



Executive Committee Meeting Agenda Packet

May 4, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

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An Executive Session may be called as deemed necessary by the Chair, pursuant to ORS 192.660.

1. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** (*Chair Sharon Konopa*)
(9:00 – 9:05 a.m.)

Minutes of the February 23, 2017 Executive Committee meeting will be reviewed for approval (Page 3).

ACTION: Motion to approve the February 23, 2017 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

2. **OCWCOG Special Projects Fund** (*Executive Director Fred Abousleman*)
(9:05 – 9:20 a.m.)

The Executive Committee will further discuss the proposed Special Projects Fund.

ACTION: Information only, no action needed.

3. **OCWCOG Annual Dinner** (*Executive Director Fred Abousleman*)
(9:20 – 9:25 a.m.)

Executive Director Abousleman will provide updates on the OCWCOG Annual Dinner (Page 9).

ACTION: Information only, no action needed.

4. **OCWCOG Program Updates** (*All Program Directors*)
(9:25 – 9:40 a.m.)

Staff will be available to answer any questions from the Executive Committee on the program updates (Page 11, Page 13).

ACTION: Information only, no action needed.

5. May Full Board Agenda Items (*Chair Sharon Konopa*)
(9:40 – 9:45 a.m.)

The Executive Committee will review and comment on proposed agenda items for the next Board of Directors Meeting. Staff will present items for the agenda known to date, including:

- 1. Consent Calendar**
 - a. Approval of previous Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
 - b. Approval of Senior Services Advisory Council Membership for Robynn Pease
 - c. FY2018-2019 Senior Meals Food Contract Increases
- 2. Presentation and Adoption of the *FY2017-2018 Work Program and Budget***
- 3. Association of Oregon Counties Priorities**
- 4. Adoption of the Senior and Disability Services' *2017-2020 Area Plan***
- 5. Board Endorsement of the Older Americans Act Proclamation**
- 6. OCWCOG Special Projects Fund**
- 7. OCWCOG Annual Dinner**
- 8. Program Update Question and Answers**
- 9. Topics of Regional Interest**
- 10. Other Business**
- 11. Adjournment**

6. Other Business
(9:45 – 9:50 a.m.)

7. Adjournment
(9:50 a.m.)

**OREGON CASCADES WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 23, 2017**

MEMBERS: Mayor Sharon Konopa, Albany; Commissioner Anne Schuster, Benton County; Mayor Biff Traber, Corvallis; and Councilor Bob Elliott, Lebanon.

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; Communications Consultant Lindsey Riley; and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Kelley.

The Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments' (OCWCOG) Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Konopa at 9:13 am on February 23, 2017 at the Cascades West Center in Albany.

1. Introductions

Chair Konopa welcomed attendees and introductions were made.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Councilor Bob Elliott motioned to approve the January 19, 2017 Special Executive Committee meeting minutes, Commissioner Anne Schuster seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Review of the 2017-2020 Senior and Disability Services (SDS) Area Plan

SDS Program Manager Randi Moore reminded the Committee of the Board of Directors' approval of the *2017-2020 Senior and Disability Services Area Plan (Plan)* at the September 15, 2016 meeting. The *Plan* was submitted to the State of Oregon in October. After submission, SDS underwent a revision process with the State, editing the document with updated goals, objectives, and policy clarifications. In January, the State of Oregon approved the *Plan*. There are not any significant changes from what the Board saw in September, as the State focuses more on bookkeeping, policy, and screening procedures, rather than on future projects.

Commissioner Schuster asked whether SDS is still able to do what it had hoped, considering revisions that were made. SDS Program Manager Moore stated that on occasion the State's identified goals are not necessarily in alignment with consumer priorities, the overall goals laid out in the *Plan* are still intact.

Commissioner Schuster asked for an example of State goals not aligning with consumer priorities. SDS Program Manager Moore stated that transportation is a large concern of OCWCOG consumers, specifically being able to get to medical appointments. The State's goals focus more on making sure that diverse and underserved populations are reached. While that is an important goal, it would be nice to focus on both, and hopefully in a way that they were tied together. SDS Program Manager Moore stated that there are community forums where consumers and advocates come together to discuss issues like food security, transportation, and housing. These are big issues, and if these issues could be addressed, reaching underserved populations would automatically happen.

