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**Commissioners Present:** Chair Brown, Vice Chair Beyer, Commissioners Smith, Chapman, and Baker

**Presenters:** ODOT Director **Kristopher Strickler**, Assistant Director for Revenue, Finance and Compliance **Travis Brouwer**, UMO Director **Brendan Finn**, Policy, Data, and Analysis Division Administrator **Amanda Pietz,** Assistant Director of Government and External Relations **Lindsay Baker**, Delivery and Operations Division Administrator **Mac Lynde,** Budget Manager **Russ Casler,** Director of ADA Delivery Program **Tony Snyder,** Delivery and Operations Deputy Division Administrator **Tova Peltz,** Region 3 Manager **Darrin Neavoll**, Region 3 Senior Transportation Planner **Tom Guevara**, Rogue Valley ACT Chair **Mike Montero,** Statewide Policy and Planning Manager **Erik Havig**, UMO Rose Quarter Project Director **Megan Channell**, and Albina Vision Trust Strategic Communications **JT Flowers.**

**Public Testimony:** Two individuals provided virtual testimony; One individual provided testimony in-person, written comments are available on the [OTC website.](https://www.oregon.gov/odot/Get-Involved/Pages/March-OTC-Materials.aspx%20)

**Decisions/Actions:**

* **Motion Approved:** Consent Agenda en bloc; 1st Beyer, 2nd Baker, approved unanimously
* **Motion Approved:** Approve that Option C is implemented in the Strategic Action Plan, regarding tolling; 1st Beyer, 2nd Baker, approved unanimously
* **Motion Approved:** Approve the 2024-2028 Strategic Action Plan, with agreed upon changes for tolling; 1st Beyer, 2nd Baker, approved unanimously
* **Motion Approved:** Amend the 1999 Oregon Highway Plan to adopt IAMP as an ODOT Facility Plan for the South Medford Interchange and adopt the Findings of Compatibility for IAMO 27; 1st Beyer, 2nd Baker, approved unanimously
* **Motion:** Approval to advance initial 2025 legislative concepts to DAS and Governor’s Office for further consideration; 1st Beyer, 2nd Baker, approved unanimously
* **Motion:** Approve the Resolution, which directs ODOT to establish and implement a work plan collaboratively with Albina Vision Trust to jointly explore highway cover governance and future ownership of surplus lands associated with this project; 1st Chapman, 2nd Baker, approved unanimously
* **Motion:** Approval of policy option packages for 2025-2027; 1st Baker, 2nd Beyer, approved unanimously

