Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation Thursday, October 22, 2015 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Meeting held at **Cascades West Center** 1400 Queen Ave SE Albany

Videoconference at **OCWCOG Offices** 203 N. Main Toledo

AGENDA

- 1. 5:00 Welcome and Introductions
- 2. 5:05 Approve Minutes from 9/24/15 meeting (Attachment 1)

ACTION: Approval of minutes

3. 5:10 Public Comment

> This time is reserved for members of the public to comment on issues related to the CWACT's activities

4. 5:15 Oregon Transportation Infrastructure Bank

> Presentation by ODOT's Senior Financial Analyst **ACTION: Discussion**

Matthew Harris

5. 5:45 Non-Highway Enhanced Prioritized List (Attachment 2)

> The CWACT TAC at its October 14 meeting, prioritized the Non-Highway Enhance Projects proposals

ACTION: Review CWACT TAC recommendation and by consensus, approve the prioritized list of projects.

5. **6:15 Area Managers Report** Amy Ramsdell

Connect Oregon VI Construction Projects Planning Projections (Attachment 3) Funding Opportunities (Attachment 3a)

6. 6:30 Next Meeting

> ACTION: Discuss rescheduling the November and December meetings to one meeting in early December if needed.

7. 7:00 Adjourn

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MINUTES

Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments, Albany September 24, 2015

Members Present: Bob Elliot, City of Lebanon; Janet Steele, Linn County Private Sector; Ken Lorensen, City of Halsey; Paul Canter, city of Monroe; Dick Olsen, City of Albany; Doug Hunt, Lincoln County; Bill Bain, Lincoln County Private Sector; Amy Ramsdell, ODOT Region 2; Roger Nyquist, Linn County; and Annabelle Jaramillo, Linn County

Alternates Present: Pam Barlow-Lind, Confederated Tribes of Siletz; Mary Steckel, City of Corvallis; Valerie Grigg Devis, ODOT Region 2; Ron Irish, City of Albany; Robert Emmons, City of Lebanon.

Ex-Officio Present: Ali Bonakdar, CAMPO; and Theresa Conley, AAMPO

Via video conference from Albany: Walter Chuck, Port of Newport; Lila Bradley, City of Lincoln City; Stephanie Reid, City of Lincoln City; David Bowman, SRLF; Robert Gambino, City of Depoe Bay; Cody Gray, Siletz Private; Derrick Tokos, City of Newport; and Lee Ritzman, City of Toledo

Guests: Chuck Kraich, North Albany; Larry Lewis, City of Depoe Bay; Chris Cummings; ODOT; Bruce Clemetsen, Linn-Benton Community College; Greg Gescher, City of Corvallis; Roy Kinion, Lincoln County Public Works; Lisa Scherf, City of Corvallis; Laurel Byer, Benton County Public Works.

Staff Present: Charlie Mitchell (in Albany), OCWCOG; Mark Volmert, OCWCOG; and Emma Chavez, OCWCOG.

I. Meeting called to order at 5:03 p.m. by the Chair Roger Nyquist.

Members and guests introduced themselves.

II. Minutes from the July 23, 2015 meeting

ACTION: The meeting minutes from July 23, 2015 were approved by consensus.

III. Public Comment

David Bowman; Lincoln Beach resident, stated that he noted the landslide repair project on Hwy 101. He stated that the deterioration on the ocean side of Hwy 101 may be a more critical condition. Mr. Bowman questioned if this had been taken into consideration. Amy; ODOT Region 2 Manager notified members that ODOT has been looking at the landslide mitigation needs on the ocean side of Hwy 101. She stated that a large solution is needed yet very difficult to achieve due to the requirements of the

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NEWPA process. As a temporary relief and until a larger solution is found; ODOT's Fix-It projects aim to keep the roads open and maintainable.

Pete Bower; resident of Merloy Ave representing thirty one neighbors read a letter of support of to ODOT's US20/Merloy Ave project. He thanked ODOT and especially Amy for the responsiveness on their concerns.

IV. Connect Oregon VI Program

Chris Cummings, ODOT's Freight Planning Unit Manager presented information on Connect Oregon VI.

Connect Oregon is a lottery-backed bond initiative that ODOT manages. The program process includes in-depth review of project applications by several committees; including a review of the Regional Solutions Team to verify if the applications fit within their plans and priorities. The committees create a prioritized list that is submitted to the OTC for a final decision.

