

**OREGON CASCADES WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2017**

MEMBERS: Mayor Sharon Konopa, Albany; Commissioner Anne Schuster, Benton County; Mayor Biff Traber, Corvallis; Councilor Bob Elliott, Lebanon; and Bob Daley, Senior Services Advisory Council (SSAC) Chair.

STAFF: Executive Director Fred Abousleman; Deputy Director Lydia George; Finance Director Sue Forty; Community and Economic Development (CED) Director Phil Warnock; Senior and Disability Services (SDS) Program Manager Randi Moore; and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Kelley.

The Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments' (OCWCOG) Budget Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Hall at 1:02 pm on March 16, 2017 at the Cascades West Center in Albany.

1. Election of Budget Chair and Secretary

Mayor Biff Traber motioned to elect Commissioner Bill Hall as Chair, and Commissioner Anne Schuster as Secretary of the Budget Committee; Mayor Sharon Konopa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. FY2017-2018 Draft Work Program & Budget Review

Mayor Traber asked if the next *Work Program & Budget* could reflect a comparison of the previous year. Finance Director Sue Forty agreed.

Finance Director Forty stated that this *Work Program & Budget* is similar to last year, aside from increases in contracts for *Ride Line* and the Brownfield Project.

Executive Director Fred Abousleman stated that there are ongoing discussions surrounding the structure of Senior and Disability Services (SDS). The impact to SDS's budget will be negligible, however there may be changes in allocation of funds within the budget. Commissioner Schuster asked when more details would be provided around these structural changes. Executive Director Abousleman stated that more details would be finalized in one to two weeks.

Mayor Sharon Konopa asked whether any recent changes had been made to budgets on a State or National level. Executive Director Abousleman stated that yes, changes had occurred within the last 24 hours, and that member jurisdictions would likely see different cuts than OCWCOG.

The Committee discussed the President's Budget, as well as potential impacts. Executive Director Abousleman explained the national budgeting process to the Committee.

Executive Director Abousleman stated that the Budget Committee will reconvene in May to review the final *Work Program & Budget*. Some budget numbers may change slightly between draft and final.

4. **Other Business**

There was no other business.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Jennifer Kelley.