

MEETING AGENDA

Date: Thursday, November 10, 2022
Time: 1:00 pm—3:30 pm
Location: OMIC Rm 114 34001 NE Wagner Ct,
 Scappoose, OR 97056
Virtual: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83755031485>
Call-in Number: 1-253 215 8782
Meeting ID: 837 5503 1485

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Item 1 1:00 p	Welcome and Introductions		Henry Heimuller
Item 2 1:15 p	NWACT Minutes/Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📌 September 2022 Meeting Minutes (attached) 📌 Public Comment (Limited to 5 minutes per person) 📌 ODOT Region 2 Updates 📌 Washington County Transportation Update 		Henry Heimuller Bill Jablonski/ Ken Shonkwiler
Item 3 1:30 p	Oregon Coast Bike Route Plan		Ken Shonkwiler
Item 4 1:35 p	NWACT Leadership & Roster		Sarah Lu Heath/ Nominating Cmte
Item 5 1:45 p	ODOT Budget Projections; STBG Fund Exchange programs		Travis Brouwer, Jeffrey Flowers, Brian Worley
Item 6 2:15 p	NWACT Business/Member Updates		Henry Heimuller All

Attachments:
September 2022 Meeting Minutes

Note: A complete meeting packet is available on the NWACT website at NWOregon.org/NWACT

**Northwest Area Commission on Transportation
Meeting Minutes September 8, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Chair Heimuller. NWACT Members in Attendance are denoted with an asterisk:

Clatsop County

Commission (v) Lianne Thompson
*Commission (a) Ted Mclean**
Large City (v) Bruce Jones
*Large City (a) Steve Wright**
Small City (v)
Small City (a)
*Citizen-at-Large Kathy Kleczek**
Citizen-at-Large Jim Knight

Citizen-at-Large

Transit Districts

Columbia Co (v) John Dreezen
Columbia Co (a)
*Clatsop County (v) Tracy MacDonald**
*Clatsop County (a) Jeff Hazen**
Tillamook Co (v)
Tillamook Co (a)

Columbia County

*Commission (v) Henry Heimuller**
*Commission (a) Mike Russell**
Large City (v)
Large City (a) Dave Sukau
*Small City (v) Bob Brajcich**
Small City (a)
*Citizen-at-Large Rosemary Lohrke**
Citizen-at-Large Ryan Pearson

Ports

*Port of Astoria (v) Frank Spence**
Port of Astoria (a) Will Isom
Port of Columbia Co (v)
Port of Columbia Co (a)
*Port of Tillamook Bay (v) Michele Bradley**
Port of Garibaldi (a) Mike Saindon

Tillamook County

*Commission (v) Erin Skaar**
Commission (a) Bill Baertlein
Large City (v)
Large City (a)
Small City (v)
Small City (a)
Citizen-at-Large
Citizen-at-Large
*Citizen-at-Large Patrick McHugh**

Others in attendance:

Jayson Bucholz, ODOT
Mark Buffington, ODOT
Ayreann Colombo, ColPac EDD
Elissa Gertler, NW Oregon Housing Auth.
Melyssa Graeper, DEQ
Jeff Harrington, City of Astoria
Erik Halvig, ODOT
Sarah Lu Heath, NWACT
Juliet Hyams, ColPac EDD
Bill Jablonski, ODOT
Stephanie Jones
Megan McKibben, Washington County
Arla Miller, ODOT
Ken Shonkwiler, ODOT
Lianne Welch, Bay City
Cyril Whitehaus

Washington County

*Commission (v) Jerry Willey**
*Commission (a) Joe Younkins**
Large City (v)
Large City (a) Jolynn Becker
*Small City (v) Marsha Kirk**
Small City (a)
*Citizen-at-Large Mike Borresen**

Welcome and Introductions

NWACT Consent Calendar:

Minutes were reviewed. Mike Borreson moved to approve, Jerry Willey seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

ODOT Region 2 Updates: The Seaside paving project is out to bid and the contract is being finalized. Several projects will move into the design phase later this year including Banks school district, Astoria Highway 30 striping, and Astoria's Highway 202 sidewalks.

The West Fork Dairy Creek project in Banks will extend beyond the anticipated deadline. The bridge coating project in Vernonia is expected to complete by the end of October.