There is \$45 million available for Connect Oregon VI, with 10 percent (\$4.5 million) going to each region. The program does not have a minimum or maximum request amount although, applicants must match at least 30 percent of the project cost. Projects that are eligible for these funds are; bicycle/pedestrian, marine, rail, and transit.

Chris briefly reviewed the Selection Considerations and Program Changes, noting that a project applicant will no longer be able to serve in the decision making committee.

Connect Oregon Key Dates:

- Applications available October 5, 2015
- Applications due November 20, 2015
- Projects awarded August 2016

V. Update on ODOT State Transportation Improvement Program

ODOT Area Manager Amy Ramsdell provided an update on the development of the 2018-2021 STIP. Members received a copy of the STIP schedule which Amy briefly reviewed. Our ACT will identify its projects through the proposal process this evening. The ACT TAC will meet in October to identify and prioritize five projects that will move forward. Member jurisdictions whose projects are identified will have until noon on November 20th to submit their full applications. Members were advised to contact Amy Ramsdell or Valerie Grigg Devis for assistance.

Initially, ODOT advised that only five proposals could be accepted per ACT with a minimum construction amount of \$500,000. However, it has been clarified that the \$500,000 should be used as a recommendation and not a requirement. Additionally, proposals not involving construction will not be subject to the threshold of five projects per ACT.

ODOT is currently scoping projects identified in the 150% Fix-It list. This list is based on ODOT's Program Manager Prioritization; they are pavement, bridge, safety, culvert operations. All projects are selected based on data and needs. Amy briefly reviewed projects the list of projects in our area.

VI. ODOT's 150% Leverage and Active Transportation Program List

Members received a copy of ODOTs recommended 150% state transportation leverage and active transportation program list. To create the list, ODOT took into considering urban areas in need of preservation, safety projects that are just below the funding threshold and projects in the 15-18 STIP that are in need of additional funding. Amy Ramsdell briefly reviewed the projects in our area. She requested prioritization of those projects. Members asked questions and discussed the projects.

ACTION: Consensus from the CWACT Full Board to rank the 150% Leverage and Active Transportation Program List as noted below:

- 1. US 20: MP 3.95 (Merloy Ave) Corvallis/Benton County
- 2. OR99: Junction City to Eugene Lane County
- 3. US101 Urban Upgrade City of Depoe Bay

VII. Presentations on Non-Highway Enhance Projects

Member jurisdictions gave presentations on their proposed Non-Highway Enhance Projects. Question and answers took place.

Project Proposals included:

- Safe Routes to School Improvements for Sunrise Elementary, City of Albany
- Public Transportation HUB at Linn-Benton Community College, LBCC
- US 101: South of Bridge Streetscape, City of Depoe Bay
- Newport US 101: NE 25th to NE 36th Street Sidewalk Improvements, City of Newport
- Mass Transit Bus Replacement, City of Corvallis
- Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility, City of Corvallis
- Tunison Multi-Use Patch, City of Corvallis
- Chapel Drive Bikeway Improvements, Benton County
- Nelscott-Delake Neighborhood Connector Biking and Walking Improvements on Hwy 101, City of Lincoln City

VIII. Area Managers Report

ODOT Bridge Report

The latest report was recently released. The report summarizes bridge condition ratings on state highways and performance measures based on National Bridge Inventory and ODOT data and it is used as a tool to prioritize funding for bridges. The state is fortunate that the OTIA program repaired 122 bridges and replaced 149; approximately 10 percent of the state highway system. As a state, we have a

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lower rate of structurally deficient bridges but have a larger share of bridges that are functionally obsolete. With routine inspections, bridges that pose I risk can be identified.

- O Sheep Creek Bridge Update
 The project will address earth movement, and bridge and highway damage from an active landslide on the east end of the Sheep Creek Bridge, located approximately 25 miles east of Sweet Home. A complete highway closure of eight weeks will take place in 2016.
- OTC Workshop, November 12th
 ACT Chairs and Modal Committee Chairs are invited to discuss the Governors Transportation Vision Panel, Connect Oregon, and STIP funding.

