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| <p>SOUTH WEST AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION (SWACT)</p> <p>Meeting Minutes</p> <p>May 10, 2024</p> <p>Teleconference</p> |
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❖ Roll Call ❖

Vice - Chair Brant Boyer called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Roll was called, and a quorum confirmed. (15 voting members present. V = voting member for this meeting. Quorum = 11 (50% of filled [currently 21] primary membership positions.)

Commission Members and Alternates in Attendance (alphabetical)

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| Adams, Scott | Douglas County (Alternate) | V |
| Alcorn, Brad | Curry County (Primary) | V |
| Baron, Tony | City of Brookings (Alternate) | V |
| Boyer, Brant | Douglas County Stakeholder (Primary) | V |
| Cheas, Cheryl | Douglas County Stakeholder (Alternate) | V |
| Craddock, Rodger | Aviation (Primary) | V |
| Dunham, Ralph | Coos County Stakeholder (Alternate) | |
| Dolgonas, Dick | Bicycle & Pedestrian (Primary) | V |
| Gilbert, Kristi | Douglas County City-At-Large (Primary) | V |
| Hossley, Jim | City of Coos Bay (Primary) | V |
| Hunter, Chris | ODOT (Primary) | V |
| Jensen, Matthew | Coquille Indian Tribe (Primary) | V |
| Kent, Scott | Port (Alternate) | V |
| Kutch, Ron | Coos County Stakeholder (Primary) | V |
| Malmberg, Clayton | Curry County Stakeholder (Primary) | V |
| Medeiros, Brandi | Douglas County City-At-Large (Alternate) | |
| Pederson, Glen | ODOT (Alternate) | |
| Rainville, Lonnie | Douglas County City-At-Large (Primary) | V |

ODOT Staff in Attendance

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| 1. Baker, Michael | Region 3 Planning Manager |
| 2. Boardman, Jennifer | Region 3 Transit Coordinator |
| 3. DeWald, Teresa | Region 3 Local Agency Liaison |
| 4. Latham, Dan | Region 3 Public Information Officer |
| 5. Neavoll, Darrin | Region 3 Manager |
| 6. Thompson, Sarah | Region 3 Executive Analyst |
| 7. Trinkaus, Jillian | ODOT Statewide Intercity Network Coordinator |

❖ Public Input ❖

- None

❖ Approval of Minutes ❖

- **Motion made and seconded to approve the March 8th, 2024, SWACT Minutes. (Matt Jensen/Dick Dolgonas)**
- Discussion: None.
- *Motion carried.*

❖ Membership Updates ❖

Don Baglien has retired from the ACT. Please reach out to any interested parties and have them contact Sarah for an application.

❖ Connect Oregon IV ❖

Presentation: Mike Bager gave an overview of the new cycle of Connect Oregon projects that are being presented to the ACT for ranking. Projects eligible for funding are Rail, Marine and Aviation. ACT's will be asked to review and rank projects and motion for members of this ACT to sit on the Super ACT which will be comprised of 3 – 4 members of the SWACT and 3 – 4 members of the RVACT. The Super ACT will convene to hear presentations on each of the seven projects in the region and finalize a ranking to submit to the Final Review Committee. The FRC will put forth a final list of recommended projects for funding for approval at the October OTC meeting. Projects submitted in Region 3:

- Medford Airport East Side Heavy Duty Aircraft Apron Expansion
- Roseburg Regional Airport – Taxiway A Extension
- Southwest Oregon Airport Apron Extension
- Ko'Kwel Wharf Improvements Project Marine Dock Facilities
- Charleston Shipyard Capacity Enhancement Project
- Douglas County Rail Access and Expansion Project
- Green Siding Aggregate Offloading Facility

Discussion: Chris declared for Nikki Messenger a conflict due to the Roseburg Airport having submitted an application. Sarah Thompson will send out a poll to rank the projects and submit that list to the Super ACT.