Mayor Biff Traber stated that using focus groups to address needs doesn't necessarily incorporate the voices of underserved populations, and asked how connected SDS Program Manager Moore thinks that SDS is to these populations. SDS Program Manager Moore stated that the State's focus did cause SDS to reach out to more specific communities, such as the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities; and Latinx (a person of Latin American descent, used as a general neutral or non-binary alternative to Latino or Latina) communities. These communities also identified the same priorities – housing, food, and transportation.

Mayor Traber stated that because the State had different goals, additional outreach may have been appropriate. However, he stated that it is good to hear universal priorities among groups.

Executive Director Fred Abousleman said that it is not often that a detailed discussion on a *Plan* happens, and suggested that the Board use the *Plan* to either coordinate efforts for OCWCOG to take on programs not currently in our purview, or explore other avenues to getting community needs met. Executive Director Abousleman stated that approving a *Plan* with no goals outlined for accomplishing the priorities has no community benefit. Executive Director Abousleman requested the Executive Committee ask their communities to work on these problems, and to think about what OCWCOG can do to help.

Commissioner Schuster stated that Economic Development ties into these issues.

Chair Konopa stated that it is difficult to demand that someone receive behavioral or mental health support, and asked whether support is focused in-home. SDS Program Manager Moore said that SDS's focus on mental health support is mainly within the *Program to Encourage Active and Rewarding Lives (PEARLS)*. This program reaches out to people that may not normally consider therapy or counseling, but may consider other things, like having someone come talk to them about how they could be more engaged so they don't feel so "down." The other focus of SDS on mental health is to increase services to those already within the Medicaid program.

Commissioner Schuster stated that some Oregon Health Plan (OHP) patients have access to home health clinics focusing on behavioral health. SDS Program Manager Moore stated that unfortunately, some people of an older generation will not pursue mental health services, even if recommended by a doctor. Some are more accepting of home visits, as it is perceived differently than going to a clinic.

CED Director Phil Warnock stated that possible ways to increase effectiveness of services by coordination among programs is being explored.

Commissioner Schuster stated that Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center is looking to expand their family and adult mental health facility, and that part of the expansion would be training more mental health workers.

4. OCWCOG Program Updates

Councilor Dann Cutter stated that OCWCOG's Board of Directors had previously discussed whether to add certain Board positions for non-elected members, but that concerns were expressed about these members not having accountability to their communities. For this reason, the Board had decided not to pursue having these additional positions. However, on the Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACT) Executive Board, one

member is from the private sector. Councilor Cutter asked whether the Board should insist that CWACT's Executive Board be only elected officials, to ensure public input and accountability.

CED Director Warnock stated that OCWCOG is the only Council of Governments (COG) to have an Area Commission on Transportation (ACT) as a standing committee of the Board of Directors. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) runs all other ACTs independently. ODOT has previously considered severing the COG relationship altogether. Additionally, CWACT Bylaws require that certain membership positions be open to appointed members. Each of these membership positions are also open to elected officials.

Councilor Cutter stated that he would like to encourage CWACT Executive Board members be elected officials, as they drive the direction of meetings. Mayor Traber asked who decides who is on the Executive Board. CED Director Warnock stated that members for the Executive Board are caucused by County, so each County has representation.

Mayor Traber asked how often this happens. CED Director Warnock said it is annually. Mayor Traber asked if appointments occur based on Fiscal Year. CED Director Warnock stated that it is by calendar year, but with staggered term expirations.

Mayor Traber asked what connections exist between the CWACT Board and our two regional Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). CED Director Warnock stated that there are coordination agreements, including presentations among groups.

Executive Director Aoulosleman stated that OCWCOG will put together a summary of CWACT Bylaws for the next Board Meeting, and begin adding Committee memberships to Agenda Packets going forward. Mayor Traber asked for more clarification going forward on how members are appointed to the Executive Boards of standing committees.