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Minutes recorded by Emma Chavez

October 15, 2015

TO: Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation

FROM: Charlie Mitchell, CWACT TAC

SUBJECT: STIP Non-Highway Enhance Projects

The Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (CWACT TAC) met on October 14 and recommends the following ranking of STIP Enhance project applications to the CWACT. It is important to note that for those projects within MPO boundaries that were ranked first by the MPO that the coordination protocol between the CWACT and the two MPOs within the CWACT region states that each MPO can prioritize projects within the MPO boundary and submit this ranking to the CWACT. The prioritization order must be retained during the CWACT prioritization process, although the projects may shift up or down in the overall CWACT ranking.

Ranking of Non-Highway Enhance Projects by the CWACT:

- 1. Chapel Drive Bikeway Improvement Benton County
- 2. US 101: South of Bridge Streetscape City of Depoe Bay
- 3. US 101: NE 25th to NE 36th Street Sidewalk Improvements City of Newport
- 4. Safe Routes to School Improvements for Sunrise Elementary School City of Albany
- 5. Public Transportation HUB Linn-Benton Community College

The CWACT TAC recommends this ranking be approved by the CWACT.

ODOT Planning Projects in the CWACT Region

Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties

(as of October 2015)

<u>Transportation System Plan (TSP) Updates:</u> Up-to-date TSPs are a Region 2 Planning priority, in order to identify and support strategic future transportation projects based on realistic fiscal assumptions. Terry Cole, Dan Fricke and Valerie Grigg Devis currently serve as the ODOT Planning Managers in partnership with local agency staff, policymakers and our consultant team. Resources to support locally adopted TSPs are provided by ODOT and State Planning Research funds.

<u>Lincoln City TSP:</u> The City's First TSP is nearly completed with adoption anticipated in late 2015. The Plan includes a Project List of Highway, Transit, Bicycle and Pedestrian improvements designated as "Fiscally Constrained" (reasonably likely to be funded within the next 20 years) and "Aspirational" (projects for which there is no identified funding within the next 20 year horizon). R2 Project Manager: Terry Cole.

http://www.lincolncitytsp.org/

<u>Depoe Bay TSP Update:</u> This update includes enhanced bicycle, transit and pedestrian features on US 101 and the local street system, evaluation of US-101 lane configurations and updated development codes. Anticipated adoption in late 2015. R2 Project Manager: Valerie Grigg Devis

http://www.depoebaytsp.com/

Newport Transportation Model & TSP Update: A new transportation system model has been designed to evaluate the transportation system needs of Newport. Now that the model is complete, the City will undertake a TSP update including long-term assessment of the Yaquina Bay Bridge. R2 Project Manager: Terry Cole http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION2/Pages/Yaquina-Bay-Bridge.aspx

<u>City of Corvallis TSP Update & Transit Development Plan:</u> First Community Survey received over 400 responses. First Phase will also include: (1) Goals & Objectives & Performance Measures, (2) forecast Future Demand & "No Build" conditions, (3) Toolbox of Solutions, including Bike & Ped project option, and (4) Evaluation of Future Funding. R2 Project Manager: Valerie Grigg Devis

http://corvallistsp.org/

<u>Linn County TSP Update:</u> Countywide assessment of current conditions and future transportation needs. Scoping and contract process now underway. R2 Project Manager: Dan Fricke

http://linncountytsp.org/

<u>City of Millersburg TSP:</u> The first phases now underway for the City's First TSP. R2 Project Manager: Dan Fricke

<u>Lebanon TSP Refinement</u> - Identification of transportation needs of north city development and new UGB areas, as well as status of major corridors and truck routes. First Phase now underway - including existing conditions, website, public engagement and initial meetings. R2 Project Manager: Valerie Grigg Devis

Benton County TSP Update: TGM Grant was approved in September. Project scoping & consultant selection process will now get underway. David Helton, TGM Project Manager.

