

Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation
Thursday, June 27, 2019
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 Jaramillo**

2. **5:05 Approve Minutes of April 25, 2019 (Attachment A)** **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).

4. **5:15 ADA Update** **Dick Upton**
ODOT status update on ADA program.
ACTION: Information Only **ODOT**

5. **6:15 Mid-Willamette Valley Intermodal Facility Update** **Roger Nyquist**
Summary of OTC discussion/decision at June 20th meeting.
ACTION: Information only

6. **6:25 STIP Project Update** **Stephanie Nappa**
Update on timelines for STIP projects within the region.
ACTION: Information Only **OCWCOG**

7. **6:45 DAS Training Process Review** **Stephanie Nappa**
DAS requires ACT members to complete sexual harassment and information security training by December 31. CWACT will schedule the training for an upcoming meeting date. **OCWCOG**

12. **6:55 Other Business** **Chair**
 - *August 22nd – Coastal Meeting*

13. **7:00 Adjournment**

DRAFT MINUTES
Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACT)
Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG), Toledo
Video Conferencing, Albany
April 25, 2019

CWACT Members Present: Dick Anderson, City of Lincoln City; Dick Olsen, City of Albany; Bill Bain, Lincoln County Private Sector; Annabelle Jaramillo, Benton County; John Huestis, ODOT; Roger Nyquist, Linn County; Jan Napack, City of Corvallis; Tom Meyer, City of Scio; Susan Woodruff, City of Waldport; Wayne Rieskamp, City of Lebanon, and Don Miller, City of Millersburg. Harrisburg rep arrived late

Via Video: Pam Barlow Lind, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians; Robert Gambino, Depoe Bay; Sara Skamser Port of Newport; Cody Gray, Lincoln County Private Sector; Josh Smith, City of Toledo; and Jim Tooke, City of Yachats.

CWACT Alternates Present: Ron Irish, City of Albany

Ex-Officio: Dana Nichols, AAMPO, and Nick Meltzer, CAMPO

OCWCOG Staff Present: Phil Warnock, and Emma Chavez

1. Welcome and Agenda Review

The Chair, Commissioner Anabelle Jaramillo, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Self-introductions were conducted.

2. Minutes from the February 28, 2019 meeting

Councilor Dick Olsen noted that he was not present at the last CWACT Full Commission meeting.

ACTION: Councilor Don Miller moved to approve the minutes. Jan Napack seconded. Minutes approved by consensus.

3. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

4. Caucus to Select Executive Committee Members

The Chair advised that the CWACT Executive Committee consists of one County Commissioner from each County within the CWACT Region, the ODOT Area Manager, and one additional representative from each County. At the first meeting of each year, each County's CWACT Commissioners caucus to select one County representative to serve on the Executive Committee.

Members did not caucus, rather discussed elections openly during the meeting and made a decision on each county's representative.

DECISION: Consensus for the following members to serve on the Executive Committee as follows: Linn County member, Millersburg City Councilor Don

Miller; Benton County, Corvallis City Councilor Jan Napack; and Lincoln County Private Sector Bill Bain.

5. Critical Oregon Airport Relief (COAR) Grant Project List

Staff Phil Warnock provided a quick update on the COAR approved project list. He noted that there are three funding levels; Priority I, II, and III with a total of 42 projects. In the CWACT area, one project was submitted for the Corvallis Municipal Airport. The Taxiway Slurry Seal project is on the Priority III list as project number 42. Projects 27 through 42 have been approved contingent upon available funding.

6. Linn-Benton Loop Service Enhancement Plan

Warnock advised that House Bill 2017 (HB2017) dedicated additional transit funding. The Plan allows the Loop to be better prepared to apply for those funds. Warnock noted that the Loop did not previously have spelled out a detailed plan on how to increase its service level. Loop Staff and members, worked with its partners on the development of the Plan. AAMPO had originally set aside funds for a Service Enhancement Study. Those funds were repurposed along with individual partner contributions for the Plan. Through an intergovernmental agreement, COG worked with ODOT to contract with Nelson Nygaard on the work, and spent approximately nine months developing the Plan.

Staff Nick Meltzer went on to provide an overview of the project. The project consisted on an existing conditions analysis, funding opportunities, and strategy development. The service loops from LBCC in Albany to Corvallis and back, with some service running to the train station. Many of the local jurisdictions have local Plans that spell out how to leverage the new transit funding funds that will become available. The Loop Plan went into Both the Linn County and Benton County Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Plans for funding on May 1st.

