

**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:

NWACT Members in Attendance are denoted with an asterisk:

Clatsop County

Commission (v) Lianne Thompson*
Commission (a) Ted Mclean
Large City (v) Meg Leatherman
Large City (a) Steve Wright*
Small City (v)
Small City (a)
Citizen-at-Large Kathy Klezcek*
Citizen-at-Large

Columbia County

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

Tillamook County

Commission (v) Erin Skaar *
Commission (a) Bill Baertlein
Large City (v)
Large City (a)
Small City (v)
Small City (a) Juliet Hyams*
Citizen-at-Large Tom Messenger

Citizen-at-Large Patrick McIntire

Washington County

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

Ports

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

Other guests at the meeting include:

Sam Aldridge, Oregon Coast Scenic Railway
Henry Balensifer, Mayor Warrenton
Jay Barber, Mayor of Seaside
Tony Beach, Oregon Dept of Aviation
Jon-Paul Bowles, Exec Dir Salmonberry Trail
Bob Dorn, Hyak Marine
Leeanne Ferguson, ODOT SRTS
Jon Gonzalez, Pacific Seafood

David Harlan, North Tongue Point
Jeff Harrington, Dir Public Works Astoria
Tony Hyde, Knife River
Bill Jablonkski, ODOT Area Mgr
Shane Jensen, Port of Astoria
Chris Laity, Tillamook Co Public Works
Paul Langer, Teevin Bros
Aaron Matusick

Matt McGrath, Port of Astoria
Patrick McHugh
Arla Miler, ODOT Public Transit
Mickey Moritz

Jae Pudewell, ODOT Regional Solutions
Dave Sakau
Suzanne Weber, Oregon State Representative
Liane Welch, Bay City

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 Aviation

NWACT 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 Warrenton Fuel and Ice Dock received second highest number of votes for top-choice funding. Results were shared on screen.

The meeting concluded at 3:45pm.