<u>Philomath TSP Update:</u> Contract is completed & project is underway. First Public Outreach anticipated in 2016. R2 Project Manager: Valerie Grigg Devis

Additional Planning Work in Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties

Albany Transit Development Plan: In coordination with the new AAMPO plan, the updated Transit Development Plan for Albany Transit System will assess current and future services, including the Loop and additional proposed routes. Future funding issues will also be addressed. The plan will be consistent with the TSP Updates and the new MPO RTP. R2 Project Manager: Dan Fricke

Albany Area MPO - Regional Transportation System Plan (RTP/RTSP) - The Albany MPO is developing the first RTSP/RTP. The process will include Mosaic performance metrics for long-term project assumptions: Mosaic is a "least cost planning method" that provides a systematic evaluation of possible solutions, weighted for value, cost and other factors. Contract approved 2/4/15. R2 Project Manager: Dan Fricke

http://www.ocwcog.org/Page.asp?NavID=425
http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/pages/lcp.aspx

<u>CAMPO Scenario Planning</u> – Assessment of greenhouse gas impacts and future scenarios for Corvallis, Philomath, Adair Village and Benton County TSPs, consistent with the Oregon Sustainable Transportation Initiative. Work is supported by ODOT'S Transportation Planning Analysis Unit (TPAU) and Transportation Development Division (TDD) and includes use of statewide greenhouse gas emissions model. For more information see:

http://www.corvallisareampo.org/Page.asp?NavID=64 http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/OSTI/Pages/scenario_planning.aspx#strata

<u>CAMPO RTP/RSTP Update:</u> Contract process underway. Project will begin in Fall/Winter 2015-6. R2 Project Manager: Valerie Grigg Devis.

Corvallis Lebanon Albany Millersburg (CALM) Regional Transportation Model (for Benton/Linn area)

- ODOT's Transportation Planning and Analysis Unit (TPAU) creates and maintains travel demand models for state and local planning such as air quality conformity, system plans, environmental studies and other efforts.
- TPAU recently developed a new University component for the CALM Model which will more accurately represent travel patterns associated with the OSU campus. The model also includes recent regional transit survey data.
- TPAU is available to work in cooperation with MPOs and local jurisdictions who wish to use the CALM model.
- TPAU work in our area also includes the statewide transportation greenhouse gas emissions model:

http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/pages/tpau.aspx

Statewide Planning Initiatives

<u>Oregon Transportation Options Plan</u> – This is Oregon's first Transportation Options Plan (TO Plan). The purpose is to establish vision and guidance that integrates many transportation choices - bike, walk, transit, share ride and telecommute - into local, regional, and state transportation plans and investment. Project manager: <u>Michael.D.ROCK@odot.state.or.us</u>

http://www.oregon.gov/odot/td/tp/pages/toplan.aspx

<u>Oregon Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan</u> - ODOT's <u>original Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan</u> was developed in 1995. The new Plan will provide policy for investments for the entire state, including local facilities and guide local TSPs, the STIP and other programs, but will not include specific projects. ODOT Project manager: <u>Savannah.CRAWFORD@odot.state.or.us</u>

http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/pages/bikepedplan.aspx

<u>Oregon Transportation Safety Action Plan</u> - The Plan serves as the State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). Oregon's safety programs rely on relationships among ODOT's Transportation Safety Division and other state, tribal, regional and local governments, emergency services and enforcement organizations. ODOT Project Manager: Nancy.E.Murphy@odot.state.or.ushttp://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/TP/Pages/tsap.aspx

Oregon Passenger Rail EIS – Technical studies for Environmental Impact Study and operations/ridership analyses are underway. There are 2 alternatives plus "No Build". Public review to determine the preferred alternative begins November 2015 - including online open house first week of November, followed by Corridor Forum and Leadership Council. Review of EIS will be Fall 2016. Project manager: Jim.B.COX@odot.state.or.us http://www.oregonpassengerrail.org/

Overview of State and Federal Transportation Funding Opportunities for Local Government

(as of October 2015)

Enhance & Fix-It Funds - State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program is Oregon's four-year transportation capital improvement program. It identifies the funding and scheduling of transportation projects and programs. It includes projects on the federal, state, city, and county transportation systems, multimodal projects (highway, passenger rail, freight, public transit, bicycle and pedestrian), and projects in Indian tribal lands. The STIP is divided into two broad categories:

- Enhance: Activities that enhance, expand, or improve the transportation system
- Fix-It: Activities that fix or preserve the transportation system

The Fix-It project selection is based on management systems that identify needs based on technical information for things like pavement and bridges. The Enhance process was a significant change and reflects ODOT's goal to become a more multimodal agency and make investment decisions based on the system as a whole. The agency has requested assistance from our local partners in developing the STIP and identifying those projects that assist in moving people and goods through the transportation system.

