





**MEETING AGENDA**

**Date:** Friday, February 25, 2022  
**Time:** 10:00 am—12:00 pm  
**Location:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83755031485>  
**Call-in Number:** 1-253 215 8782  
**Meeting ID:** 837 5503 1485

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<b>Item 1</b> 10:00 a	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>		Henry Heimuller
<b>Item 2</b> 10:15 a	<b>NWACT Minutes/Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> January 2022 Meeting Minutes (attached)</li> <li> Public Comment (Limited to 5 minutes per person)</li> <li> ODOT Region 2 Updates</li> <li> Washington County Transportation Update</li> </ul>		Henry Heimuller  Bill Jablonski/ Ken Shonkwiler
<b>Item 3</b> 11:30 a	<b>Review and Comment on ODOTs Proposed IJJA Spending Plan</b>		Ken Shonkwiler
<b>Item 4</b> 12:15 p	<b>NWACT Membership Status</b>		Henry Heimuller
<b>Item 6</b> 12:30 p	<b>NWACT Business/Member Updates</b>		Henry Heimuller All

**Attachments:**  
January 2022 Meeting Minutes

Note: A complete meeting packet is available on the NWACT website at [NWOregon.org/NWACT](http://NWOregon.org/NWACT)

**Northwest Area Commission on Transportation  
Meeting Minutes, January 13, 2022**

1. Welcome: The meeting was called to order by Henry Heimuller, Chair at 1:02pm. The following members and guests attended:

Sam Aldridge, Oregon Coast Scenic Railway
Henry Balensifer, Mayor Warrenton
Jay Barber, Mayor of Seaside
Tony Beach, Oregon Dept of Aviation
Mike Borreson, Washington Co Citizen at Large
Jon-Paul Bowles, Exec Dir Salmonberry Trail
Michele Bradley, Director Port of Tillamook Bay
Bob Dorn, Hyak Marine
Leeanne Ferguson, ODOT SRTS
Jon Gonzalez, Pacific Seafood
David Harlan, North Tongue Point
Jeff Harrington, Dir Public Works Astoria
Henry Heimuller, Chairman
Juliet Hyams, City Manager Garibaldi
Tony Hyde, Knife River
Bill Jablonkski, ODOT Area Mgr
Shane Jensen, Port of Astoria
Marsha Kirk, City of Banks
Kathy Kleczek, Sunset Empire Transit District

Chris Laity, Tillamook Co Public Works
Paul Langer, Teevin Bros
Rosemary Lohrke, Columbia Co Citizen at Large
Tracy MacDonald, Sunset Empire Transportation District
Aaron Matusick
Matt McGrath, Port of Astoria
Patrick McHugh
Arla Miler, ODOT Public Transit
Mickey Moritz
Jae Pudewell, ODOT Regional Solutions
Dave Sakau
Erin Skaar, Tillamook Co Commissioner
Lianne Thompson, Clatsop Co Commissioner
Suzanne Weber, Oregon State Representative
Liane Welch
Steve Wright, NWACT alt Seaside
Joe Younkens, Washington Co. Land & Transportation

2. Minutes & Updates:

- Approval of November 4, 2021 minutes. Moved by Kathy Kleczek, seconded by Marsha Kirk; approved unanimously.
- Public Comment: Aaron Matusick stated concerns about frequent and consecutive closures of Ecola Park roads and requests an investigation into and opening of alternatives.
- Region 2 ODOT Updates: Crews are working on 47 & 202 to reopen them after flooding. State is currently reviewing Enhance grant applications. Mallard & Bennet roads rail work will take place in April with accompanying closures. From the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, ODOT is still working on allocation of \$400 million. The Diary Creek Bridge on Hwy 47 will be worked on this summer.  
Councilor Steve Wright requests help with flooding on Highway 101 in Seaside. Bill Jabolonski is willing to get a discussion group together.  
Representative Weber relayed a story of a trucker with a route between Tillamook and Spokane; he is quite concerned about the rapid deterioration of Highway 6.  
Tracy MacDonald highlighted the blind corner on 101 near the Bayshore Animal Hospital and requests additional signage.  
Kathy Kleczek asks if paving in Seaside this summer will have mitigation efforts. Bill says that

due to limited paving hours, the project is over two summers in hopes of avoiding too much traffic at once. She also voiced concerns about flood and relayed that buses had to curtail service due to impassable roads, and noted the lack of lighting at Circle Creek.

