

NORTHWEST AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION MEETING AGENDA

Date: Thursday, June 13, 2024
Time: 1:00 pm—3:00 pm
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Location: Port of Tillamook Officers Mess Hall
 6825 Officer Row, Tillamook, Oregon

Virtual: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83755031485>

Call-in Number: 1-253 215 8782

Meeting ID: 837 5503 1485

A complete meeting packet is available at
NWOregon.org/NWACT

		Action	Presenter
Item 1 1:00 p	Welcome and Introductions		Colin Cooper
Item 2 1:10 p	NWACT Minutes/Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📌 April 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes (attached) 📌 Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📌 Limited to 3 minutes per person 📌 Including comment on ODOT’s updates in packet 📌 Tillamook County Transportation Update 	✓	Lianne Thompson Bill Jablonski Chris Laity
Item 3 1:30 p	ODOT 2025 Maintenance & Operations Funding		Savannah Crawford
Item 4 2:00 p	Oregon Legislature Joint Transportation Listening Session for 2025 Legislative Session		Lianne Thompson
Item 5 2:10 p	Connect Oregon Project Prioritization, Ranking, and Review		John Boren
Item 6 2:30 p	Transportation Grants: (e.g. FLAP, etc..NOFO)		Caroline Crisp
Item 7 2:40 p	Celebrate Success (Grants and More.) Tillamook Culvert Project		Caroline Crisp
Item 6 2:50 p	NWACT Business/Member Updates Updates: 2-3 minutes, transportation projects, grant requests, relevant closures, or construction projects, etc.		All

✓ Indicates the NWACT should vote on this item.

Attachments:

- April 2024 Minutes
- ODOT Project Updates
- Connect Oregon Memo

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**Northwest Area Commission on Transportation
Meeting Minutes**

April 11, 2024

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

Clatsop County

Commission (v) **Lianne**

Thompson*

Commission (a) **Terry**

Hendryx*

Large City (v) **Elisabeth Adams***

Large City (a)

Small City (v) **Steve Wright***

Small City (a)

Citizen-at-Large **Kathy**

Kleczek*

Citizen-at-Large **John Nygaard**

Columbia County

Commission (v) **Casey**

Garrett*

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 **Betsy Johnson**

Tillamook County

Commission (v) **Doug Olson**

Commission (a) **Chris Laity**

Large City (v) **Aaron Burris**

Large City (a) **Nathan George**

Small City (v) **Lianne Welch***

Small City (a) **David McCall***

Citizen-at-Large

Citizen-at-Large **Patrick**

McHugh*

Washington County

Commission (v) **Jerry Willey***

Commission (a) **Stacy Shetler***

Large City (v)

Large City (a)

Small City (v)

Small City (a)

Citizen-at-Large

Odermott*

Citizen-at-Large

Borresen*

Jolynn Becker

Marsha Kirk*

Don

Mike

Transit Districts

Columbia Co (v)

Dreeszen*

Columbia Co (a)

Clatsop Co (v)

Schmidt*

Clatsop County (a)

Tillamook Co (v)

Tillamook Co (a)

Ports

Port of Astoria (v)

Port of Astoria (a)

Port of Columbia Co (v)

Port of Columbia Co (a)

Port of Tillamook Bay (v)

Port of Garibaldi (a)

John

Debbie Boothe

Craig Johnston*

Mary Johnson

Brian Vitulli

Frank Spence

Will Isom

Nancy Ward

Sean Clark*

Michele Bradley*

Mike Saindon

Others in attendance:

Grant DeJongh, Washington County

Jayson Buchholz, ODOT

Gerry Gitzen, public comment

Rye Baerg, ODOT

Stephanie Millar, ODOT

Melyssa Graeper, ODEQ & RST

Mark Buffington, ODOT

Bill Jablonski, ODOT

Kristi Ward, Wauna

John Boren, ODOT

*Members denoted with asterisks were in attendance.

Item 2: Consent Calendar

Minutes were reviewed. David McCall motioned to accept the minutes and Marsha Kirk seconded; passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Gerry Gitzen of Wheeler proposed an addition of the Scenic Byways to include stretches along the Nehalem Bay.

Construction Updates: Rainier and Vernonia are scheduled to get ADA improvements. Rainier, including nine miles of highway going east will be repaved. Additional sign posts and messaging will be installed on US 30 at Larson Road. The Clatskanie River bridge will receive riprap to protect from scouring. Highway 202 in Astoria will receive sidewalks.

The Humbug Creek bridge will be replaced on Highway 26 which will entail several days of closures. The Skipanon Bridge in Warrenton will also be improved and will result in road closures.

Kathy Kleczek inquired about surface conditions at mile post 13 on Highway 26 and Mark Buffington shared there are plans for the pavement to be refinished.

