

LOWER JOHN DAY AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION (LJDACT

Meeting Minutes

Bob's Texas T-Bone

101 Main Street; Rufus, OR 97050

May 7, 2018 10:00 am-12:00 pm

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**In Attendance:**

1. Gary Thompson, Sherman County-LJDACT Chair
2. Rod Runyon, Wasco County
3. Brad DeHart, ODOT
4. Chuck Covert, Columbia Gorge Regional Airport
5. Kathy Fitzpatrick, MCEDD
6. Peter Mitchell, Port of Arlington
7. Nate Stice, Regional Solutions
8. Mike Weimar, Gilliam County
9. Carol MacKenzie, City of Wasco, Mayor
10. Tami Stockton, Wheeler County Finance & Admin Assistant, LJDACT Admin.
11. Gary Farnsworth, ODOT Regional 4
12. Theresa Conley, ODOT
13. Robert Cooks, EOCIL
14. Marlene Benson-Wood, Sherman County Community Transit
15. Lynn Morley, Wheeler County
16. Daniel Bonham, Oregon Legislature HD59
17. Dennis Ross, Maupin City Council
18. Matthew Klebes, City of The Dalles
19. Arthur Smith, Wasco County
20. Lisa Strader. ODOT
21. Kathryn Greiner, City of Condon
22. Robert Townsend, ODOT
23. Shane Johnson, ODOT

**1. 10:00 Call to Order, Introductions, Agenda Review**

**Chair Thompson**

- **General Public Comments**

- Robert Cooks is concerned about the curb cuts on 6<sup>th</sup> street along the highway in The Dalles. He knows they are not up to code and would like them to be looked at and brought up to code. Judge Thompson said that was on the agenda to be discussed.
- Robert would like to see LINK have a fixed route like CAT does.

- **Acknowledgments**

**2. 10:10 LJDACT Business**

- **Review/Approve past Meeting Minutes (Action)**

- Motion made by Judge Thompson to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Gary Farnsworth. Vote passed unanimously.

- **Review/Update Membership (Action)**

- Gary Farnsworth went over updates on membership. Kathy Fitzpatrick is a voting member and will remain with Transportation Options.

**3. 10:15 ODOT ADA Plan Update**

**Lisa Strader, ODOT**

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- Lisa provided handouts on the ODOT ADA Program. She will be happy to answer any questions.
- The department was sued over alleged non-compliance and building of curb ramps. They have reached a settlement agreement. The transition plan has been updated. Have completed inventory. Lisa included a summary table in the hand out. They are required to deliver an annual report by the end of March as part of the settlement agreement, which has been done. Lisa went over what the settlement agreement included. Discussion followed about crosswalks. The settlement report is online and Lisa will have a link available to it at next meeting. Next year's report will have more information. This report did not start until January 1, 2018.
- Judge Thompson asked how much this is costing the tax payers after working on this settlement agreement for 15 years. Lisa said they are working hard to keep the expenses down. She said the estimate is about \$25,000 a corner.

**4. 10:40 2021-2024 STIP Update**

- **February thru March OTC meeting Debriefs** **Gary Farnsworth, ODOT**
- They keep a four year program called the STIP (Statewide Transportation Improvement Program) the program is updated about every 3 years. The program is currently operating in the 2018-2021 program. They are currently in the process of working on the update for the 2021-2024 program. Gary provided a handout for the STIP update. The transportation Commissioner has identified the amount of money that they will be working from to do the major update. They narrow the list down to what they call the 150% list. They want to have some room when they are looking over the projects. Over the course of the next year they will be scoping the projects. 150% means how much money they will get into Region 4 for program category. Add 50% to that and that is the range of products they look at. As they scope them and coordinate them with everyone they will narrow the 150% list down to a 100%. 100% will then match the amount of money the transportation is giving to each of the Regions different program categories. The Commissioner is not only giving the targets of how much money they will receive for each program by different categories. They are giving guidance and criteria on how to make decisions and how to engage the area on sharing the information but also opportunities on how to coordinate and leverage. In the past they had a modernization program. The program has shrunk down to almost nothing. Now they are focused on fix it program, pavement preservation, bridges, bridge preservation, or fix it, what they call their operations program. They have a little bit of money to work with the group on what is called leveraging those projects to what they might be able to add onto the fix it projects.
- **Fix-It/Safety Program 150% Lists \$ Leverage** **Other ODOT Staff**
  - Bob Townson went over the handout that Gary Farnsworth provided. Bob said this is the first draft. It does not include local projects.
  - Gary Farnsworth went over the funding tables that were in the handout he provided.

