

**SOUTH CENTRAL OREGON AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Date: August 10, 2007

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: 317 S. 7th St., Room 228, Klamath Falls, OR 97601 & 513 Center St., Lakeview, OR 97630
Teleconference

Board Members Present:

X John Elliott	X Brad Winters	<input type="checkbox"/> Al Switzer	<input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Ball	X Ray Simms
<input type="checkbox"/> Fred Smith	X Frank Villagrana	<input type="checkbox"/> Trey Senn	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Brown	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ken Kestner	<input type="checkbox"/> Dan Shoun	<input type="checkbox"/> Paisley Rep - Rosie Bagley	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark Cobb	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gary Zieg	<input type="checkbox"/> Rhonda Lyon	<input type="checkbox"/> Betty Tyree		
<input type="checkbox"/> Caro Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/> John Widenoja	<input type="checkbox"/> Fields Flynn	<input type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Bailey	
<input type="checkbox"/> Manni Molina	X Ernie Palmer	<input type="checkbox"/> Allan Foreman	<input type="checkbox"/> Teresa Carroll	

Staff:

<input type="checkbox"/> Deanna Redd	<input type="checkbox"/> Shilo Ogilvie	X Christina Ingram	X Betty Riley
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Public:

None

Meeting Called to Order at: 10:30 **by:** John Elliott, Chair

Introductions – Roll Call:

Review and Approve Minutes:

Review of minutes tabled to next meeting

Area Manager's Report:

mp = Mile Post

ROW = Right of Way

- Beatty Curves – has \$822,000 archaeological recovery – may be able to use leftover OTIA 1 & 2 funds. Butch feels about 80 – 90% we can fund.
- Drews Creek fish recovery with OWIB Board
- Paved out from N. Lakeshore Dr. in to town (junction with Hwy 66)
- Maddock corner to Drews Gap paving to start next month.
- Maddock corner paving – Lake County members still have concerns on route trucks are using to get to town.

Area Member Reports:

- Klamath – Shasta Way completed – ground and paved in a week, final touches on Crystal Springs Bridge.
- Klamath – good job to ODOT on Sprague River Highway bridges – view from the plane in from Portland – project looks good.
- Klamath Falls City – Washburn looks almost completed – East Main to Owens they are still doing work.

- Lake County – Road Department paving from the Prison through Rabbit Hills Road is completed. They plan to do some overlay in Christmas Valley – the area of the proposed truck route they continue to see damage. They are working with the Federal Government on interface of Crane Creek Road into the woods – Brad is opposed – Lake County is in preservation mode
- Lakeview – No projects in Town. They acquired a \$200,000 street sweeper with air quality funds.
- Group entered discussion of general Area issues – Matt Garrett and Bob Bryant are supportive of the Lake / Klamath County Highway 140 partnership – Matt is aware of the Highway 97 accidents – Lake County is also supportive of Highway 97 improvements. Ray Naff has commented that Highway 97 is the future home of I-7, the time is coming to develop it. – The Oregon Legislative process – we need to be involved. John Elliott commented about support for the concept of a toll road (North end of Bend). Butch commented about the Bryant memo (Chair of the Transportation Committee) looking for support for '09 funding.
- Discussion of appointments to Klamath Advisory committee with City of Klamath Falls Public Works, Klamath County Roads – they are also appointing Butch to the Committee, and having contractors / construction advisory committee

Connect Oregon II Discussion:

- The Website is up
- August 31 is the deadline for intent to apply.
- Board discussed potential projects
- Lake County Rail upgrades – Chemult Train Station phase 2 – piggy-back facility inter-modal to be served by Modoc Northern Railroad [they are leasing the Lake County Railroad] (proposed by Pat McNeal of Thermo Pressed Laminates) he currently ships 2% by rail and would like to do more. – Klamath Airport was on the last round not sure if they are coming back in for Oregon II – New airport manager [he is from Rockport Illinois airport, now the 10th largest freight airport + passenger.
- Region specific, Region 4 - \$10 million dollars (\$5 million less than last year. There is an additional \$50 million for projects of Statewide significance.
- Modoc Northern would be the applicant for Lake County – with match what are requirements – Match must be cash – can they use labor and machinery – Butch is to check

Bike / Ped Plan –

- They are doing an update to the Plan
- Sheila Lyons is the lead – she wants the ACT's to look at the Introduction – Key points to comment on: standards vs minimum, provision of facilities around transit stops, on road bikes (bike lanes), pedestrian countdown signals, Green Spring intersection.
- CAT Team in Gilchrist / Crescent bike path – used a lot reduce 4 lanes down like ODOT did in Chemult, additional traffic lane.
- Board Discussion –
- Well used path separate from the roadway cannot use ODOT Bike path funds – need legislative change to allow for improvements to all bike paths
- John agrees, it is common sense, it has not gained traction with Public Works directors.
- Comments need to be put forward even if not part of manual.

Public Comment:

None

Moved: Ernie Palmer, Second: Ray Simms, to adjourn the meeting

Adjourned: 11:03 by: Chairman Elliott

Next Meeting: Time and Location TBA

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