Chair Konopa asked whether CED Director Warnock had any information about potential reductions to public transportation funding. CED Director Warnock stated that he has heard of potential cuts to the Economic Development Administration (EDA), but nothing certain.

Chair Konopa stated that she had heard rumors of public transportation funding being removed to provide more funding for infrastructure. CED Director Warnock responded that he had not heard anything about those cuts.

Executive Director Aoulosleman stated that there is currently a discussion happening about a new infrastructure package, and that the President has stated that it would have a \$1 trillion budget, but there is nothing certain at this point.

Mayor Traber asked whether any word had been heard on potential federal funding impacts to states regarding immigration enforcement laws. Executive Director Aoulosleman stated that funding could potentially affect state budgets, and then cities potentially as a result. Executive Director Aoulosleman stated that OCWCOG is currently following the status of federal funding cuts.

Commissioner Schuster asked whether there are any updates on the State Budget. Executive Director Aoulosleman stated that the budget is not looking great, and that the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) is still a huge funding liability. Mayor Traber

stated that the State often focuses on their own budget, but not necessarily the budget consequences of smaller jurisdictions.

5. March Full Board Agenda Items

Chair Konopa asked for suggestions for a Topic of Regional Interest for the upcoming Board of Directors meeting. Executive Director Abousleman stated that previously, homelessness, the Solar Eclipse, transportation, and economic development had all been suggested topics.

Chair Konopa stated that the State is currently in Legislative Session, and that could be discussed.

Councilor Cutter stated that it is also budgeting season, and suggested a discussion regarding how OCWCOG might aid in a goal or long-term project that may not fit in to jurisdictional budgets.

Mayor Traber suggested discussing key budget issues that different sized cities are having, along with potential solutions.

Commissioner Schuster suggested having a round-table on economic development. Executive Director Abousleman asked whether there should be two topics. Commissioner Schuster stated that one topic is fine, and that economic development could be a topic for a future meeting.

Executive Director Abousleman stated that the OCWCOG Draft Budget would be presented at the next meeting, along with the Financial Audit and a presentation by the auditors.

Commissioner Schuster asked whether there would be an update on the Annual Dinner. Executive Director Abousleman stated that if the Board agreed, it could be put on the Agenda for March.

Executive Director Abousleman asked whether the Board wanted the *Special Projects Fund* discussed in the next meeting, or if more details should be discussed in Executive Committee with the intention of bringing a more specific plan to the Board. Councilor Cutter stated that having more discussion by the Executive Committee would be best.

The Executive Committee reviewed and approved the following Board of Directors meeting agenda for their March 16th meeting:

- 1. Consent Calendar**
 - a. Approval of previous Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
- 2. OCWCOG Special Projects Fund**
- 3. OCWCOG Annual Dinner**
- 4. Board Endorsement of the Older Americans Act Proclamation**
- 5. Program Update Question and Answers**
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6. **Other Business**

Executive Director Abousleman stated that award categories for the Annual Dinner have been drafted, and reminded the Committee that one member had said there should be less emphasis on a person, and more emphasis on actions. Executive Director Abousleman discussed the tentative award categories with the Committee.

Mayor Traber asked when the Annual Dinner will be held. Communications Consultant Lindsey Riley responded that the two dates being considered are November 2nd and November 9th. The Committee agreed on November 2nd. Executive Director Abousleman stated that the event will be held at the CH2M Hill Alumni Center. The Board will be presented with costs, along with a suggested sponsorship program. The event will likely host approximately 200 guests, with seating reserved for Board members and community partners. Once reserved seating is assigned, the event will be open to the public. There will be a charge for meals.

Chair Konopa asked if there will be the potential for guests to stay overnight at a nearby hotel. Executive Director Abousleman stated that OCWCOG can consider holding rooms nearby at a reduced rate.

Executive Director Abousleman stated that a second draft has been created for the grant writer job description, as well as a development officer. Funding is still being explored for these positions. Executive Director Abousleman stated that CED Director Warnock has hired a Geographic Information System (GIS) Planner, Steve Lucker. GIS Planner Lucker is already well-connected within the community. Initially, he will be working with the City of Philomath, but he is available to assist other communities if needed.