**Agenda Item Summaries (in the order heard, adjusted mid-meeting for time):**

* **Agenda A - Chair’s Report:** Chair Brown thanked ODOT’s crews for their recent response to statewide storm conditions.
* **Agenda B - Public Comment:**  Two individuals provided virtual testimony; One individual provided testimony in-person.
* **Agenda C – Director’s Report:** ODOTDirector Kris Strickler shared the progress Sunset Empire Transit District has achieved in response to corrective direction resulting from an audit conducted in 2023. Director Strickler provided three DMV updates including offices resuming services that were previously closed, offering English and Spanish online knowledge tests, and preparing for the May 2025 Real ID enforcement. Director Strickler shared an update on the Interstate Bridge Replacement program and the I-5 Bi-State Tolling Subcommittee meeting that recently took place. Director Strickler shared that tolling will be winding down quickly due to direction from Governor Kotek on March 11th. The Abernethy bridge project is remaining under construction while there is a new finance plan being developed for the remaining elements of the I-205 Improvement Project. Director Strickler concluded with giving his remarks and thanks to the City of Medford for hosting the Oregon Transportation Commission.
	+ **Consent agenda: 1st Beyer; 2nd Baker – unanimously approved en bloc**
* **Agenda D – Committee Updates:**
	+ **Commissioner Baker:** Attended his orientation with Travel Information Council and expressed his gratitude towards the work that they are doing. Baker has his second meeting with Road User Fee Task Force (RUFTF) next week and looks forward to providing an update at the next meeting. Baker shared highlights of the NEACT’s discussion on safety and their concerns regarding the important projects that are needing to be completed.
	+ **Commissioner Smith:** Acknowledged Equity and Mobility Advisory Committee (EMAC) and thanked them for the great work that they have done – the information that was learned, will not be lost. The Continuous Improvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) will be having a meeting on March 20th and will be diving into the challenges with funding.
	+ **Vice Chair Beyer** highlighted the upcoming RUFTF meeting and the discussions going forward. Vice-Chair mentioned the I-5 Bi-State Tolling Subcommittee meeting that occurred Feb. 23, and mentioned their upcoming meeting.
	+ **Commissioner Chapman** commended EMAC for their collaboration, openness, and hard work.
	+ **Chair Brown:** Reported out on the ACTs and made note of her appearance at the RVACT this week, along with Director Strickler. Chair noted the Joint Transportation Committee is coordinating a statewide tour that will be taking place later in 2024.
* **Agenda E – Agenda Planning Look Ahead:** Assistant Director for Government External Relations Lindsay Baker discussed the planning for the Oregon Transportation Commission agendas in the next six months. Assistant Director Baker made note that she will add a DMV update to an upcoming agneda, per the Chair’s request. There will be minor changes made to the Planning Calendar, such as new integrations and topics. The Chair gave approval to the planning calendar.
	+ Vice-Chair Beyer directed that future agendas include conversations about how the Governor’s direction regarding tolling will affect funding considerations, and how ODOT will adjust moving forward.
* **Agenda F – Operational Report:** Assistant Director for Revenue, Finance and Compliance Travis Brouwer gave an update on the biennial budget performance which shows the legislative budget structures. Assistant Director Brouwer mentioned that they will be monitoring expenditures as well as State Highway funding. Delivery and Operations Division Administrator Mac Lynde mentioned that there are a number of vacant positions in maintenance, resulting in financial savings. Assistant Director Brouwer shared an update on DMV Real ID Implementation coming in May 2025. Division Administrator Lynde noted the recent supplemental funding approved by the legislature, allocated to three areas in maintenance, as well as cleanup efforts.
* **Agenda G – Connect Oregon:** Policy, Data and Analysis Division Administrator Amanda Pietz gave a program overview of Connect Oregon (CO) and the goal to invest in non-highway modes of transportation. Statewide Policy and Planning Manager Erik Havig discussed the statutory decision considerations and the administrative rule context of the CO program. Manager Havig discussed the review process and how the Oregon Transportation Commission is anticipated to select projects in October 2024. Connect Oregon 9 closed on Feb. 29, 2024 and ODOT received 36 applications this round.
* **Agenda H – 2024-2028 Strategic Action Plan:** Policy, Data, and Analysis Division Administrator AmandaPietz shared the second iteration of the Strategic Action Plan for the Commission’s consideration. Division Administrator Peitz discussed the few changes that have been made to this plan such as adopting the Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP), more foundational elements around customer service as well as maintenance and operations, and communicates externally the priorities of the agency. Division Administrator Pietz asked for direction regarding how tolling should be addressed in the SAP in light of the Governor’s recent direction. Peitz concluded with the next steps of the SAP Implementation and milestones.
	+ **Motion:** Approve that Option C is implemented in the Strategic Action Plan, regarding tolling; 1st Beyer, 2nd Baker, approved unanimously
	+ **Motion:** Approve the 2024-2028 Strategic Action Plan, with agreed upon changes for tolling; 1st Beyer, 2nd Baker, approved unanimously
* **Agenda I – I-5 Exit 27 (South Medford) Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP):** Policy, Data, and Analysis Division Administrator Amanda Pietz began the presentation with explaining an IAMP; and ODOT transportation facility plan for a highway interchange. Region 3 Manager Darrin Neavoll gave a brief overview of South Medford Interchange and the Southbound Off-Ramp traffic at its peak time. The City of Medford adopted the IAMP in 2023 and is currently in the process of development. Region 3 Senior Transportation Planner Tom Guevara discussed the South Medford Interchange region travel patterns and the constant congestion.
	+ **Motion:** Amend the 1999 Oregon Highway Plan to adopt IAMP as an ODOT Facility Plan for the South Medford Interchange and adopt the Findings of Compatibility for IAMP 27; 1st Beyer, 2nd Baker, approved unanimously
