

## MEETING AGENDA

**Date:** Thursday, March 9, 2023  
**Time:** 1:00 pm—3:30 pm  
**Location:** Clatsop County Boyington Building  
 857 Commercial St, Astoria  
**Virtual:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83755031485>  
**Call-in Number:** 1-253 215 8782  
**Meeting ID:** 837 5503 1485

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		Action	Presenter
<b>Item 1</b> 1:00 p	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>		Lianne Thompson
<b>Item 2</b> 1:15 p	<b>NWACT Minutes/Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ January 2023 Meeting Minutes (attached)</li> <li>✚ Public Comment (Limited to 5 minutes per person)</li> <li>✚ ODOT Region 2 Updates</li> <li>✚ AOC Transportation Committee</li> <li>✚ Clatsop County Transportation Update</li> </ul>	✓	Lianne Thompson  Bill Jablonski/ Caroline Crisp  Erin Skaar  Terry Hendryx
<b>Item 3</b> 1:30 p	<b>NWACT Strategy – Review Vision Statement</b>	✓	Caroline Crisp
<b>Item 4</b> 2:00 p	<b>Aviation Review Committee 2023/24 Grant Cycle Report</b>		Jim Knight
<b>Item 5</b> 2:15 p	<b>Carbon Reduction Program</b>		Rye Baerg Brian Hurley
<b>Item 6</b> 2:30 p	<b>NWACT Business/Member Updates</b>  2-3 minutes, transportation projects, grant requests, relevant closures, or construction projects, etc.		Lianne Thompson All

✓ Indicates the NWACT should vote on this item.

**Attachments:**  
 January 2023 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 12, 2023**

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) Sean Fitzpatrick  
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) Liane Welch\*  
Citizen-at-Large Nicole Stevens  
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) Sean Clark\*  
Port of Tillamook Bay (v) Michele Bradley\*  
Port of Garibaldi (a) Mike Saindon

**Others in attendance:**

Mark Bernard, ODOT  
Peter Brandom, City of Cornelius  
Jayson Buchholz, ODOT  
Mark Buffington, ODOT  
Ayreann Colombo, ColPac EDD  
Caroline Crisp, ODOT  
Bill Fashing, Cowlitz-Wahkiakum COG  
Kimberley Fear, ODOT  
Casey Garrett, Columbia Co. Commissioner  
Tim Hall, Mayor of Garibaldi  
Jeff Harrington, City of Astoria  
Sarah Lu Heath, NWACT Administrator  
Terry Hendryx, Clatsop County Public Works  
Tony Hyde, Columbia County  
Bill Jablonski, ODOT  
Matt Johnson, ODOT  
Jasper Lind, Tillamook County  
Arla Miller, ODOT  
Anita Muhly, ODOT  
Troy Pomeretz, ODOT  
Mike Reed, Tillamook County Transit District  
Stacy Shetler, Washington Co.

Others in attendance continued:

Ken Shonkwiler, ODOT

Dave Sukau, City of Scapoose

## **Welcome and Introductions**

### **NWACT Minutes/Updates:**

Minutes were reviewed. Two corrections were needed: Liane Welch's job titled was updated to City Manager and the order of the Executive Committee was confirmed to be Lianne Thompson as Chair, Liane Welch as Second Chair, and Marsha Kirk as Third Chair. Rosemary Lohrke moved to approve the minutes as corrected and Kathy Kleczek seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:** No attendees wished to provide public comment.

**Tillamook County Transportation Update:** No update was provided.

**AOC Transportation Committee Update:** Commissioner Skaar noted her appointment to the Association of Oregon Counties Transportation Committee and updates would become regular in the future. It was noted that HB2101 is a possible legislative fix for ODOT's Fund Exchange program and is under consideration.

**ODOT Region 2 Updates:** ODOT is working on ADA curb compliance projects across the state. The Oregon Community Paths program will include Rockaway Beach and Astoria. Oregon Highway 6 Wilson River Corridor Study is underway with public comment periods coming up. The study findings will be finalized in September 2023. Oregon Highway 6 will see barrier upgrades from Banks to Tillamook. The Gearhart facilities plan continues. In Columbia County, the work at Mallard and Bennett continues with some weather delays. Resurfacing work will take place in Westport at Dairy Creek Road, as well as bridges near Arcadia Beach and Ecola State Park. It was noted that Highway 130 is closed due to damaged caused by a collision.

Councilor Kirk noted that information on Highway 47 needs to be updated on the Trip Check website.

The landslide on Highway 30 has been cleared and a semi-permanent traffic reconfiguration is in place for the coming years.

Ms. Kleczek noted that Trip Check had some incomplete or missing information during the ice storm and ODOT acknowledged that staffing and timing was strained during that time.

Mr. Hendryx noted concerns regarding visibility at a recent Seaside project. ODOT mentioned that a new lighting scheme in that area is forthcoming.

