

<p>SOUTH WEST AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION (SWACT) Meeting Minutes November 17, 2023 Teleconference</p>

❖ Roll Call ❖

Chair Nikki Messenger called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. Roll was called, and a quorum confirmed. (16 voting members present. V = voting member for this meeting. Quorum = 11 (50% of filled [currently 22] primary membership positions.)

Commission Members and Alternates in Attendance (alphabetical)

Adams, Scott	Douglas County (Alternate)	
Alcorn, Brad	Curry County (Primary)	V
Allaway, Julie	CCBUTI (Primary)	V
Baglien, Don	Douglas County Stakeholder (Primary)	V
Bernhardt, Kathryn	Transit (Primary)	V
Boyer, Brant	Douglas County Stakeholder (Primary)	V
Burns, John	Freight/Rail (Primary)	V
Cheas, Cheryl	Douglas County Stakeholder (Alternate)	V
Dolgonas, Dick	Bicycle & Pedestrian (Primary)	V
Gilbert, Kristi	Douglas County City-At-Large (Primary)	V
Gray, Garrett	CTCLUSI (Primary)	V
Wirsing, Jennifer	City of Coos Bay (Alternate)	V
Hunter, Chris	ODOT (Primary)	V
Jensen, Matthew	Coquille Indian Tribe (Primary)	V
Kress, Tom	Douglas County (Primary)	V
Kutch, Ron	Coos County Stakeholder (Primary)	V
Malmberg, Clayton	Curry County Stakeholder (Primary)	V

ODOT Staff in Attendance

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| 1. Baker, Mike | Region 3 Planning Manager |
| 2. Cornutt, Lisa | Region 3 Principal Planner |
| 3. DeWald, Teresa | Region 3 Local Agency Liaison |
| 4. Easter, Jacob | Strategic Action Plan Update Project Deputy |
| 5. Latham, Dan | Region 3 Public Information Officer |
| 6. McGowan, Mary | Strategic Action Plan Update Project Manager |
| 7. Neavoll, Darrin | Region 3 Manager |
| 8. Stradtner, Janell | Region 3 Senior Transportation Planner |
| 9. Thompson, Sarah | Region 3 Executive Analyst |

Guests in Attendance

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| 1. Bame, Christopher | Kittelson & Associates |
| 2. Brown, Julie | Oregon Transportation Commission Chair |
| 3. Craddock, Rodger | Coos County Airport District, Executive Director |

❖ Public Input ❖

None

❖ Approval of Minutes ❖

- **Motion made and seconded to approve the July 14, 2023, SWACT Minutes. (Dick Dolgonas/Ron Kutch)**
- Discussion: None.
- ***Motion carried.***

❖ Membership Updates ❖

Rodger Craddock - Aviation Primary Representative.

- **Motion made and seconded (Dick Dolgonas/Tom Kress)**
- Discussion: None.

Motion carried

Rodger Craddock – Critical Oregon Airport Relief Grant Application SWACT Representative.

- **Motion made and seconded (Clayton Malmberg/Cheryl Cheas)**
- Discussion: None.

Motion carried

❖ Strategic Action Plan Update ❖

Presentation: Mary McGowan and Jacob Easter from the Strategic Action Plan (SAP) Update program gave an overview of the accomplishments achieved under the current SAP, which include, standing up ODOT’s climate office, developing and applying the GHG lens to inform the STIP, executing a contract to recapitalize and expand the West Coast Electric Highway, and allocating funding to expand EV charging across Oregon. Additionally, \$100 million was invested in the 24-27 STIP for Active Transportation and \$10 million for pedestrian safety. Key accomplishments in workforce diversity included strengthened training and intern programs and establishing a baseline for belonging with the Employee Engagement Survey. Priorities for the 2024 – 2028 SAP include Sufficient and Reliable Funding, Equity and Modern Transportation system. Anticipated approval of the updated SAP by the Oregon Transportation Commission is January 2024.

Discussion: Dick Dolgonas doesn’t see any action around reducing annual daily traffic. A: this area overlaps with others. There will be targeted actions under each outcome area. Darrin Neavoll asked if this group would get to see the specific actions A: They will be in the actual

draft SAP document and can be emailed out. Nikki Messenger asked if the new language around reducing fatal and Injury A accidents going to be different than Vision Zero. A: They will be imbedding the safe system approach in tandem with Vision Zero. Nikki Messenger stated that maintenance and safety go hand in hand, how will this be addressed in the SAP. A: A work plan will be coming forward and reports will be given quarterly at the OTC meetings.

❖ ACT Work Plan ❖

Presentation: Chris Hunter discussed the requirement of the ACT to prepare and submit to the OTC a work plan, or two-year document that will outline the mission of the ACT and any goals wanting to be set. This document is due to be shared at the ACT Chair meeting on December 7th, 2023. A draft document has been sent out with the meeting packet and any feedback would be appreciated. Chris asked the group whether they wanted to assign a subcommittee to work on the draft, or if we should hold a vote after a comment period?

Discussion: Dick Dolgonas asked if this document is in place now. A: No it is just a draft right now. Ron Kutch likes the draft paper, asked what the timeframe is. A: Originally it was the end of the year, however, this isn't a real expectation. This document should be voted on and approved at the January meeting at the latest. Dick Dolgonas asked if we can get the comments in before the next meeting and bring back for a vote. A: Yes, we will send it out today for feedback and request submissions by December 1st. Ron Kutch urged the commission to make this a priority. Nikki Messenger suggested we reach out to Chair Julie Brown to see whether there is anything specific she wants in the plan. A: The OTC has shown interest in a project list.

