

Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation
Thursday, December 7, 2017
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Meeting held at: Cascades West Center
1400 Queen Avenue SE, Albany

Videoconference at: OCWCOG Offices
203 North Main Street, Toledo

AGENDA

- 1. 5:00 Welcome and Agenda Review** **Chair Hunt**
- 2. 5:05 Approve Minutes from September 28th meeting (Attachment 1)** **Chair**
ACTION: Approval of minutes
- 3. 5:10 Public Comments** **Chair**
This time is reserved for members of the public to comment on issues related to the CWACT's activities (limited to three minutes per comment).
ACTION: Information only
- 4. 5:15 Update on 2018 Membership Appointments (Handouts)** **Staff**
A request for Full Commission Membership updates will be sent to CWACT jurisdictions this month. A Caucus will be held in January to select the 2018 Executive Committee.
ACTION: Information
- 5. 5:25 AAMPO Regional Transportation Plan (Powerpoint)** **Chris Maciejewski, DKS Associates**
A Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the region served by the Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) is expected to be adopted in early 2018.
ACTION: Information only
- 6. 5:45 Aviation Grants (Attachment 2)** **Chris Bailey, City of Albany**
A review of the Technical Advisory Committee's evaluation of grant submissions for the Oregon Department of Aviation's "Aviation System Action Program" (ASAP).
ACTION: Approve submitting Application Review to Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA)
- 7. 6:00 All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) Update (Powerpoint)** **Amanda Salyer, ODOT**
An overview of funding opportunities and timelines for the ARTS program.
ACTION: Information only
- 8. 6:15 OTC Annual Workshop Overview** **Chair**
Update on the Oregon Transportation Commission's (OTC) October workshop in Silverton.
ACTION: Information only
- 9. 6:25 Area Manager's Report** **Savannah Crawford, ODOT**
ACTION: Information only
- 10. 6:45 Adjournment**

DRAFT MINUTES

**Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACT)
Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG), Albany
Albany videoconference
September 28, 2017 – 5:00 pm**

CWACT Members Present:

Annabelle Jaramillo, Benton County
Dick Anderson, City of Lincoln City
Bill Bain, Lincoln County Private Sector
Frannie Brindle, ODOT
Roger Nyquist, Linn County
Bob Elliott, City of Lebanon
Janet Steele, Linn County Private Sector
Don Miller, City of Millersburg
Greg Chamberlain, City of Halsey
Robert Gambino, City of Depoe Bay
Josh Smith, City of Toledo

CWACT Alternate Present:

Pam Barlow-Lind,
Ron Irish, City of Albany
Mary Steckel, City of Corvallis
Josh Wheeler, Benton County

Ex-Officio:

Ali Bonakdar

Guests:

Jackie Mikalonis, Governor's Office
John Pascone, Albany-Millersburg Economic Development Corporation
Phillip Scheuers, Gregory Smith & Company with AMEDC
Chuck Knoll, Linn County Road Department

OCWCOG Staff Present:

Phil Warnock
Tarah Campi
Seth Sherry

1. Welcome and Agenda Review

The Vice Chair, Commissioner Roger Nyquist, called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

2. Minutes from the August 2, 2017 meeting

ACTION: By consensus, the August 2, 2017 meeting minutes were approved as written.

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Lebanon Transit Development Plan

Kindra Oliver, staff member for the City of Lebanon, provided an update on the City's Transit Development Plan, an effort to expand transit services to serve the general public as well as seniors and persons with disabilities more effectively. She shared service maps that show enhancements to the north side of Lebanon, where development has been extensive in recent years (hospital expansion, medical school, etc.), among other areas. The Plan's strategies include marketing and outreach, capital improvements, volunteer recruitment, and more. A deviated fixed-route service is envisioned, which would decrease needs for demand-response.

5. Active Transportation Update

Jenna Berman, Active Transportation Coordinator for the Oregon Department of Transportation, Region 2, provided an update on her community engagement efforts in the region and multimodal projects, including pedestrian and bicycle safety investments she has been able to help target in Sweet Home, Corvallis, and elsewhere. She emphasized a focus on "complete streets" and explained that the ODOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is a modal plan such as the state Highway Plan, Public Transportation Plan, and others. Her role is to help projects get funded and help the public engage with ODOT.

6. Mid-Valley Intermodal Project Update

Phillip Scheuers of the Greg Smith LLC working with Albany Millersburg Economic Development Corporation (AMEDC) provided an update on an intermodal transfer project envisioned for the former International Paper site in Millersburg. The State Legislature has allocated \$25 million for a mid-valley facility as part of House Bill 2017, Oregon's landmark transportation funding package signed into law this summer. The specific site within the valley has not been chosen yet, but Millersburg is one of the potential options. Scheuers provided several maps of the site and an update on stakeholder outreach and potential alignment with existing freight and rail services in the region to improve efficiencies for local shippers, boosting economic development and mobility.

