input from the ACT Board to label the projects that have are important to support economic development in the area. The Board reviewed the projects and determined that several were of direct impact. Those projects were labeled with an X in the Development column. For a specific list of projects labeled, a copy of the completed spreadsheet is attached at the end of the minutes.

**August OTC Visit -**

The Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) is visiting the Klamath Falls area August 18 – 19. The ACT Board is scheduled to meet August 21 in Lakeview. The board discussed whether to change the August meeting to Klamath Falls on either the 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the OTC meetings. It was decided to leave the August ACT as scheduled. The board members wanted to know if there is a schedule of meetings available yet. Butch informed them he is working with the person in charge of scheduling them and has kept Christina busy pulling together lists of contact information for public works directors, planning departments heads, mayors and council persons. They should have the information soon.

**Request for Presentations:**

Butch told the board about a recent presentation he attended on roundabouts and suggested it would be a good option for a special presentation. He asked the board if they had any ideas or suggestions of the types of presentations they would be interested in having. Suggestions for possible future presentations are Betty Miller regarding the Safety Corridor, and we have been contacted by Salem for an Outreach presentation on Toll Roads. The toll road presenter was to attend the May meeting, but had a conflict with this date.

**Next Meetings:**

**ACT Exec: July 17, 2009 Teleconference**

**ACT Full Board: August 21, 2009 – Lakeview Town hall**

**Adjourned:** 11:43 a.m.      **By:** Brad Winters, Chair

**MP = mile post**

**ROW = right-of-way**