- **Motion made and seconded to nominate Ron Kutch, Scott Kent and Scott Adams as the SWACT Representatives on the Super ACT (Lonnie Rainville/Cheryl Cheas)**
- Discussion: None.
- *Motion carried.*

❖ ACT Chair/OTC Meeting ❖

Presentation: Chris Hunter, on behalf of Nikki Messenger gave an overview of the meeting. He stated that it went pretty well, and the majority of the content was around the Oregon Highway

Plan. Brant Boyer was also in attendance and stated the message he heard was the Agency was in a funding shortfall and prices have skyrocketed. The Agency is currently working on a sustainable funding source.

Discussion: None

❖ Region 3 Construction Updates ❖

Presentation: Dan Latham gave an update on projects currently under construction in Coos, Curry and Douglas County.

1. I-5 Exit 125 NB at Garden Valley – adds a dedicated right turn lane, widens off-ramp, replaces traffic signals and pedestrian beacons, and upgrades ADA curb ramps. Estimated completion is Summer 2024.
2. Oakland Bridge – replaces one lane historic bridge with a two-lane bridge that aligns with the current roadway. Estimated completion is Summer 2024.
3. Conn Ford Bridge – replaces 1964 bridge in Melrose on same alignment. Estimated completion is Summer 2024
4. Reedsport Lane Reconfiguration – adds a second northbound travel lane. Estimated completion is January 2025
5. Coos Bay and North Bend Curb Ramps – will replace 113 ADA ramps on OR241 and OR541. Estimated completion is August 2024.
6. US101 East Bay Road – construction of a southbound left turn lane, addition of a northbound right turn lane and replacement of the traffic signal. Estimated completion is September 2024.
7. US101 Garrison Slough to Cemetery Loop Road – paves the highway, replaces ADA curb ramps, adds streetlights and installs pedestrian islands and beacons. Estimated completion is Spring 2024.

Discussion: None

❖ State Transportation System Needs ❖

Presentation: Darrin Neavoll reviewed the system needs for funding safety, maintenance and operations and funding shortage the Agency is currently facing. ODOT's priority needs are focused on the primary services and functions that keep the agency running, maintain our transportation system, and keep people safe.

- Service Functions
- Safety System Investments
- Fulfilling HB 2017 Commitments

Structural funding challenges in the State Highway Fund include future fuel tax revenue declining due to more fuel-efficient vehicles, reliance on few sources of revenue, a rigid statutory structure and the record rise of inflation. The current funding gap across all service functions, safety investments and fulfilling HB2017 commitments is between \$2,085 - \$2,355 million. Sufficient and sustainable funding is the key to maintaining and modernizing our transportation system.

Discussion: Ron Kutch thought that HB2017 was passed to fix all of our past problems. What happened there? And what do we do now? Dick Dolgonas informed Ron that HB2017 didn't fix the system, it was all project based.

❖ **Region 3 Updates** ❖

Presentation: Darrin Neavoll gave an update on items in the Region and across the State.

Region Updates:

1. Winter Operations – it was a busy winter
 - a. \$32 million in damages
 - i. \$25 million in the State
 - ii. \$6 million in the Region – mostly on the South Coast
2. Next week will be the Public Participation Event on the Oregon Highway Plan and Safety

Budget:

1. Hoping for structural changes but if not will be planning for both a 30% reduction in the 25-27 budget and also an increase in funding from a legislative package.
2. Legislative tours will be coming in August to Coos Bay and Medford to discuss transportation challenges.

OTC Updates:

1. July 31st – Aug 1st , OTC will be in Florence
 - a. 2025-2027 Agency Request Budget
 - b. Project Delivery Improvements Update
 - c. LaneACT Update
 - d. Federal Redistribution Funding
 - e. 2024 – 2027 STIP Annual Amendment
 - f. I-5 Rose Quarter Funding Scenario
 - g. Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Update

Discussion: None

❖ **NOA's and Adjournment** ❖

Jennifer Boardman stated the next formula cycle for the STIF Discretionary grants will be coming our way for review and support in September.

Brant Boyer adjourned the meeting at 11:48 am.

Next SWACT Meeting: Friday, July 12, 2024, at 10 am. Meeting will be virtual.