**Highway 30 in Knappa:** NWACT members shared constituent concerns they have received about the recent fatality in Knappa. Feasibility of addressing concerns was discussed. ODOT is holding a meeting on this topic.

**NWACT Leadership & Roster:** The nomination committee provided a recommended a slate of officers: Commissioner Liane Thompson for Chairperson, City Manager Liane Welch for Second Chair, and

Councilor Marsha Kirk for Third Chair. A motion to approve the slate was made by Tony Hyde and seconded by Michele Bradley, the motion was approved unanimously.

The group discussed how to create a strategy document for the NWACT. It was decided that ODOT staff would guide discussion for the group during regular NWACT meetings. The purpose of the NWACT strategy is to provide a snapshot of project and policy priorities for the region to be presented to the OTC.

**STIF Discretionary Applicant Presentations:** Arla Miller, ODOT's Region 2 Transit representative, presented information about the STIF Discretionary process for this cycle. There were originally four applications in our region but one was withdrawn. A motion to provide feedback to ODOT in support of all projects was made by Kathy Kleczek and seconded by Tracy MacDonald; the motion carried unanimously.

**2024-2027 STIP Updates:** ODOT staffer Ken Shonkwiler provided updates on the STIP projects and noted that public comment will be open in March and April.

**Member Updates:**

Tracy Macdonald would like to see a Clatsop County Safety Commission.

Port of Tillamook Bay will have their AWAS weather project done in the next weeks.

Sunset Empire Transit District is still awaiting new coaches with a new projected wait time of 5-7 years.

Tillamook County Transit District is happy to welcome Brian Vitulli as their new General Manager.

Stacy Shetler will be taking over from Joe Younkens in Washington County and joining NWACT.

Bay City will be submitting a Community Paths grant application.

Terry Hendryx will be taking over from Ted McClean in Clatsop County.

Kathy Kleczek reminded everyone about the EV charger plan.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:23pm.

Vision - The NWACT plays an advisory role in the development and targeting of projects in the NW region of the state. NWACT prioritizes safety, Cascadia earthquake resilience, active transportation, and improvements to transit to be key issues that affect the state system. Thus, we recommend the following projects to be included in the 2023-2024 STIP:

# ODOT CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM

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RYE BAERG – ODOT CLIMATE OFFICE



## BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL)

- BIL created a new Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) to reduce carbon emissions
- Oregon will receive a total of \$82 million for FY 2022-2026
- Funds for projects in:
  - Transportation Management Areas
  - Small Urban and Rural Areas
  - Statewide
- Requires Carbon Reduction Strategy



# FUNDING BREAKDOWN

## CRP Funding FY22-FY26

TMA (Portland, Salem, and Eugene)	\$28.5 million
Small Urban and Rural Areas	\$24.1 million
Statewide	\$29.8 million
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$82.4 million</b>

\*Local match is required. Federal-aid requirements for project delivery apply. Amounts are estimates.





# OREGON CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM - STRATEGY

- Developed a strategy based off the existing *Statewide Transportation Strategy: 2050 GHG Vision (STS)*
- Consultation Group of TMAs, MPOs and stakeholders
- Strategy Areas
  - Vehicle and Fuel Technology
  - Transportation Options
  - System Operations
  - Pricing



