

LOWER JOHN DAY AREA COMMISSION
ON TRANSPORTATION
(LJDACT)
MINUTES

May 4, 2020 10:00 A.M.
BY TELECONFERENCE

1. Call to Order, Introductions, Agenda Review,

-General Public Comments

Chair

- Robert Townsend-ODOT
- Brad DeHart-ODOT
- Don Morehouse-ODOT
- Judge Morley-Wheeler County
- Judge Debulskis-Sherman County
- Theresa Conley-ODOT Transit
- Gabe Wilkins-City of Condon
- Cathy Fitzpatrick-MCCED
- Arthur Smith-Wasco County Public Works
- Pete Mitchell-Port of Arlington
- Colleen Coleman-City of Mosier
- Dave Anderson- City of The Dalles

2. Approve February 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Chair

Motion made by Arthur Smith to approve the February 2nd meeting minutes, seconded by Bob Townsend. Vote passed unanimously.

3. COVID-19

Bob would like everyone to give an update on how they are managing with COVID-19.

ODOT- The offices are teleworking 95% of the time. In the field they are observing social distancing by taking multi vehicles to project areas. They are doing good with maintaining schedules with the active projects. There are going to be some issues with getting the projects done in the Warm Springs area the longer they are shut down.

City of Condon- Not much has changed. City Hall is by phone only. There was a paving project that has been postponed until next summer.

Public Transportation- Regionally most of the fixed routes were suspended. People are limited to dial-a ride only. Public transportation providers have stepped up and started delivery to the ones who cannot get out and need food or pharmacy items delivered to them. They are also checking on people that are isolated especially the seniors.

Wasco County- The offices are close to the public. Maintenance crews have been working business as usual. Everyone has their own individual assigned vehicle.

They have been given masks and gloves. They are required to wipe everything down

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in the morning and after their shift. There has been a drop in surveys and permits. City of Mosier- They had questions for the group on how they are going about a reopening plan.

Port of Arlington- River traffic is still flowing. The cruise business is shut down at this time. They have left the boat ramp open at the marina. They have discouraged outside people from visiting and fishing. The boat ramp is open for public safety as well. The restrooms have been opened. The office is functioning but closed to the public. The RV park is also shut down.

4. STIP Update

The public comment period was over in April. Now it will go to agency approval and Federal approval later this fall.

5. Lower John Day ITS Plan

Don Morehouse

Don Morehouse gave a slide show presentation.

6. ODOT Updates

Brad and Bob

The Dalles Bridge is proceeding towards a bid date later this fall. Washington DOT is doing everything for a right of way acquisition for an easement on their side of the river. ODOT is going to proceed towards a weekend closure to complete the work.

7. Projects Roundtable

All

Brad- Spanish Hollow Creek bridge project- The contractors are back out working on the project. Most of the work is being done on the underside of the bridge. This should not impact traffic. The I84 paving job towards Arlington should be wrapping up in the next two weeks. This project was scheduled to be completed by last fall but ODOT ran into scheduling conflicts with the contractors. The I84 VMS project is scheduled to be wrapped up this summer sometime. There is not a specific schedule for this. The City of the Dalles has one project they awarded for and that is to install some traffic control improvements in the intersection of W 2nd Street and Cherry Heights.

8. Set Next Meeting

The next meeting is set for August 3, 2020 at 10am

9. Adjourn: 10:47am