

**LOWER JOHN DAY AREA COMMISSION
ON TRANSPORTATION
(LJDACT)
MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

**1. Call to Order, Introductions, Agenda Review
-General Public Comments Chair**

Meeting called to order at 10:00am

- Judge Lynn Morley-Wheeler County
- Tami Stockton-Wheeler County
- Omar Ahmed-ODOT Replaced Bob Townsend
- Gibb Wilkins-City of Condon
- Dave Anderson-City of the Dalles
- Justin Miller-Sherman County Commissioner
- Jeff Renard-Columbia Gorge Regional Airport
- Kim Curley
- Kathy Fitzpatrick

2. Approve Meeting Minutes May 6, 2024 Chair

Gibb asked his name to be changed to from Gabe to Gibb in the meeting minutes. Motion made by Justin to approve the May 6, 2024 meeting minutes with changes. Seconded by Dave Anderson. Vote approved unanimously.

3. Review Transit Project Applications Submitted Omar Ahmed

Omar has taken over for Bob Townsend, he gave a brief background on himself and his role with ODOT. Omar gave a presentation and explained there were some trial and error with Bob leaving and Omar taking over. Omar gave an overview of each of the projects. All projects are transit related funds.

1. Gilliam County Dial a ride
2. Gilliam County facility updates 25-27
3. Gilliam County preventative maintenance funds
4. Gilliam County ability management
5. Gilliam County vehicle repair
6. Sherman County vehicle replacement
7. Mid-Columbia Economic Development District Gorge Travel District
8. The Dalles Hood River inner city service
9. Mid-Columbia Economic Development District Gorge Travel District regional transit
10. Morrow County to the Dalles
11. Wheeler County vehicle replacement

4. ODOT Updates Omar Ahmed

Omar wanted to give some ODOT updates. He said not much is happening at this

time. The item at the top is the Legislation heading into session. Omar wanted to be sure the group understood the gap and what ODOT is looking for next session. Omar expects winter maintenance to be the same as it was last year. The budget issue does not go into effect until the fiscal year starting July 1 2025. ODOT's focus is preservation and safety for the upcoming fiscal year. ODOT is working on revising STIF funding process.

5. Round Table

Judge Morley asked about an email he received about an aviation representative for the LJDACT. Jeff Renard will reach out to Andrea to be the representative for LJDACT.

Dave Anderson will be retiring in a couple of months. Dale McCabe will be taking his place. Dave Anderson said it has been a pleasure working with everyone.

6. Set Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2025 at 10:00am. At a later date Omar will let everyone know if this will be in person.

7. Adjourn: 10:32am