Availability: The 4-year STIP cycle is determined by the OTC, based on federal funding. Typically, it occurs every 2 years.

State Program Website: http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TD/STIP/Pages/about.aspx

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Connect Oregon

In 2005, the Oregon Legislature created the Multimodal Transportation Fund to invest in air, marine, rail, and public transit infrastructure. The Fund is part of the *Connect*Oregon program; providing grants and loans to non-highway transportation projects that promote economic development in Oregon. The legislature authorized issuance of \$100 million in lottery-backed revenue bonds to fund the program in each of the 2005-07, 2007-09, and 2009-11 biennia and \$40 million was authorized in 2011 for 2011-13. *Connect*Oregon projects have resulted in many successes: creating job opportunities, retaining major employers, reduced transportation costs, lowering barriers to economic development and improved safety.

State Program Website: http://www.oregon.gov/odot/td/tp/pages/connector.aspx#top

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The All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS):

The All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) Program addresses safety needs on all public roads in Oregon. Only by working collaboratively with local road jurisdictions (cities, counties, MPO's and tribes) can ODOT expect to increase awareness of safety on all roads, promote best practices, compliment behavioral safety efforts and focus limited resources to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes. The program is data driven to achieve the greatest benefits in crash reduction without regard to jurisdictional boundaries.

State Program Website: http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/TRAFFIC-ROADWAY/Pages/ARTS.aspx

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Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP):

The Federal Lands Access Program was established in 23 U.S.C. 204 to improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands. The Access Program supplements State and local resources for public roads, transit systems, and other transportation facilities, with an emphasis on high-use recreation sites and economic generators.

Federal Program Website: http://flh.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/flap/

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Federal TIGER Grants:

The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the Federal DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve critical national objectives. Since 2009, Congress has dedicated more than \$4.1 billion for six rounds to fund projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a region or a metropolitan area. Applicants must detail the benefits their project would deliver for five long-term outcomes: safety, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, livability and environmental sustainability. DOT also evaluates projects on their expected contributions to economic recovery, as well as their ability to facilitate innovation and new partnerships. This is a highly competitive program: Typically only one project per year is awarded in Oregon.

Federal Program Website: http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/infrastructure/tiger/#tg14

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Funding for Transportation Planning

Transportation Growth Management (TGM):

TGM Grants help local communities plan for streets and land uses that support livable, economically vital, and sustainable communities and increase opportunities for transit, walking and bicycling. Some examples of recent TGM projects:

- <u>City of Newport's</u> "Leveraging LIDs as a Transportation Funding Tool" This project will develop model policy and code to assist the City and other local jurisdictions in making Local Improvement Districts (LIDs) an effective and publicly acceptable financing tool for transportation improvements.
- <u>City of Lincoln City</u> "*Nelscott Gap Plan*" This project includes land use and transportation concepts for the District, which included a "Community Design Week" with an Open Studio Space event. The Plan has input from property owners, school children, business owners, vacation rental owners and other community members. For further details, visit the project website: <u>www.nelscottplan.com</u> or "LIKE" the page "Nelscott Plan".
- <u>City of Philomath</u> "Transportation System Plan Update" This Project will update the City's 1999 TSP, and address downtown system improvements, transit service, Safe Routes to School, recent land use changes from industrial to commercial and residential uses, and establish a downtown STA (Special Transportation Area) to support a pedestrian oriented environment.

Availability: Annual Application process. Grants range from \$75,000-\$300,000 - typically suitable for small or midsized community planning efforts. Pre-Application process will begin in early 2016. The deadline for 2016 applications will be Mid-June.

State Program Website: http://www.oregon.gov/lcd/tgm/pages/grants.aspx

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State Planning Research (SPR) Funds:

Updating City and County Transportation System Plans is a Region 2 Planning priority. Each new Plan identifies and supports strategic future transportation investments based on realistic fiscal assumptions for the next 20 years. Funding for professional consulting services is provided to local jurisdictions upon request. Some examples of SPR Funded projects include:

• Corvallis TSP and Transit Development Plan: http://corvallistsp.org/

• Lincoln City Transportation System Plan http://www.lincolncitytsp.org/

Availability: Ongoing, subject to federal funding availability. The funding amounts vary, according to local needs, and may be suitable to larger city and county jurisdictions.

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