The Highway 30 project at Mallard and Bennet roads is expected to complete in late October. US 26 at Mountain Road will get surface work. The Astoria Megler bridge coating work is on-going.

Bill Jablonski updated the group on the planned Winter Weather meeting.

Erik Havig shared a short presentation on upcoming ODOT budget.

Marsha Kirk recognized ODOT's diligent efforts to manage detours during the Banks project. Jeff Harrington recognized the effective new reflectors on Highway 26.

Washington County Updates: The intersection of Highway 47 at Martin Road will be getting a roundabout. South Road bridge in Shady Grove design is complete. A parking lot for the Salmonberry Trail is under design for Highway 47 in Banks.

Statewide Tolling Policy Update: The comment period for the updates to the Statewide Tolling Policy document was extended to September 15. It was reiterated that these updates set frames works for decision making and that implementation decisions are not taking place at this time. Commissioner Thompson inquired about the implementation of congestion pricing on the North Coast; it was noted that the cost of setting up tolling would outweigh revenue generation. It was also asked if revenue allocations would be required to be in the same location as it was collect; yes, monies collected in a corridor must be spent in that corridor.

The group discussed how best to engage with a topic this large and what comment on this policy update should be. It was agreed that feedback should include the desire for equitable outcomes and thoughtful diversion mitigation. Commissioner Jerry Wiley also offered a letter to reference.

Astoria Megler Bridge Suicide Prevention: The NWACT was informed that there is a group of stakeholders in Clatsop County looking at ways to reduce suicides from the bridge.

NWACT Business: A nominating committee made up of Kathy Klezcek, Michelle Bradley, and Rosemary Lohrke was formed to put forward names to be considered for the NWACT Executive Committee.

Member Updates: Arla Miller notes that ODOT has robust funding for transit projects in the next biennium.

Commissioner Jerry Wiley noted that METRO is studying the Tualatin Valley highway with an emphasis between Beaverton and Forest Grove.

Bill Jablonski noted that Highway 6 study is assembling stakeholders, having contracted with their consultant. Results will be published in 2023.

Councilor Steve Wright noted that Seaside is working on the culvert on Wahanna Road and the Avenue S bridge project.

Jeff Hazen noted that the Sunset Empire Transit District was able to fund the acquisition of three new buses but delivery is delayed with no end in sight. Also the driver shortage continues trouble the district.

Patrick McHugh noted that the condition Highway 6 and potential costs of tolling are of great concern to the freight industry; not only costs but driving time.

Kathy Klezcek noted that the North Coast Tourism Management Network published car-free travel guides to five coastal destinations, information is also available in Spanish.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:37pm.

NW Oregon Area Commission on Transportation—Board Roster (12-2021)

	Name	Member Position	Representing	Phone	Email
Clatsop County					
Commission (v)	Lianne Thompson	Clatsop County Commission	County	503/436-9013	LThompson@co.clatsop.or.us
Commission (a)	Ted Mclean	Clatsop Co Public Works	County	503/325-8631	tmclean@co.clatsop.or.us
Large City (v)	Bruce Jones	City of Astoria	Large City	503/325-5824	mleatherman@astoria.or.us
Large City (a)	Steve Wright	Seaside City Council	Large City	503/984-5324	swright@cityofseaside.us
Small City (v)			Small City		
Small City (a)			Small City		
Citizen-at-Large	Kathy Kleczek	Citizen-at-Large	Bike/Ped		kathy4seaside@gmail.com
Citizen-at-Large	Jim Knight	Citizen at Large	Aviation Review Cmte		
Columbia County					
Commission (v)	Henry Heimuller	Columbia Co Commission	County	503/397-4322	Henry.Heimuller@columbiacountyor.gov
Commission (a)	Mike Russell	Columbia Co Roads	County		michael.russell@columbiacountyor.gov
Large City (v)		St Helens City Councilor	Large City		
Large City (a)		Scappoose	Large City	503/543-7146	
Small City (v)	Bob Brajcich	City of Clatskanie, Mayor	Small City		Bbrajcich@cityofclatskanie.com
Small City (a)	W Scott Jorgenson (Pending)	Rainier	Small City		
Citizen-at-Large	Rosemary Lohrke	Citizen-At-Large	General Stakeholders	503/543-2652	rlohrke@gmail.com
Citizen-at-Large					
Tillamook County					
Commission (v)	Erin Skaar	Tillamook Co Commission	County	503/842-3403	eskaar@co.tillamook.or.us
Commission (a)	Chris Laity	Tillamook Co Public Works Director	County	503/842-3403	
Large City (v)		City of Tillamook			
Large City (a)		City of Tillamook			
Small City (v)					
Small City (a)	Liane Welch	Bay City Public Mgr	Small City		
Citizen-at-Large		Citizen-At-Large			
Citizen-at-Large	Patrick McHugh	Citizen-At-Large	Creamery		