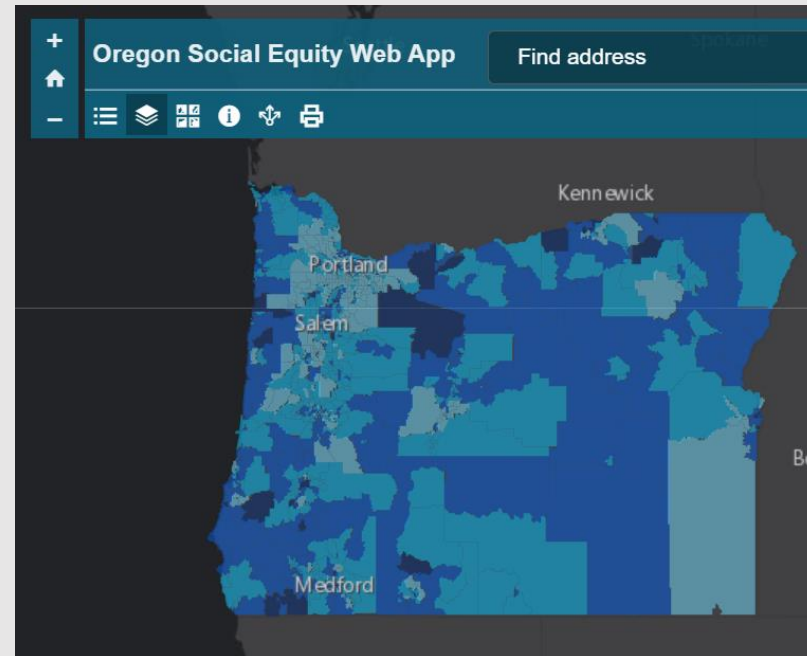
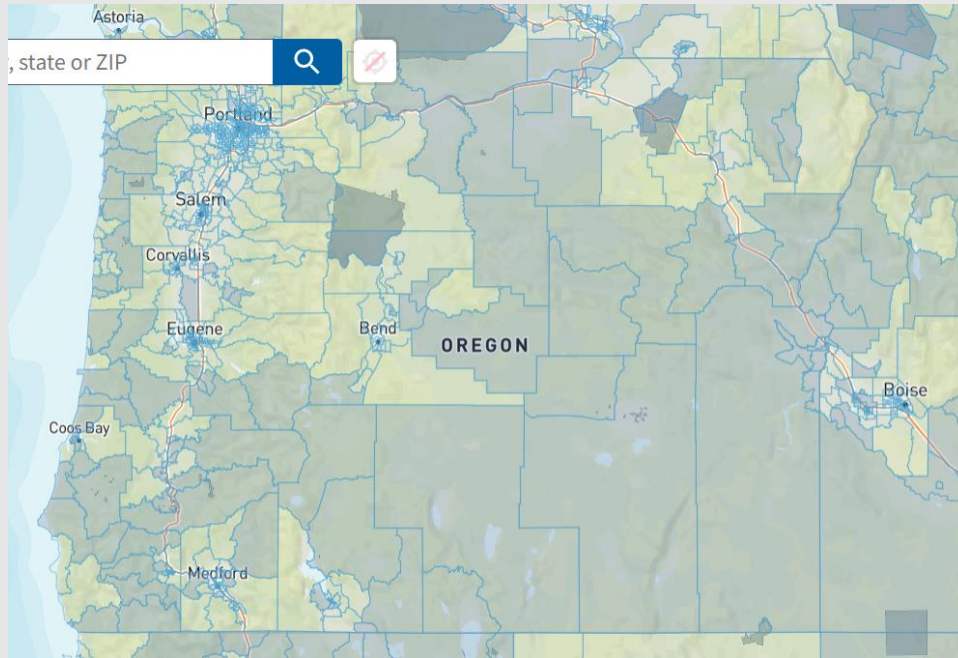


## SMALL URBAN AND RURAL PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

- Urban and Rural areas with less than 200,000 residents
- Call for Projects (February-May)
- \$13 million for first round (Second round in 2024)
- ODOT will deliver projects for non-Certified Local Public Agencies
- Local match of 10.27%
- Criteria
  - Climate Benefits (60 pts)
  - Local Support and Engagement (10 pts)
  - Equity (10 pts)
  - Opportunities and Innovation (10 pts)
  - Project Readiness (10 pts)



# EQUITY AND JUSTICE40



# PRIORITY PROJECT TYPES

- Vehicle and Fuel Technology
  - Adoption of alternative fuel vehicles that produce less emissions
  - Increase availability of electric (EV) charging infrastructure
  - Support transit or public fleets to transition to electric vehicles or low emission fuels.
- Transportation Options
  - Expand public transportation service, connectivity to transit stops and operations (including vanpool programs)
  - Implement Transportation Demand Management programs
  - Invest in strategic active transportation and public transit networks
  - Support shared mobility





# PRIORITY PROJECT TYPES

- System Operations
  - Invest in traffic management and intersection technologies that reduce emissions
  - Expand intelligent transportation system (ITS) technologies that reduce emissions
  - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from agency operations, materials, and fuels
- Pricing
  - Support methods to price roadway systems with considerations for equity impacts, location, and recovering costs from environmental impacts.



# NEXT STEPS

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- Informational Webinars
  - February 28, 2023 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)
  - March 15, 2023 (2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.)
- Office Hours
  - March 28, 2023 (10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)
  - April 6, 2023 (1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.)
- Climate Office will be available to assist with applications
- Applications due May 31, 2023





# QUESTIONS

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# SMALL URBAN AND RURAL FUNDING

<b>Small Urban and Rural CRP Funding</b>	
<b>Urbanized/Rural Area</b>	<b>FY 22-26</b>
<b>Albany Area</b>	<b>\$739,082</b>
<b>Bend Area</b>	<b>\$1,086,556</b>
<b>Corvallis Area</b>	<b>\$809,568</b>
<b>Grants Pass Area</b>	<b>\$655,092</b>
<b>Rogue Valley Area</b>	<b>\$1,997,966</b>
<b>Population Areas 50,000-5000</b>	<b>\$8,323,211</b>
<b>Population Areas &lt;5,000</b>	<b>\$10,319,183</b>



# FEDERAL ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES

- Traffic monitoring, management, control facilities, and congestion management technologies
- Public transit projects
- Bike, pedestrian, and non-motorized facilities
- Infrastructure-based intelligent transportation systems
- Energy efficient street lighting and traffic control devices
- Congestion pricing, tolling and transportation demand management strategies
- Alternative fuel projects (public charging, hydrogen, natural gas and propane fueling)
- Diesel retrofits
- Projects that reduce truck impacts or port emissions, including port electrification