Executive Director Abousleman stated that Solar Eclipse discussions have taken place with other states, State partners, and the congressional delegation. Recommendations include prefunding disaster funds, as the event could potentially be like a disaster in scope. OCWCOG has asked about Oregon and Idaho co-sponsoring an appropriations bill. Executive Director Abousleman expressed concern that no one has asked for discrete State funding.

Executive Director Abousleman told the Committee that he knows someone working currently in the Industry Council for Emergency Response Technologies (iCERT). iCERT represents the technological side of 9-1-1 response, regarding new technologies and efficiencies. Executive Director Abousleman suggested having a presentation at the July 20th Board Meeting, with the potential to invite other local partners, specifically emergency responders.

Chair Konopa stated that emergency responders in the Albany area are already having these conversations, and that she wouldn't want to overlap. Executive Director Abousleman stated that the idea is not to overlap, and that this presentation would be beneficial for innovation and funding. Mayor Traber stated that Corvallis has funding issues with this field, along with not having as much influence as the City thinks it should.

Executive Director Abousleman stated that his contact has experience worldwide, and is thus a good person with which to brainstorm ideas. Mayor Traber stated that the discussion seems like it could be worthwhile.

Executive Director Abousleman stated that Broadband USA is willing to provide help regarding how the region moves forward with broadband internet in communities. Currently OCWCOG is considering a grant for rural connectivity and last-mile broadband implementation. Executive Director Abousleman stated that the Council of Governments in College Station, Texas has gotten five rural counties to commit to broadband as a form of economic development.

Mayor Traber stated that it would be worthwhile to have a presentation for both the Board and City/County Managers/Administrators.

Executive Director Abousleman told the Committee that he met with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in Washington, DC. They are willing to match funds for a regional or local arts program. The NEA would like to see a regional assessment of arts opportunities, such as institutions, galleries, and theaters, to see linkages. The NEA suggested exploring links between art and health.

Executive Director Abousleman proposed that another project idea could include an art ride to farms, where participants would bicycle to a farm, and get a cooking demonstration to learn how to cook healthy meals with local ingredients. This would connect more rural areas and Counties as part of the art forum. Executive Director Abousleman stated that in Nebraska, struggling local farmers had artists put art in a field, reflecting local farmers and their goals. The farmers held art tours on their farm, could promote their Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs, and some eventually started making art themselves.

Mayor Traber stated that these are concepts that an assessment could help connect.

Mayor Traber stated that there is an upcoming forum with United States Congressman Peter DeFazio, Oregon's 4th District representative. However, there is some confusion as to the format of this event. Chair Konopa stated that she had also been invited, and that it was presented as a conversation among elected officials, but with the public invited. Mayor Traber stated that the forum is funded by Congressman DeFazio's campaign committee, rather than his district office. Executive Director Abousleman offered OCWCOG support in organizing events in the future.

7. Adjournment

Chair Konopa adjourned the meeting at 10:37 am.

Minutes Recorded by Jennifer Kelley.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 4, 2017
TO: OCWCOG Executive Committee
FROM: Fred Abousleman, Executive Director
RE: **OCWCOG Annual Dinner**

On November 2nd, OCWCOG is hosting an Annual Dinner that will include a *State of the Region* update, awards presentation, and fundraiser for the *Meals on Wheels* program. OCWCOG will offer sponsorships for the Annual Dinner, providing local businesses and organizations the opportunity to participate and support the Region and *Meals on Wheels*. Attendance will first be opened to members and community partners, with remaining open seats available to the public at a slightly higher cost. Registration for the Annual Dinner will open in August.

OCWCOG Awards Categories

All awards categories must be for individuals or projects representing, or contained in, any local jurisdiction within the OWCOG Region of Linn, Benton, or Lincoln Counties.

Citizen of the Region Award

This award will recognize an exceptional citizen of our tri-County Region who has proven to be a community leader, role model, trend setter, or visionary, or who possesses other demonstrable qualities that set them and their work apart. The award is not intended for political activism or engagement.

