

Agenda
Mid-Willamette Valley Area
Commission on Transportation
(MWACT)

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Date: Thursday, August 3, 2023
Time: 3:30 p.m.
Place: MWVCOG Offices, 2nd floor
100 High Street SE, Salem

Online: (See information above for Zoom meeting.)
Phone:(503) 588 6177

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3:30 p.m. Item 1. Call MWACT Meeting To Order Chair Ken Woods, Jr.

Welcome and Introductions
Approval of June 1, 2023, Meeting Summary
Public Comment
Comments from the Legislative Delegation
OTC Comments
Commission Discussion/Area Updates

**3:45 p.m. Item 2. OR 22 Center Street Bridge Seismic Retrofit
Andrew Walker, ODOT Region 2 Staff and Bob Goodwin, DOWL
Engineering**

As part of HB 2017, the Center St Bridge project received funding to design and construct seismic retrofit improvements to ensure that accessibility and connectivity across the river will be maintained after a major seismic event. In early 2023, ODOT completed a Value Engineering study (VE) and this presentation will cover the results of that study and next steps for the project.

Action: Questions and Discussion.

**4:30 p.m. Item 3. ACT & Modal Advisory Committee Chairs Meeting Debrief
Chair Ken Woods, Jr., Brandon Williams**

ACT and Modal Advisory Committee Chairs from across the state were invited to a conference in Keizer, Oregon to discuss with OTC members and ODOT staff current issues in transportation, regional priorities, and development of ACT Work Plans. Chair Ken Woods Jr. and Brandon Williams (ODOT) will share with the group their experience at this event, and other news from the ACT Chairs meeting.

Action: Questions and Discussion.

4:50 p.m. Item 4. ACT 2-year Work Plan Brandon Williams

As per ODOT’s request that each ACT prepare a 2-year Work Plan, the MWACT has convened two meetings of their steering committee to drill down on region issues of importance to the ACT. The First meeting of the MWACT steering committee occurred on June 22, a week prior to the ACT Chairs meeting, to begin the conversation, collect initial ideas, and prepare Chair Ken Woods Jr. for discussions with OTC members and other ACT Chairs.

The MWACT steering committee met again on July 6th to review draft interest areas previously discussed and collect additional input to refine concepts. ODOT staff,

Brandon Williams, acted as facilitator of this working session, collecting input on a digital whiteboard. A summary of emerging *draft themes* is included below (in no particular order).

- Transit: both intracity and intercity.
- Safety: corridors of concerns, strategies, connections to all modes of transportation.
- Equity: address gaps and previous failures, consider user perspectives, strong ties to Safety and other topics.
- Balancing rural and urban needs: highway as main street, address regional bottlenecks.
- Climate and emissions: implications across all modes, leveraging federal grants.
- Economic vitality: recognizing importance of freight to economy, tourism/recreation-based economies also vital to many rural areas to of Oregon, identify lifeline routes for natural disasters.
- Maintenance and operations: current issues like EVs and vehicle weight, importance of maintaining existing facilities.

As a reminder, components of the Work Plan must include the items listed below; The MWACT steering committee is currently working the draft Interest Areas and Priorities that will help inform tasks to follow. The next working session of the MWACT steering committee should focus on finalizing draft interest areas, priorities, and defining goals/strategies to address them.

- Interest Areas and priorities specific to each ACT
- Two-year Goals for the ACT with desired outcomes and strategies
- A Meeting Topic Plan
- A current ACT Charter

To allow more time for ACTs the develop their work plans, the *deadline for completion has been changed to **December of 2023***. MWACT steering committee recognizes that it may take some time to get full ACT buy-in on the Work Plan.

Action: Discussion.

5:20 p.m. Item 5. Information for MWACT Members..... ODOT staff

- **ODOT’s 2023 Legislative Summary** of bills, memorials, and resolutions that directly or indirectly impact the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) as well as local jurisdictions can be found here:
https://www.oregon.gov/odot/Safety/Documents/2023_ODOT_Legislative_Summary_V1.pdf
- The Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) had a presentation titled “**2027-2030 STIP and Transportation System Needs**” at their July 13th meeting (this

was an item previewed on the June MWACT agenda). The letter from Director Kris Strickler to the OTC is **attached**. The letter, presentation and discussion are part of ODOT's and OTC's process to determine investment scenarios and funding allocations for the 27-30 STIP over the next 3 months.

The video of the presentation and discussion about the 24-27 STIP and Transportation System Needs is posted on YouTube: search "ODOT OTC" to get to the OTC page and look for the OTC July 13, 2023, meeting; this topic is Item M on the agenda and starts at approximately 6:29:00 (6 hours, 29 minutes into the video). It can also be reached from this link:
<https://youtu.be/FUEulk2fGR0?t=23326>

5:30 p.m. Item 6. AdjournmentChair Ken Woods, Jr.