7. Corvallis-Albany Bike Path

Josh Wheeler, Benton County Public Works Director, provided an update on plans for the Corvallis-Albany Bikeway, including maps of the route that has been identified by stakeholders as the most viable. The route would follow Highway 20 starting near Conifer Blvd. in Corvallis and extending to North Albany. Wheeler said there could be additional options for "spurs" in the future, for example, to follow the Willamette River. Staff have held open houses, hosted an online survey, and lead Bikeway Advisory Committee meetings to get to the point of choosing the preferred alignment. Next steps include continued conversations with landowners, and more in-depth engineering analyses to present to Benton County Commissioners regarding feasibility.

8. Transit Funding Update: HB2017

Karyn Criswell, Project Manager at ODOT, provided an update on transit funding related to House Bill 2017 and expectations for regional recipients, including formula funding and competitive grants. Funding should be in place by January of 2019. The funding is 90% formula based, 5% competitive grants, 4% competitive intercity grants, and 1% for a statewide technical resource center. Commissioner Nyquist commented that ACTs should be involved in the application vetting process in order to streamline the process.

statewide. Criswell noted that transit providers will be required to apply for formula funding, which accounts for 90% of the funding. Nyquist noted that uncertain funding streams (such as the need for applications to ensure even a base level of funding), can negatively impact providers' ability to plan strategically and innovatively.

9. Area Manager's Report

Frannie Brindle, ODOT Region 2 South Area Manager, provided an update on upcoming Rulemaking for House Bill 2017, and an update on projects in the CWACT Area that have been funded by the bill. The Rulemaking committee will convene soon.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 10, 2017

TO: Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACT) Full Commission

FROM: Phil Warnock, Community and Economic Development Director

RE: Grant Applications: Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA) Critical Oregon Airport Relief (COAR), Aviation System Action Program (ASAP)

ACTION: Requested: Approve submitting Application Review to ODA

The Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA) is evaluating grant applications for its Critical Oregon Airport Relief (COAR) Aviation System Action Program (ASAP). COAR grants are awarded to public-use airports in Oregon through a competitive application process. These grants can provide up to \$150,000 in funding per project which may be used to match Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grants; to provide funding for safety and infrastructure development projects; or for projects that will provide aviation-related economic benefits to the airport.

Four applications have been submitted from the Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACT) Region: **City of Albany (one application), and City of Newport (three applications)**. In total, ODA has received 59 applications statewide totaling \$5.9 million; available funds are \$1.5 million. ODA will prioritize funding as follows:

1st priority – Assist with match requirements for FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grants
The CWACT area has produced 2 applications in this category:

- City of Albany Application Taxi-way connector realign, apron rehab
(*\$129,150 request to ODA and \$1,435,000 total project cost*)
 - This is the construction phase of the design work that was completed/funded with a previous FAA grant. Includes 28,500 square yards of main apron rehab and associated work, including realignment of the midway taxi connector. The FAA has committed to the construction of this project through grant number 3-41-0001-015-2017.
- City of Newport Application #1, Predesign for storm pipe rehab
(*\$18,924 request to ODA and \$60,000 total project cost*)
 - The project is storm pipe rehabilitation and slope repair, environmental and predesign to rehabilitate two 48" concrete storm pipes that are reaching the end of their service life.

2nd priority – Safety and infrastructure development: Resiliency
The CWACT area has produced 2 applications in this category:

- City of Newport Application #2, Emergency generator
(\$150,000 request to ODA and \$300,000 total project cost)
 - Purchase of a high-efficiency generator to use fuel already stored at the airport as a backup in an emergency
- City of Newport Application #3, Emergency solar power/battery storage
(\$45,000 request to ODA and \$90,000 total project cost)
 - Purchase of an Emergency Solar Power/Battery Storage System featuring a non-glare solar panel array and a 7kW backup battery and energy management system.

3rd priority – Aviation-related economic benefits related to airports

(No grant applications from CWACT area)

In accordance with the ODA application review processes followed by the CWACT in 2016, the CWACT Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) convened on Wednesday, November 8th to review the applications. The CWACT Aviation Representative, Chris Bailey of the City of Albany, next will represent the CWACT at the state's Aviation Review Committee to share the TAC's findings, once approved by the CWACT Full Commission. The TAC evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Whether a proposed transportation project is a critical link connecting elements of Oregon's transportation system that will measurably improve utilization and efficiency of the system.
- How much of the cost of a proposed transportation project can be borne by the applicant.
- Whether a proposed transportation project is ready for construction.
- Whether a proposed transportation project has a useful life expectancy that offers maximum benefit to the state.

All four grant applications were viewed favorably by the TAC. The TAC was not asked to rank the proposals. The Executive Committee concurred with the findings at their Thursday, November 9th meeting.

- **Next steps: With approval of the CWACT Full Commission, Aviation Representative Chris Bailey will submit the findings to the Oregon Department of Aviation's Aviation Review Committee (ARC). Information is due no later than December 22, 2017.**
- **The ARC will then evaluate the list of projects from around the state and produce a final ranking and recommendation for funding that will be submitted to the State Aviation Board. The final funding award is expected to take place at the State Aviation Board meeting in March 2018. The full schedule for grant review is below:**

