

**MEETING AGENDA**

**Date:** Thursday, January 12, 2023  
**Time:** 1:00 pm—3:30 pm  
**Location:** Tillamook Bay Community College  
 4301 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Tillamook 97141  
**Virtual:** <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> 1:00 p	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>		Henry Heimuller
<b>Item 2</b> 1:15 p	<b>NWACT Minutes/Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🚦 November 2022 Meeting Minutes (attached)</li> <li>🚦 Public Comment (Limited to 5 minutes per person)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chief Linz</li> </ul> </li> <li>🚦 Tillamook County Transportation Update</li> <li>🚦 AOC Transportation Committee Update</li> </ul>	<b>Action</b>	Henry Heimuller Bill Jablonski/ Ken Shonkwiler Erin Skaar
<b>Item 3</b> 1:25 p	<b>ODOT Region 2 Updates</b>		Bill Jablonski
<b>Item 4</b> 1:45 p	<b>Highway 30 in Knappa</b>		Henry Heimuller/All
<b>Item 5</b> 1:55 p	<b>NWACT Leadership &amp; Roster</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🚦 NWACT Strategy</li> <li>🚦 Agenda Setting Meetings</li> </ul>	<b>Action</b>	Lianne Thompson
<b>Item 6</b> 2:10 p	<b>STIF Discretionary Applicant Presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🚦 SETD - Lower Columbia Connector – Expanded</li> <li>🚦 TCTD - Route 60X &amp; 70X - Coastal Connector Vehicle Replacement</li> <li>🚦 TCTD - Route 5 - Coastliner Expansion Service</li> <li>🚦 TCTD - NW Connector Transit Access Project</li> </ul>	<b>Action</b>	Arla Miller
<b>Item 7</b> 2:50 p	<b>2024-2027 STIP Updates</b>		Ken Shonkwiler
<b>Item 8</b> 3:00 p	<b>NWACT Business/Member Updates</b>		Lianne Thompson All

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**Attachments:**

November 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 November 10, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Chair Heimuller. NWACTION 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

**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) Scott Jorgenson\*  
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)  
Citizen-at-Large  
Citizen-at-Large  
Citizen-at-Large Patrick McHugh\*

**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\*  
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)

**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

Others in attendance:

Tony Hyde, Columbia County  
Juliet Hyam, ColPac EDD  
Casey Garrett, Columbia County  
Peter Brandom, Cornelius  
Calvin LeSueur, ColPac EDD  
Ken Shonkwiler, ODOT  
Betsy Emery, Senator Merkley  
Jayson Bucholz, ODOT  
Liane Welch, Bay City  
Megan McKibben, Washington County  
Brian Worley, Assoc. Oregon Counties  
Arla Miller, ODOT  
Susan Gladwin, public comment  
Jeff Harrington, City of Astoria  
Robert Stevens, CWCOG  
Nicole Stevens, Tillamook Co resident  
Chris Laity, Tillamook County  
Bill Jablonski, ODOT  
Rep. Suzanne Weber  
Travis Brouwer, ODOT

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Heimuller called the meeting to order at 1:02pm.

## **NWACT Consent Calendar:**

Minutes were reviewed.

**Public Comment:** Susana Gladwin of Clatsop County shared her experience driving Highway 202 and requested a fog line on the road be considered.

## **ODOT Region 2 Updates:**

The Highway 6 Corridor Study is under way and the stakeholders will have their first meeting in December 2022. Two Great Streets projects will be funded in our region: US 101 in Gearhart and Highway 30 in Astoria.

The transportation system plan for Wheeler, Nehalem, and Manzanita will be completed soon. At this time, public engagement continues for Garibaldi's project.

Two projects will go to design in 2023: sidewalks on OR 202 in Astoria, pedestrian crossing at the middle school in Banks.

Upcoming projects include: Highway 101 in Seaside between Avenues A and K. A new bridge at Highways 26 & 47. Highway 101 at Perkins will finish in 2023.

Recently complete work includes: Wilson River and Vernonia bridges, Youngs Bay Bridge signal and guardrail work between Warrenton and Astoria, project at Highway 26 and Necanicum. It is anticipated that the project at Highway 30 and Mallard in Columbia County will be completed by year end.

Agency updates include successful hiring and information about the 2024-2027 STP projects. Details will be forthcoming in January.

## **Oregon Coast Bike Route Plan**

Members were made aware the official plan has been adopted, reviewed areas of potential change in the region, and provided links for further reading.

## **NWACT Leadership & Roster**

The nominating committee recommended a slate of candidates. They proposed Commissioner Lianne Thompson for Chair, Councilor Marsha Kirk for Second Chair, and Bay City Public Works Director Liane Welch for Third Chair. The membership discussed current rules for voting and alternate members. The slate will go to vote in January.