* **Agenda J – Rogue Valley Area Commission on Transportation (RVACT) Update:** Jerry Marmon started the presentation discussing the RVACT and their goals. Mike Montero shared information regarding the RVACT work plan and the importance of future transportation funding. Chair Montero gave an overview of the ACT’s areas of interest and their processes in place to help reach their goals.
* **Agenda L – 2024 Session Summary and Recap:** Assistant Director of Government and External Relations Lindsay Baker shared that this year’s legislative session wrapped up in 32 days and was very successful with ODOT receiving $49,500,000. The Transportation Omnibus (HB 4109) and Electric Bicycle Definitions (HB 4103) were both passed by the legislature. Assistant Director Baker shared that ODOT was approved for a one-time supplemental general fund infusion for winter maintenance and Right of Way Health and Safety. ODOT provided legislative presentations to the Joint Committee on Transportation, Special Subcommittee on Transportation Planning and Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development. Assistant Director Baker concluded with the upcoming road to the 2025 Legislative Package and what the agency is focusing on.
* **Agenda K – ADA Program Update:** Delivery and Operations Deputy Division Administrator Tova Peltz gave a brief overview of the ADA Program throughout the last seven years. Director of ADA Delivery Program Tony Snyder shared the progress of the ADA Program since September 2022. There are over 8,000 ramps completed, with about 2/3 ramps left to complete. Deputy Division Administrator Peltz concluded with the outreach and communications approach and the next steps for the program.
	+ Chair Brown asked about the ADA ramp lifespan and how ODOT will continue to keep up with the improvement of these ramps.
* **Agenda M – 2025 Legislative Concept Development:** Assistant Director for External Government Relations Lindsay Baker reviewed information that was shared at the January OTC meeting as the concepts have remained unchanged. With the recent update from Governor Kotek regarding the redirection of tolling, the Interstate Bridge Replacement Program may have a fair amount of changes moving forward. Assistant Director Baker shared the next steps and the ongoing conversations that will be had as the legislative concepts are more fully developed.
	+ **Motion:** Approval to advance initial 2025 legislative concepts to DAS and Governor’s Office for further consideration; 1st Beyer, 2nd Baker, approved unanimously
* **Agenda N – Urban Mobility Office Update:** UMO Director Breandan Finn gave a brief overview of the Urban Mobility Strategy Map and the changes that have been made since the Governor’s redirection of tolling. UMO Rose Quarter Project Director Megan Channell shared that the Rose Quarter Project has achieved two major milestones – a significant federal grant award and federal approval of the project’s environmental review. The federal grant is the largest federal grant directed to ODOT and is the largest grant award from this highly competitive national grant program. Receiving this grant is an important step in realizing this vision of reconnecting neighborhoods, improving our transportation network, and taking part in a collective movement towards restoring lower Albina. Albina Vision Trust Strategic Communications JT Flowers gave an update on the work of the Albina Vision Trust (AVT) and the significant progress that has been made. Director Channell shared the purpose and objectives of the resolution provided for the Commission’s consideration to adopt regarding collaborating with AVT.
	+ **Motion:** Approve the Resolution, which directs ODOT to establish and implement a work plan collaboratively with Albina Vision Trust to jointly explore highway cover governance and future ownership of surplus lands associated with this project; 1st Chapman, 2nd Baker, approved unanimously
* **Agenda O – Project Delivery Update and Challenges:** Delivery and Operations Division Administrator Mac Lynde shared the imbalance of costs versus funding on notable projects and how they are seeking feedback in order to make continuous improvement. Delivery and Operations Deputy Division Administrator Tova Peltz gave an overview of the project delivery progress and outcomes since 2019. Deputy Administrator Peltz discussed the value that project development programs have brought to ODOT. Peltz also shared the on-budget construction performance breakdown regarding budget overage from contract to construction completion. The Commissioners provided feedback encouraging continuous improvement.
* **Agenda P – 2025-2027 Policy Option Package Overview and Approval:** Assistant Director for Revenue, Finance, and Compliance Travis Brouwer gave an explanation of the 2025-2027 Agency Request Budget (ARB) context and the policy option packages (POPs). The POPs include Interstate Bridge Replacement, PTD Core Program Delivery, Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation Program Resourcing, Real ID Staffing Surge, and Teen Driver Education Program. The Tolling System Implementation POP has been removed from those being developed by the agency. ODOT Budget Manager Russ Casler provided information on the 2025-2027 estimated shortfall and outlined the Current Service Level budget which will be developed in May. Assistant Director Brouwer concluded with noting that the final versions of POPS, along with ARB details and TOF allocation recommendations, will be presented to the Commission at the June meeting for review and approval.
	+ **Motion:** Approval of policy option packages for 2025-2027; 1st Baker, 2nd Beyer, approved unanimously

**Consent Agenda:**

1. **Approve the summary of the January 24, 2024 regular meeting.**
2. **Approve the future commission meetings:**
3. May 9, 2024 ~ Hybrid, Ontario area, specific location TBD
4. June 12-13, 2024 ~ Hybrid, Salem area, Transportation building
5. **OAR’s, Approve the following: Approve the following rules:**

a. Rules proposed: 732-020-0005, 732-020-0020, 732-020-0025, 732-020-0030, 732-020-0035, 732-020-0040, 732-020-0045, 732-020-0050 relating to STF discretionary program repeal.

b. Rules proposed: 740-100-0010, 740-100-0065, 740-100-0070, 740-100-0080, 740-100-0085, 740-100-0090, 740-100-0100, 740-110-0010 relating to the annual adoption of federal motor carrier regulations.

1. **Area Commissions on Transportation (ACT) Work Plans for 2023-2025:** ACT 2023-2025 Work Plans provided for review per OTC Policy on Formation and Operation of ACTs.
2. **2024-2027 Quarterly OTC STIP Adjustment, March 2024:** Approve the attached list of added, modified, or canceled projects to the STIP.
3. **2024-2027 STIP:** Amend the 2024-2027 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to update transit projects.