The study found that there continues to be a steady demand for Regional transit services, the Loop service is well used. However, it serves a limited market, and has limited weekend service. Additionally, there is a need for consistent information, and scheduling. The project team worked with an OSU class which developed and implemented an onboard survey of the Loop. The information, and feedback from stakeholders was utilized to develop the following long term vision; “The Linn-Benton Loop will continue to be a robust regional service for many years, connecting the Albany and Corvallis areas, and providing reliable service for residents, commuters, university students, and people making intercity connections at Albany Station. The Linn-Benton Loop will be a regional transit service designed around three coordinated routes.” The vision is plan through three different routes; Regional Route, US-20 Commuter, and Campus Connector.

Changes to the existing service include:

- Transforming the loop-based system to three independent bi-directional routes
- Extended evening service on weekdays
- Direct midday service between Corvallis and Albany stations
- Realignment of service in Corvallis off of 9th Street onto OR-99W
- Reduce Saturday service to North Albany, and
- Campus Connector will supplement the Regional Route with more trips and increased capacity between OSU and LBCC

7. AAMPO/CAMPO Joint TAC Meeting

Staff Dana Nichols provided a report on the Albany Area MPO (AAMPO) and Corvallis Area MPO (CAMPO) TAC joint meeting. Nichols stated that the MPO Policy Boards have met in past but not the TACs. She noted that the joint TACs agenda was focused on the Region. Staff opened up the following for discussion: If there was time, capacity, and funds, what Regional projects would be of interest to the group. Members discussed a Regional bike map, freight (importance of easy flow from I5 to the Coast), and congestion between Corvallis and Albany on Hwy 34 and Hwy 20.

The TACs have agreed to meet twice a year; once in the AAMPO area, and once in the CAMPO area to continue to discuss Regional projects.

Warnock advised that the CWACT TAC members will be invited to the next joint TACs meeting.

Nyquist questioned if there had been conversation on the commonalities to have a joint MPO. Nichols stated that it was not discussed directly at the joint meeting, however the conversation have occurred. Meltzer noted that there have been discussions at the CAMPO level and questions as to why there are two MPOs, rather than one. Nyquist stated that strategic long-term thinking would be appropriate. He noted that certain discussion cannot take place because of MPOs boundary restrictions. Nichols stated that the TACs did discuss planning regionally, not within boundaries. John Huestis with ODOT stated that a joint MPO discussion can take place after the census in order to get federal buy in. Commissioners Annabelle Jaramillo and Nyquist voiced that it's important to start the conversations ahead of that, or as soon as possible. Warnock noted that the CWACT could direct staff to pursue a Regional Corridor Study. Nyquist stated that it would be best to simply continue to the discussions, study the implications, and provide the feedback to members. Huestis noted that ODOT staff could also discuss the process with members.

8. Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) Formula Funds Update

Meltzer noted that members received an attachment in their agenda packets of the CWACT area Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) projects submitted. He went on to give a quick overview of the attachment, noting that the 100% list is fairly certain while the 130% list is unlikely to be funded.

Member Cody Gray wanted clarification on whether the projects needed to be rated. Warnock stated that this is simply an overview perspective of what Linn and Benton Counties have determined to invest in. He went on to note that each County had an Advisory Committee that made recommendations to their respective County Commissioners which are the Qualified Entity, which upon approval are provided to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC). No action is needed by the CWACT Full commission.

9. Area Manager's Report

Huestis stated that he would have a projects update from all three counties at the next CWACT Full Commission meeting. He went on to provide the following brief project updates:

- Van Buren Bridge – is active, and under design. ODOT will meet with the Corvallis Historic Council to discuss the repurposing of the old structure and its uses.
- US 20 Safety Corridor – ODOT is working on getting the project kicked off. They have the contract at DOJ for review.
- OR34 – Overlay work is underway on Seven Mile Lane to Sunset.
- Philomath Couplet – working with city and consultant to kick off the \$10 million project.

10. Other Business

Nyquist stated that the OTC is set to make a decision on the Mid-Valley Intermodal Facility in May. Miller stated that the Millersburg Planning Commission has approved the project and is awaiting the May news.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.