- Updates for Washington County: Design continues for Hwy 47/Banks Road Intersection improvements in Banks. Banks/Vernonia & Salmonberry Trailhead parking lot improvements are in preliminary design. Final design of the Hwy 47 & Martin Road.

Improvements continue with construction scheduled to begin summer 2022. Preliminary design on the South Road Bridge over Tualatin River continues with construction anticipated Summer 2022. Other projects at Hagg Lake and Stringtown Road Bridge are being designed.

3. Safe Routes to School Program presentation by Leeanne Ferguson of ODOT  
February 1st-March 18th, 2022: Application Part 1 due; May 1st-July 21st: Application Part 2 due.
4. Clatsop Plains Elk Collaboration; presentation by Mayors Barber and Balensifer and Manuel Padilla of Regional Solutions and Jae Pudewell of ODOT. Seaside and Warrenton have formed a stakeholder group to discuss how to mitigate the impacts of and to elk herds in the area. No action requested of the NWACT at this time.
5. Connect Oregon Grant Presentations:
  - Westport Railway Siding, Teevin Bros
  - Mobile Lift at Tongue Point, Hyak Marine
  - East Mooring Basin Rebuild, Port of Astoria
  - Warrenton Fuel & Ice Dock, Pacific Seafood
  - Oregon Scenic Coast Railway Bridge, Oregon Coast Scenic Railway
  - Pacific City Airport improvement, Oregon Dept of AviationNWACT Members present at the end of the presentations voted on their rank order preference of each project for Connect Oregon Grant funding. It was clear that the Mobile Lift at Tongue Point received the most top votes and Westport Multimodal Rail Siding received second highest number of votes for top-choice funding. Results were shared on screen.

The meeting concluded at 3:45pm.

## ODOT Requests Feedback on IIJA Flexible Funding

As you know, ODOT has been meeting with advisory committees and stakeholders like NWACT to inform them about the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and take input about how to spend \$1.2 billion in additional federal transportation funds.

ODOT comments of those who have participated previously are compiled in a [document shared with the Oregon Transportation Commission](#). From ODOT,

*"A few key themes show up:*

- *Support for investing in public and active transportation to address safety, provide more options to get around, and address equity and climate change.*
- *Support for investing in bridges on both state highways and local roads, including addressing seismic resilience, and for preserving and improving road conditions.*
- *Desire to address bottlenecks on state highways to tackle congestion and freight mobility.*
- *Interest in addressing the comprehensive needs of urban arterials—particularly safety-- so they can serve community and economic vitality and not just move traffic through quickly.*
- *Interest in investing in fish, wildlife, and environmental projects, including some specific projects across the state.*
- *Interest in expanding electric vehicle charging opportunities across Oregon, particularly to rural highways, so EVs can roam far and wide.*
- *Support for improving safety across all modes and all programs.*
- *Concern about ensuring a fair regional distribution of funds and a desire to invest in regional and local priorities.*

*Given these key themes and the direction in the agency's [Strategic Action Plan](#), ODOT has developed a proposal to invest \$412 million in IIJA flexible highway program funds in the following areas.*

- ***Fix-It** programs, to preserve state highways in a state of good repair.*
- ***"Great Streets,"** to improve safety and multimodal accessibility on urban arterials in large and small cities across Oregon.*
- ***Safe Routes to School,** to provide better ways for students to safely bike and walk to school.*
- ***Enhance Highway,** to address bottlenecks on state highways that create congestion and impact safety and freight mobility.*
- ***Local climate planning,** to advance Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions goals by updating local transportation plans.*
- ***ADA accessibility,** to meet ODOT's commitments to make roads accessible to people with disabilities.*
- ***Workforce and business development,** to grow and diversify the pool of construction workers and contractors.*
- ***Match for federal competitive grants,** to ensure Oregon can bring home additional federal money from the more than \$100 billion available through U.S. DOT.*

- *Maintenance and operations, to reduce the agency's huge maintenance funding shortfall.*

ODOT presented the Oregon Transportation Commission multiple options to invest flexible funds across these areas. For more detail, see [ODOT's memo to the Oregon Transportation Commission, including proposed funding scenarios](#) (on the last page of the packet)."