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- Denny Ross- How does the FLAP program coordinate with all this?
- Gary Farnsworth- the FLAP program is focused on a specify need that fits the criteria and has to include a Federal Land Management Agency. It may or may not relate. An example would be the bridge rehab project in Maupin. The question might be is there any connection between the two. In terms of is there any work to combine, do they relate to each other. Is there something we would or might do on the bridge rehab work that could expand or tie the two together?
- Denny Ross- As far as the bridge is concerned, there is some history on that. They were going to illuminate the sidewalk so they could make it wider and discovered the sidewalk was part of the base construction. He is anxious to see how that all works out.
- Gary Farnsworth- Agrees that will be an interesting scope. It will involve the city in the scoping effort. As they go through to identify what will make the most sense, including how to get bicycles and pedestrians around.

**5. 11:00 Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)**

**- Updates from Applicants**

**Chair Thompson/All**

**- Consider LJDACT Letters of Support**

**Applicants**

- Brad DeHart-The application deadline was April 6. This is a large program that all of the counties are eligible to apply for, local agencies as well as ODOT. Brad submitted three applications for projects he is going to discuss. There were a few other local agencies such as Wheeler County. He was not sure if there were any others who applied.
- Gary Farnsworth-There is the HUBS project, Wheeler County project, and three from ODOT. The goal is to hear from about them so they can provide letters of support into the FLAP program so they can have Judge Thompson sign.
- Brad DeHart provided handouts about the three projects ODOT submitted for the FLAP grant. Brad described the three projects ODOT submitted; Oregon 206 Condon Lower John Day shared use path and bicycle route, Oregon 197 Maupin to BLM access improvements project, and the Paiute to Mecca Flat Project.
- Judge Morley-Wheeler County FLAP grant project is South Twickenham, Burnt Ranch, and Painted Hills roughly 22 miles of re graveling, re surfacing, safety enhancement, culver repair, road base and surface course, surface preservation.
- Matthew Klebes- Anticipating the completion of the Columbia Gorge Highway State Trail which is a cycling trail. Several of the communities throughout the Gorge have been working to construct Waterfalls Gorge Bike HUB. These are trail head facilities design to provide different amenities to users of the trail as well as to bring the users into the communities to help enhance and bring

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some economic benefit to downtown cores of these communities. Matthew has been working with Kathy as well as other people. They have been working with communities of Troutdale, Cascade Locks, Mosier, Hood River, and Wood Village. They submitted a FLAP grant application by the deadline in April.

- Motion made by Rod Runyon to provide a support letter to each of the projects, seconded by Gary Farnsworth. Vote passed unanimously.

6. 11:20 Public Transportation Topics

- **Statewide Plan & STIF Updates**

**Theresa Conley ODOT  
Kathy Fitzpatrick,**

- Theresa provided handouts to the group. Theresa explained what the Oregon Public Transportation Plan (OPTP) is.
- Establish a shared statewide vision for public transportation
- Help guide and support decisions by state, regional, and local government agencies.
- Provide strategies for realizing the vision for public transportation in Oregon.
- There will be an online open house in late May
- New funding is the STIF funding. It is a payroll tax 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1%, 90% goes to the communities. They expect the Oregon transportation Commissioner to review the final rules in June. There is a small window for comments and feedback. Theresa provided a handout that had a timeline when the funds would be available. Theresa is available as a resource if anyone has questions.

**MCEDD**

- **LJD Area Planning Considerations**

- By the directions of the LJDACT they held two staff level meetings that included five counties; Wheeler Sherman, Gilliam, Hood River, and Wasco. The meetings were to take a deep look into the STIF requirements. Theresa helped look at the planning and committee requirements and the prioritizing of the projects. They looked at sharing operational functions, maybe sharing technology like dispatch software.
- Short discussions on how the rider can know if the bus will be on time on a fixed route.
- Gary Farnsworth- Kathy the funding is coming into each county. Do the counties know how to apply for it?
- Kathy-the staff of the transportation are working on learning how to get through the process.

7. 11:50 Incidents/Events/Operations Planning

- **Updates on Operations Collaboration/Plans**

**Shane Johnson, ODOT**

- There was a thundershower that went through the evening before. There was a shoulder washout on one of the grades. Drive safe and watch the roads. If anyone notices anything on the State system, please let us know.
- Working with law enforcement; had a fatality on Highway 97 around milepost 53. The accident closed the highway for an extended period of time. ODOT

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working to find out information that would help when there is an accident like this.

8. 11:55 Project Updates/Roundtable

**Chair Thompson/  
Brad DeHart, ODOT/A11**

- Brad-ODOT is very active, half a dozen projects and construction in the area. Some of the projects are just starting and some are wrapping up. There are several new projects that are in development. Brad will send out a list to include in the minutes.
- Chair Thompson- the FLAP Grant on Starvation Lane has slowed down due to a lawsuit between an individual and the State Parks. This is a new development.
- Carol MacKenzie- thanked ODOT for letting them join their project that came through Wasco.

9. Next Meeting?/ Adjourn

**Chair Thompson**

- August 6, 2018

**Adjourned at 12:00pm**