	Name	Member Position	Representing	Phone	Email
Washington County					
Commission (v)	Jerry Willey	Washington Co Commission	County	503/846-8800	jerry_willey@co.washington.or.us
Commission (a)	Joe Younkins	Washington Co Roads	County		joe_younkins@co.washington.or.us
Large City (v)		Forest Grove/Cornelius?			
Large City (a)					
Small City (v)	Marsha Kirk	Banks City Council	Large City	503/324-5112	mkirk@cityofbanks.org
Small City (a)	Jolynn Becker	City of Banks	Large City	503/324-5112	jbecker@cityofbanks.org
Citizen-at-Large	Mike Borresen	Citizen at Large (Buxton)	Small Community		msborresen@gmail.com
Citizen-at-Large					
Transit Districts					
Columbia Co (v)					
Columbia Co (a)	John Dreezen	Columbia Co Rider	Transit District	503/366-8505	john.dreezen@columbiacountyor.gov
Clatsop County (v)	Tracy MacDonald	Sunset Empire Transportation District	Public Transportation /Public Interest Groups	503/739-2162	tracy@ridethebus.org
Clatsop County (a)	Jeff Hazen	Sunset Empire Transportation District	Transit District	503/861-5399	jeff@ridethebus.org
Tillamook Co (v)		Tillamook Transit District	Transit District		
Tillamook Co (a)		Tillamook Transit District	Transit District		
Ports					
Port of Astoria (v)	Frank Spence	Commissioner, Port of Astoria	Port	503/741-3300	fspence@portofastoria.com
Port of Astoria (a)	Will Isom	Port of Astoria	Port	503/741-3300	wisom@portofastoria.com
Port of Columbia Co (v)		Port of Columbia County Commission	Port	503/397-2888	ericksen@portofcolumbiacounty.org
Port of Columbia Co (a)	Sean Clark (Pending 10/2022)	Port of Columbia County Executive Director	Port		
Port of Tillamook Bay (a)		Commissioner, Port of Tillamook Bay	Port		
Port of Tillamook Bay (v)	Michele Bradley	Director, Port of Tillamook Bay	Port		
Port of Garibaldi (a)	Mike Saindon	General Manager, Port of Garibaldi	Port	503/322-3292	manager@portofgaribaldi.org

	Name	Member Position	Representing	Phone	Email
Forestry					
NW Area Director			Forestry		
Oregon Parks					
North Coast Mgr		OR Parks/Recreation	Parks		
ODOT—Region 2					
Area Manager (v)	Bill Jablonski	OR Dept—Transportation	ODOT Region 2	503-325-9552	william.r.jablonski@odot.state.or.us
Area Pjt Mgr (a)	Ken Shonkwiler	OR Dept—Transportation	ODOT Region 2	503/325-5281	kenneth.d.shonkwiler@odot.state.or.us
Staff					
Administrative Staff	Sarah Lu Heath	NWACT PO Box 1535 St Helens, OR 97051		503/397-3099	sarahlu@nworegon.org
(v) Voting Member					
(a) Alternate Member					

NWACT Chair: Henry Heimuller (Columbia County)
NWACT Vice-Chair Lianne Thompson (Clatsop County)
NWACT 2nd Vice Chair Marsha Kirk (Washington County)

Fund Exchange

November 2022

A Tale of Two Budgets



Transportation Projects & Programs

Dedicated federal & state funds for:

- Construction projects
- Grant programs

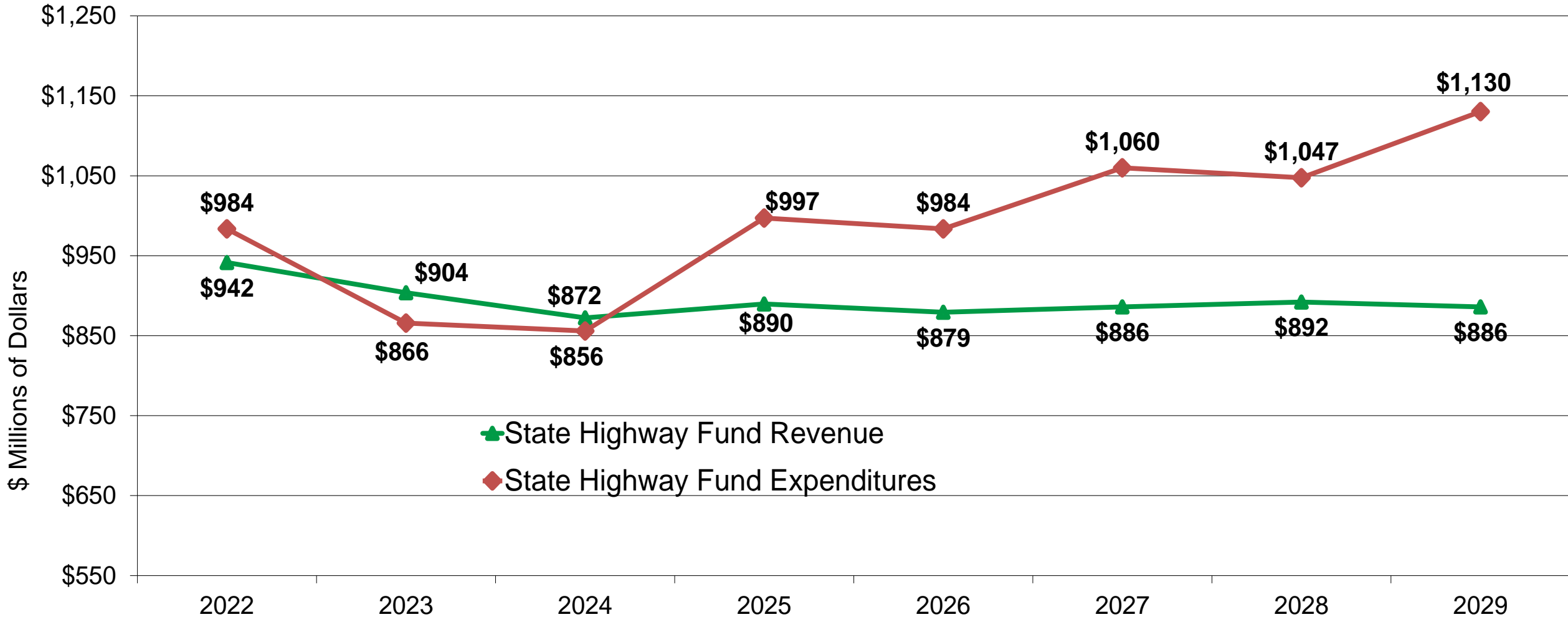


Maintenance & Agency Operations