## **ODOT Budget Projections; STBG Fund Exchange programs**

The ACT reviewed a presentation from Travis Brouwer regarding ODOT's budget projects and STBG Fund Exchange Program. At this time, it looks like agencies may be asked to reduce their budgets by 6% in the next budget and 10% the year after that.

Discussion included Commissioner Heimuller inquiring as to whether the DMV system could be taken out of ODOT's responsibilities to reduce costs and improve outcomes. Mr Brouwer said that was not a plan at this time.

Commissioner Thompson inquired about raising the budget dedicated to ACTs and if ODOT is diverting funds from road maintenance to address social equity issues.

**Member Updates:**

Kathy Kleczek announced that Cannon Beach's first TSP has been approved and reminded folks that Car Free Travel information is available for dissemination.

Tony Hyde announced the opening of the new Knife River training center in Albany offering a million square feet of indoor heavy equipment space.

Jeff Harrington shared that water issues on Highway 202 must be addressed before the sidewalk project can commence. Also there will be a rapid flashing beacon added to 23<sup>rd</sup> and Highway 30 in Astoria.

Liane Welch shared that Bay City will be applying for a Community Paths grant.

Chris Laity commented that future projects included in the Oregon Coast Bike Plan would push cyclists in a rural road without amenities to keep them safe. Also shared was the four fold increase in cost of replacing an old culvert with new standards, especially in relation to ODOT's predicted funding cuts.

Michele Bradley shared AUS project is seeking a legislative earmark.

Tracy Macdonald commented that anticipated bus stop project at Ensign Road and Highway 101 in Warrenton is still of interest.

Jeff Hazen shared that the Returning Citizen training program will begin in December utilizing a bus donated by TriMet in partnership with BMI. He will also be leaving his role with PTAC.

Robert Stevens from Southwest Washington joined NWACT to share information and an invitation to comment on long-range planning efforts they are undertaking.

Joe Younkens shared that Washington County has the Cherry Creek bridge project out to bid, the Banks Main Street project is moving along, and Highway 47 at Martin project to add a roundabout will commence in 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48pm.

# **STIF Discretionary and Statewide Transit Network Program 2023-25 Application Summary**

**Arla Miller, R2A Regional Transit Coordinator  
ODOT Public Transportation Division**



# Topics

- 2023-2025 Application summary
- 2023-2025 Selection process and timeline
- ACT review role



# 2023-2025 Application Summary

<b>NWACT Area</b>	
<b>Number of Applications</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total Funds Requested</b>	<b>\$4.6 M</b>

<b>Statewide</b>	
<b>Number of Applications</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Total Funds Requested</b>	<b>\$54 M</b>

<b>Funding Available</b>	
<b>STIF Discretionary Fund</b>	<b>\$13.5 M</b>
<b>Statewide Transit Network Program</b>	<b>\$15 M</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28.5 M</b>



# 2023-2025 Applications

Applicant	Project Title	Grant Amount Requested	Total Project Cost
Sunset Empire TD	Lower Columbia Connector ~ Expanded	\$825,360	\$1,031,700
Tillamook County TD	Route 60X & 70X ~ Coastal Connector	\$1,375,040	\$1,718,800
Tillamook County TD	Route 5 ~ Coastliner Expansion Service	\$963,200	\$1,204,000
Tillamook County TD	NW Connector Transit Access Project	\$520,000	\$650,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4 Projects</b>	<b>\$3,683,600</b>	<b>\$4,604,500</b>





# Project Selection Tasks & Schedule

Task	Schedule
ODOT reviews applications for eligibility and completeness	December 8, 2022
<b>ACT and QE feedback due to ODOT</b>	<b>February 6, 2023</b>
ODOT Project Selection Committee reviews feed back; scores and ranks applications and provides funding recommendation to Public Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC)	January~March , 2023
PTAC recommendations to Oregon Transportation Commission	April,2023
OTC reviews and determines project awards	May, 2023
Agreements executed	July 2023



# Role of Area Commissions on Transportation

- Review applications relevant to ACT region
- ACTs may provide comments on applications related to:
  - Evaluation criteria
  - Local knowledge of transportation planning and investments
  - Opportunities for fund leverage

**The ODOT selection committee and PTAC will consider ACT comments when ranking projects.**



# Resources

- [Link to STIF Guidebook](#)
- [Link to Advanced Notice](#)
- STIF Web Page:  
<https://www.oregon.gov/odot/RPTD/Pages/Statewide-Transportation-Improvement-Fund.aspx>

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