Patrick McHugh asked a related question about permanent upgrades. Mark Buffington shared a similar project cost on Highway 6 is nearly twenty million dollars and suggested Federal funding would be required for either project.

Bill Jablonski shared that the Butte Creek culvert project received \$6m in Federal funding.

Columbia County Updates: The main topic of concern in Columbia County is the condition of off-highway arterial roads, particularly Apiary and the Scappoose Vernonia Road. Detours when these roads are not passable are quite long.

ODOT 2025 Maintenance & Operations Funding

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Savannah Crawford was unable to attend the NWACT meeting. Bill Jablonski shared messaging about the struggles to fund maintenance activities for ODOT. The group viewed an explainer video.

Stacy Shetler questioned why only a small percentage could be used on maintenance. Bill Jablonski specified that these spending controls were introduced by the legislature and would need a legislative fix.

Patrick McHugh shared that Highway 22 is impassable for freight loads and that Highway 6 is not a freight rated highway; therefore with fuel tax and pay-per-mile tax, their freight needs are not being addressed despite being some of the heavily taxed. Bill Jablonski shared that it would take a legislative designation to make Highway 6 freight-rated.

Chair Thompson requested updates from ODOT on the fatal crash on Highway 101 in Clatsop County. Mark Buffington shared details of the crash investigation which concluded driver behavior was the cause of the incident.

Carbon Reduction Program

Rye Baerg shared a slide deck about the upcoming application cycle for the Carbon Reduction Program.

Connect Oregon Grant Program

John Boren shared a slide deck about the Connect Oregon Grant Program, it's mission, process, and instructions for NWACT members in prioritizing project at the next meeting.

Westside Multi-Modal Study

Stephanie Millar shared the outcomes of the extensive 'Westside Multi-Modal Study" which focused on areas just east of the NWACT geography.

NWACT Business/Member Updates

Kathy Kleczek moved to record NWACT meetings, Marsha Kirk seconded, and remaining attendees voted unanimously to approve.

Mike Borreson announced that he will be retiring from the NWACT.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:02pm.

June 13, 2024

To: NWACT Members

From: Colin Cooper, Executive Director

RE: NWACT Meeting June 13 - Connect Oregon 9 Grant Review

The purpose of this memo is to prepare NWACT members to share their rankings of the four projects submitted from the NWACT to ODOT staff at our June 13, meeting.

The links to the ODOT Connect Oregon 9 NWACT projects and the ODOT Connect Oregon website are below.

We ask that each member of NWACT review these applications and be prepared to provide your priority rankings (1-4) on June 13. ODOT staff will be available at that time to answer any questions about the ranking process.

Please note that the review of the applications will take you from 30 minutes just reviewing high level summary to 2 hours if each of the applications is read through completely.

Here are links to the project applications within the NWACT.

[2M0489 Columbia River Bar and Coastal Wave Safety Technology.pdf](#)
[2M0491 Pacific Seafood Warrenton Fuel and Ice Dock Repair.pdf](#)
[2M0492 Port of Astoria Pier 2 West Rehabilitation & Lift Replacement.pdf](#)
[2M0495 Port Westward Beaver Dock Modernization Project.pdf](#)

If ACT members wish to see all state applications and other program details, please click [here](#).

On July 10, ODOT is hosting a meeting for all four ACTs in Region 2. The NWACT Chair and Vice-Chairs are scheduled to attend and will provide your input for the final ranking.

Please don't hesitate to email any questions in advance of the meeting.

Attachment: ODOT Connect Oregon 9 Project Ranking Sheet

MODE	REGION	Public/ Private	County	APP. #	APPLICANT	PROJECT NAME	TOTAL PROJECT COST	CO GRANT FUNDS REQUESTED	TOTAL PROJECT MATCH	% MATCH	Total Statutory Consideration Score	Equity Consideration	Climate Consideration	Priority
M	2	PU	Columbia	2M0495	Port of Columbia County	Port Westward Beaver Dock Modernization Project	\$ 3,900,000.00	\$ 2,730,000.00	\$ 1,170,000.00	30%	98	NP	LP	
M	2	PU	Clatsop	2M0492	Port of Astoria	Pier 2 West Rehabilitation & Lift Replacement	\$ 36,733,019.00	\$ 9,633,374.00	\$ 27,099,645.00	74%	96	SP	SP	
M	2	PR	Clatsop	2M0491	Pacific Seafood - Warrenton, LLC	Pacific Seafood Warrenton Fuel and Ice Dock Repair	\$ 1,340,210.00	\$ 938,147.00	\$ 402,063.00	30%	89	LP	LP	
M	2	PR	Clatsop	2M0489	Columbia River Bar Pilots, LLC	Columbia River Bar and Coastal Wave Safety Technology	\$ 229,598.48	\$ 160,718.94	\$ 68,879.54	30%	77	NP	LP	