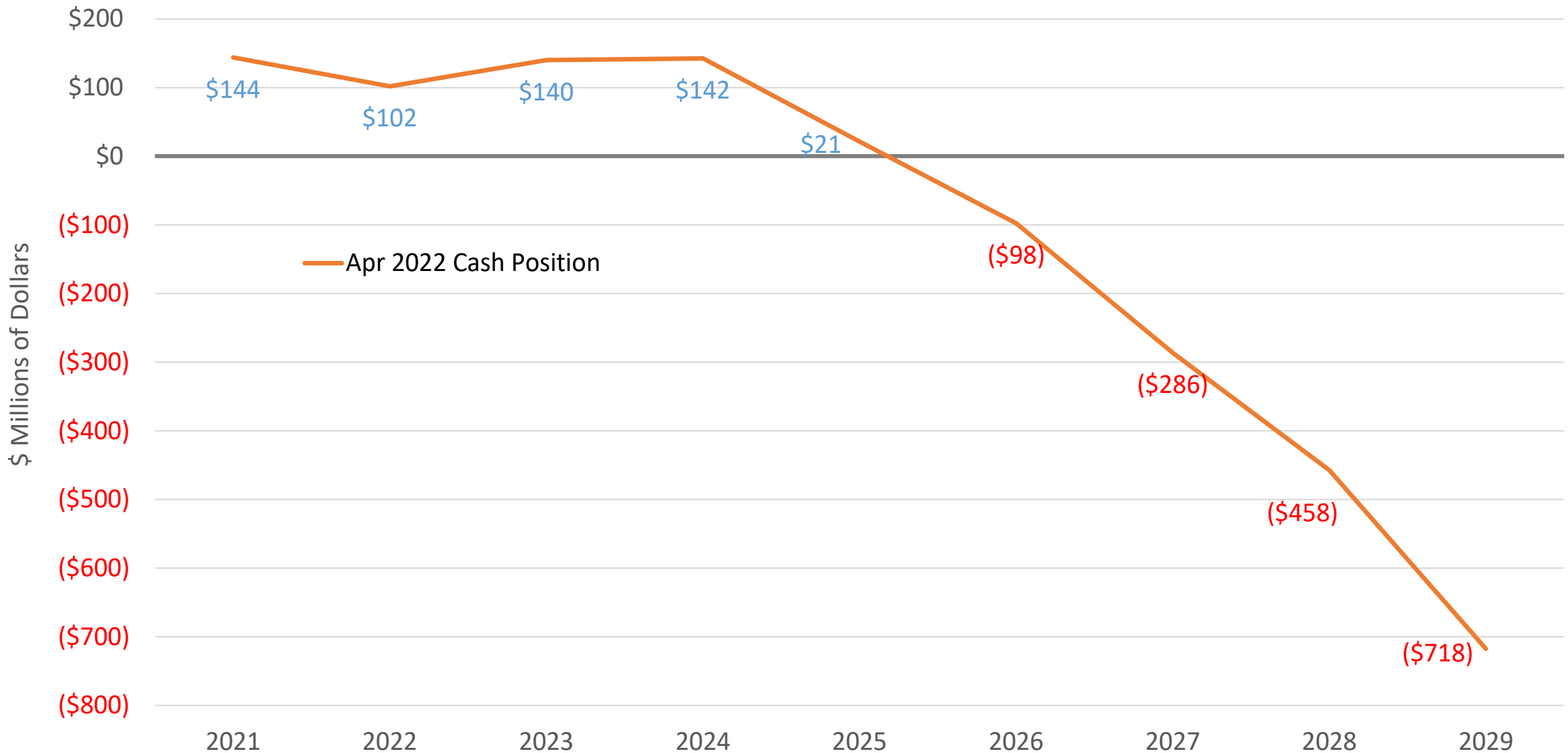
State Highway Fund dollars available to run the agency:

- Road maintenance
- DMV & CCD
- Central services

ODOT State Highway Fund Revenue and Expenditures



State Highway Fund Cash Balance

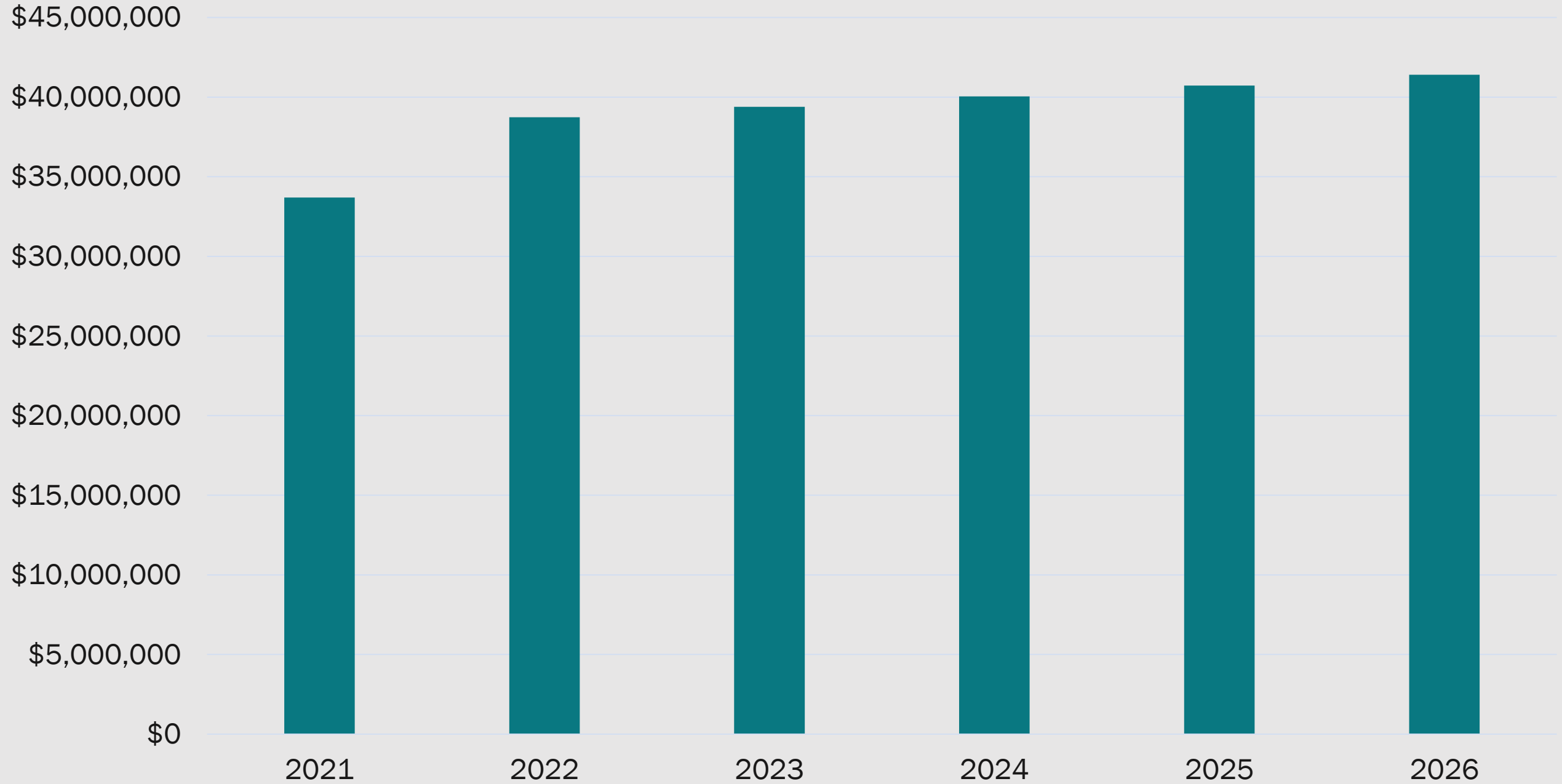


Strategies for Closing the ODOT's Operations & Maintenance Gap

- Implement cuts across maintenance and agency operations
- Shift costs from the State Highway Fund O&M funding to other sources
- Develop new revenue sources
- Request additional O&M resources from the Legislature



Fund Exchange Growth Under IIJA



Sources of State Highway Fund Resources for Oregon Cities and Counties in FY 2023





ODOT's Bottom Line on Fund Exchange

- ODOT loves fund exchange– it's good for local governments and it's good for ODOT.
- Fund exchange is not sustainable at current levels given ODOT's operations and maintenance shortfall. The IIJA has exacerbated this challenge.
- ODOT is looking to preserve fund exchange for as many projects and local agencies as possible while significantly reducing the amount exchanged.
- We are committed to working with local governments to find a path that minimizes the impacts.



ODOT's Fund Exchange Proposal

- ODOT would set aside \$20 million in state money to exchange.
- Cities, counties, and small MPOs could all take about \$250,000 of their allocations in state dollars.
- About half of recipients receive less than this amount so they would get their full allocation in state funds.
- Those who receive larger allocations could take their remaining allocations in either HB 2017 bridge funding for bridge work (maintenance, projects, or match) or federal dollars.
- Federal allocation may be exchanged at 90% up to \$250,000 for agencies who receive more than \$250,000. Any additional allocation may be exchanged for bridge funding at 100%.