❖ South Coast Slide Study ❖

Presentation: Christopher Bame with Kittelson and Associates gave a presentation on the final South Coast Slide Study. The purpose of the study was to identify sustainable, practical and cost-effective solutions to reduce the travel impacts from 13 landslides along US101 between Port Orford and Brookings. Preferred slide mitigation options that were realized are Shear Keys: stone columns, shear piles, drilled shafts or excavations backfilled with stone to reinforce shear planes; this solution was found viable for Humbug, North Brush Creek, Brush Creek, 80 Acres and Burnt Hill.

Horizontal drains: pipes drilled into the slide mass to lower the groundwater; this solution was found viable for Arizona Inn, Coal Point and Arizona North.

Soldier Pile Tieback walls: retaining wall to support the roadway while allowing the slide downslope to continue moving; this solution was found viable for Christmas Tree and Woodruff.

Trench drains: excavations backfilled with free-draining material to lower groundwater and redirect surface water; this solution was found viable for Coal Point, Sister Rock and Frank Port.

Stockpile Material Outside Slide Limits: stockpiling material to be ready for repair to the slide location. This is the only viable option for Hooskanaden because this slide has significant movement over a large area, typical mitigation measures would have extreme costs. Detour routes and other roadway repairs were taken into consideration in the study and can be looked at later down the road if there are needs to the system. The full study can be found on the project website.

Discussion: Clayton Malmberg indicated that Carpenterville Highway has issues of its own and would like to know if more can be done to make it a more viable detour route and also if de-watering of Hooskanaden is an option. A: Hairpin turns on Carpenterville Highway are hard to cut out due to creation of new potential landslides. An infill study can see curve locations. In regard to de-watering, little is known off hand, but will inquire with the geotech team. Ron Kutch asked if there is a dollar figure for fixing Hooskanaden. A: Will check on cost for slide mitigation. Brad Alcorn commented that something to be aware of is the recent Smith River Complex fire on US199, there is an anticipation of more slides and floods which could create supply chain issues and other impacts. Darrin stated ODOT is aware of and monitoring US199 and US101 for slide impacts. In regard to Hooskanaden, ODOT has made significant drainage improvements. He will get a cost out to mitigate, however when last looked at it was close to \$1 Billion. Clayton Malmberg appreciates all the work that Glen and ODOT continues to do with monitoring the drainage. Matt Jensen went to the website and only sees the executive summary. Would like to be able to read the entire study. A: Kittelson can provide.

❖ Region 3 Budget Update ❖

Presentation: Glen Pederson gave an overview of the Maintenance and Operations budget situation in Region 3 and the impacts this will have on the level of service that is currently provided. Specifics for this region include fewer personnel, slower incident response, reduced frequency in litter, graffiti and campsite cleanup, less mowing and less plowing.

Discussion: Julie Brown thanked Glen and his crews and explained it is not easy times for maintenance and operations. The OTC is working diligently with the Governor's Office and the ODOT Director to funding in the next legislative session. Nikki Messenger asked if there is anything the SWACT can do to help. A: Anytime we can let a legislator know we need critical help is great. Workplans are very important. Jurisdictions will need to call and raise voices. Legislators need to speak up for the Governor to make these issues a priority. Nikki Messenger stated she spoke to Senator Wagner. The problem is that new money never goes to maintenance, only to new, shiny projects.

❖ Region 3 Construction Update ❖

Presentation: Dan Latham gave an update on construction projects currently underway in the area. These include ADA curb ramp replacements on the coast and the I-5 corridor, paving from Azalea to Glendale on I-5, the I-5 and OR138E Variable Message Sign Installation, the Conn Ford and Oakland Bridges replacement project, Lone Rock bridge repairs in Glide, some final repairs being done to the Scottsburg bridge, and the new Welcome to Oregon sign being installed on US101 at the CA border. In addition, there is work underway on US101 where the Arizona Slide collapsed in January.

Discussion: None

❖ Region 3 Updates ❖

Presentation: Darrin Neavoll gave a thank you to Curry County for assistance with reaching a Goal 18 exception.

Region Updates:

1. The 2024-2027 STIP was approved over the summer.
2. Community Workforce Agreement (CWA) Projects – the first agreement is about to go out in Region 4; the project in Region 3, the Gold Beach Bridge is scheduled to go to bid in May 2024.
3. No projects in Region 3 were selected for the recent round of Great Streets.
4. Rogue Valley was chosen for a Carbon Reduction Grant for transit signal upgrades on OR99. Another round will be coming in the first part of 2024.
5. We are still waiting to hear on 2 Federal Grant submissions; PROTECT Grant for the Arizona Slide and the Wildlife Crossing Grant for I-5 in Southern Oregon.
6. Another round of Connect Oregon will be coming out in the first part of the year.

OTC Updates:

1. Sarah sent out a letter before the meeting regarding the 2027-2030 STIP. Darrin can answer questions if there are any.
2. Region 1 ACT presented their ACT Work Plan to the OTC at the meeting.
3. Urban Mobility Office gave an update on the Rose Quarter
4. Update from the Office of Civil Rights
5. Mac and Travis gave a presentation on the Maintenance Budget.
6. Update on the Tolling Implementation Plan
 - a. Julie Brown stated they are awaiting the Governor to approve the new draft. They should know more at the January meeting.
7. Mike Kimlinger was appointed the Chief Engineer for ODOT.
8. The OTC will be holding a special meeting on December 11th regarding tolling, January 24th is the next regular meeting and in March the OTC will be in Medford.

Discussion: Julie Brown urged everyone to attend the OTC meeting in Medford in March, and stated the Joint Transportation Chairs are working on a listening tour to hear about transportation issues.

❖ **NOA's and Adjournment** ❖

Nikki Messenger adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am.

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