Chair's Award

The OCWCOG Board Chair retains a yearly award to be given at his or her discretion to any person or entity that he or she believes to be outstanding and that has contributed to the regional discussion.

Project of the Year

A nomination for *Project of the Year* can be of almost any type: planning, research, program, study, physical infrastructure (transportation, public safety, health, water, sewer, broadband, etc.), or implementation of a new system or process. The Project must be innovative, of community significance, and demonstrate how a community will be better because of it. The Project will be replicable, and demonstrate a commitment of community partners, other jurisdictions (if applicable), and collaboration.

Volunteer of the Year

OCWCOG's *Volunteer of the Year* will recognize an individual who has given of themselves above and beyond. This individual will demonstrate community spirit, giving, and selflessness.

Community Partner or Business of the Year

The nominee will be a non-governmental organization (a non-profit, college, university, private or public company, or a subsidiary therein) that has demonstrated a commitment to bettering the lives of residents of our tri-County Region and/or has shown a commitment to growing the economy, and/or helping strengthen our communities; is a proven leader in their field; and demonstrates partnership, collaboration, and innovation.

Meals on Wheels Volunteer of the Year Award

In the spirit of this Annual Dinner being a fundraiser for the Meals on Wheels program, OCWCOG will recognize one exemplary *Meals on Wheels* Volunteer of the Year. This Volunteer will recognize an individual who has given of themselves above and beyond for our seniors and persons with disabilities in our communities. This Volunteer will have also and demonstrated community spirit, giving, and selflessness.

Nomination/Selection/Award Process

OCWCOG will release nominations forms by the end of May. Nominations will be reviewed by the OCWCOG Board of Directors, which may include a delegation of partners to participate in the review process. Recipients will be recognized before the end of the year.



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Area Agency on Aging

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 4, 2017
TO: OCWCOG Executive Committee
FROM: Randi Moore and Mary Kay Fitzmorris, SDS Program Managers
RE: Senior and Disabilities Services (SDS) Program Report

Activities of Daily Living Rule Changes and Transition Plan for Ineligible Medicaid Consumers

Medicaid’s Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) program provides an array of home and community-based services, assisting Medicaid recipients with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) such as bathing, eating, and elimination. All Oregon consumers receiving assistance through the HCBS program have an initial assessment, and subsequent annual assessments, to determine eligibility for services.

The State of Oregon has approached the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Federal agency that oversees Medicare and Medicaid services, requesting revision in eligibility rules. *This revision would modify and adjust assistance need levels for eligibility qualification.* These changes would result in an estimated 4% of current recipients no longer being eligible for these services, or approximately 1,219 individuals statewide.

To mitigate the potential risks to individuals who may lose eligibility, the State is requesting that transition services be made available to assist affected consumers. *Specifically, these services would be available for those consumers in residential settings who may lose eligibility because of the adjustments, or individuals who are still eligible for services, but will now be receiving these services in a lower level care setting.* Transition services could include supports such as case management and financial assistance for the purchase of furniture or other household items, or providing first and last month’s rent for housing.

Two major hurdles must be faced before implementation of the ADL changes can move forward: CMS needs to approve the State’s request to adapt eligibility rules; and APD will be required to get Legislative approval to use funds for transition services.

Oregon Project Independence

Oregon Project Independence (OPI) provides a small amount of in-home care (currently less than three hours per week in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties) to seniors with tasks such as housekeeping, bathing, or shopping. The well-loved program, which is funded by Oregon General Funds, faces a 75% funding cut in the Governor's Budget this year. The Governor's Budget must be implemented by July 1st unless otherwise directed by the Legislature.

The Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging (O4AD) will be approaching the Joint Committee on Ways and Means to clarify that in order to provide adequate notice to OPI consumers of any program cuts happening by June 30th, notice would need to be sent in May. It is expected that direction will be given to hold the implementation of the Governor's Budget, with current allocation levels continuing until a finalized budget is adopted by the Legislature.

