

**Joint ACT Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2016, 9:00 AM
John Day Regional Airport
John Day, OR**

Members and Alternates present:

Ken Freese, Terry Tallman, J.D. Tovey, Kenton Dick, Frank Thomas, Burke O'Brien, Peggy Gray, Lynn Findley, Dan Joyce, Bob Patterson, Tom Fellows, Doug Wright, Patrick Bentz, Joe Heinz, Randy Jones, Boyd Britton, Angie Jones, Bill Harvey, Doug Ferguson, Sally Bartlett, Kim Metlen, Frank Anderson, Linda, Simmons, Karen Pettigrew, Larry Givens, Michelle Owens, Mark Davidson Susan Roberts, and Aaron Palmquist

Guests present:

Tim Mabry, Andrea Weckmueller-Behringer, Tawni Bean, Rick Paradis, Tim Sedyel, Andy Perry, Mark Morgan, Jeff Santes, Louis Provencher, Clint Spencer, Blair Larsen, Arthur Hill, John Garlitz, Andy Lindsey, Shanna Bailey, Lauren Reme, Patrick Perry and Scott Fairley

ODOT Staff:

Monte Grove, Craig Sipp, Jane Goode, Lisa Hill, Teresa Penninger, Sean Maloney, Tom Strandberg, and Ken Patterson,

Opening Meeting:

- Chairman Boyd Britton called the meeting to order
- Chairman Larry Givens conducted the meeting
- Roll call of voting members – Quorum present
- Introductions:

Public and/or Stakeholders Comments: None

Governor's Transportation Vision Panel Presentation:

- NEACT/SEACT Responses to Presentation



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Acknowledgment of Monte Grove

- Chairman Givens presented Monte Grove with a plaque and framed letter from NEACT/SEACT acknowledging Monte for his dedication and service to the region.
- **Region 5 Management Position Update with Paul Mather**
 - The announcement for the position has been posted and is open to external and internal candidates. Hire date will be April 15, 2016.
 - Paul Mather will be looking for feedback from stakeholders. You may email Paul Mather with additional comments. Paul gathered input from the group regarding the attributes necessary for this position.

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- Preliminary interviews will be held in Salem in March with the final two candidates interviewing in the morning of April 5th at Region 5 HQ. The interview process will be open to all stakeholders. Stakeholders will receive email notification with the interview times and process. Stakeholders will be able to give feedback on the candidates to Paul Mather after each interview.
- If necessary, Paul Mather will go back out to find the right person.

➤ **Enhance & Connect Oregon VI Subcommittee Confirmation & Approval:**

- Craig Sipp gave a quick review of the meeting schedule for Enhance. NEACT and SEACT subcommittees will meet on February 4, 2016 to begin creating the 150% list.
- A decision will need to be made as to whether the two subcommittees will meet together or separately.
 - ◆ Motion: Approval of the NEACT subcommittee members as submitted. Moved by Mark Davidson and seconded by Terry Tallman. Motion passed
 - ◆ Motion: Approval of the SEACT subcommittee members as submitted. Moved by Ken Freese and seconded by Linda Simmons. Motion passed

➤ **Allocation of Enhance It Funds for Juntura Cut-off Road Project FLAP Funding:**

This project is part of the 15-18 STIP funds being reallocated by OTC. The stipulations are the project must be fully funded at \$1 million, an IOF will need to be submitted to OTC and approved along with OTC approval for Enhance funding. Approximately \$1.7 million of Enhance reallocation will be kept in reserve for project overruns.

- ◆ Motion: Approval of the project is contingent upon being fully funded and OTC approval of an IOF and Enhance funding. Moved by Terry Tallman and seconded by Mark Davidson. Motion passed.
- ◆ Motion: Approval of the project is contingent upon being full funded and OTC approval of an IOF and Enhance funding. Moved by Dan Joyce and seconded by Patrick Bentz

➤ **Enhance Project Presentations:**

- N. First Place Pedestrian Improvements (Hermiston)
The project is scalable, paving next phase, ready to go, no r/w issues or cultural issues and will be used by 100s of people.
- Division Street Multimodal Safety Improvements (Irrigon)
Storm drains, plants and retaining walls for soil stabilization, no trees, and National Guard will provide assistance. R/W none, ties into the TSP, low native plants with minimal maintenance; fluff reduced. This is a truck route and will have a true crosswalk and light. First project was a success and this project ties together. Benefit will reduce motorist confusion. Letters of support from the county and schools; their #1 project of concern. City has 43% match into the project.
- 6th Street/Yerxa Avenue Umatilla Bridge Phase 2 (Umatilla)
Project is scalable, cut the fluff, project is ready to go, 18.2 match. This is a freight route, 1000 trucks per day, concern about combining trucks with bikes. Project is scalable, 13 blocks are designed. ODOT has a fix-it project in this area.

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- Main Street Improvement & Multi-Use Pathways (Stanfield)
Phase I is their preferred project. Stamped concrete and bulb outs to break up view for motorist to slow down, no ADA compliance currently.
- Mission Community Pedestrian Safety Project (CTUIR)
Project is scalable, no cultural or r/w issues, project is ready to go.
- Grande Ronde River Greenway Phase II (Island City)
Permitting with bank stabilization, match is land purchase, still r/w issues
- La Grande/EOU Grand Staircase Pedestrian Link (EOU)
Project is scalable, ADA concerns with a pathway up the side of staircase, cost to repair exceeds cost to replace, pursuing restoration grants.
- Hughes Lane Bike/Ped Safety Improvements (Baker City)
Main corridor, people move into the travel lanes.
- SE 5th Avenue-SE 5th to East Lane Sidewalk Project (Ontario)
Scalable to do 1 sidewalk on 1 side, width provides dual function, r/w acquisition is necessary.
- City of Vale Safe Routes to Schools Phase II (Vale)
- US395/20 Burns Pedestrian Improvements 2021 (Burns)
No r/w issues
- West-East Barnes Avenue Safe Routes to Schools (Hines)
No r/w/ issues, no existing sidewalks, kids walking down the middle of the street.
- US395/Canyon Blvd. Phase 2 Improvement Project (John Day)
Utilities are included in the costs, scalability; none.
- Main Street Phase 2 Improvement Project (John Day)
If given a choice between the two projects, this is the priority

Adjourn at 3:30 PM

NEXT Meeting:

Joint ACT Meeting

March 3, 2016

Region 5 HQ Large Conference Room

La Grande, Oregon