Day at the Capitol

On May 17th, O4AD will be organizing a day of advocacy and education at the Oregon Legislature. This is an opportunity for seniors, people with disabilities, advocates, and other stakeholders to share stories about the importance of services to seniors and people with disabilities. O4AD hopes to relay the need to invest in, not cut, programs that protect independence, dignity, choice, and safety for these vulnerable populations.

Link to registration: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1K8DwNixBmlyYd9_z7KVb0F_-qsJqofpHXD7GcOyYtg

Meals on Wheels (MOW) Mail Direct Campaign

Last fall, *MOW* contracted with Lautman, Maska, Neill and Company (Lautman) to complete the first direct-mail campaign the program has participated in for several years. Lautman is a direct mail co-op specifically designed to support *MOW* programs. The first mailing happened in November, and focused not only on reaching current donors, but also building our acquisition base. The campaign was a success, with the program netting \$56,000. *MOW* has decided to participate in a mail campaign this spring as well, with the letter expected to arrive in mailboxes in late April. We will continue to judge the effectiveness of the campaign as it progresses.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 4, 2017
TO: OCWCOG Executive Committee
FROM: Phil Warnock, Community and Economic Development Director
RE: **Community and Economic Development (CED) Program Update**

Business Lending

In March, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) completed a site visit to Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) to obtain final signatures for the Rural Microenterprise Assistance Program (RMAP) loan and grant. This RMAP program provides Cascades West Business Lending (CWBL) with a \$200,000 loan to provide local business lending, and an additional \$50,000 grant to offer technical assistance on lending options.

Also in March, the USDA released its Intermediary Relending Program's 2016 audit findings for CWBL. These audits are performed approximately every three fiscal years, to ensure CWBL's compliance with USDA and Loan Program Advisory Council (LPAC) rules. CWBL received all positive findings in the two main categories reviewed – General Program Administration and Ultimate Recipient Files Reviewed.

CWBL has received an increasing number of loan program inquiries. Recent attendance at several Chamber of Commerce events, entrepreneur meet-ups, and bank visits have increased awareness and promotion of CWBL loan programs.

Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) held a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting March 9th and a Policy Board meeting March 22nd, focusing on progress with its *Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)*. This *RTP* guides transportation investments and priorities for the AAMPO area, which includes Albany, Jefferson, Millersburg, Tangent, and portions of Benton and Linn Counties. AAMPO is the first Metropolitan Planning Organization to use the State's Mosaic tool, which evaluates Return on Investment when comparing different planning options, and incorporate the results in their *RTP*.

The *RTP* has developed four scenarios for future transit service in the AAMPO area, featuring short-term, mid-term, and long-term options for enhancing and leveraging coverage in Albany, and potentially in surrounding communities. The options were further discussed with City of Albany staff on April 4th, and will be refined based on their technical input. Public outreach will be conducted throughout the AAMPO area this spring.

Regional Park and Ride Plan

OCWCOG held an initial stakeholder meeting for Linn and Benton Counties on March 30th to advance its two-year *Regional Park and Ride Plan (Plan)*. The *Plan* will support Transportation Demand Management in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties, and foster a multi-modal transportation system to connect communities and local/regional transit. The need for new and expanded park-and-ride sites has been identified in many local transportation planning documents throughout the Region. Meeting attendees provided preliminary feedback on amenities and siting. A Lincoln County meeting will be announced soon. More information is available at www.ocwcog.org/transportation/park-and-ride.

Community Bikeshare: *Pedal Corvallis*

OCWCOG is partnering with Oregon State University (OSU) for the first expansion of the *Pedal Corvallis* pilot bikeshare program. OSU is joining the bikeshare program with two stations and eight bicycles on campus. Bikesharing is a system of bicycles available for short-term use. In partnership with the InterCommunity Health Network Coordinated Care Organization (IHN-CCO), which is the Region's Medicaid provider, OCWCOG and several community partners launched the initial pilot project in June 2016. As of March 31st, the program has 93 active members, 225 all-time members, and 1,289 total trips. About 1/3 of participants are Medicaid members; a neighborhood-focused outreach campaign is being planned for summer 2017 to further increase participation by Medicaid members and others.



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