

LOWER JOHN DAY AREA COMMISSION
ON TRANSPORTATION
(LJDACT)

Meeting Minutes
Sherman County Courthouse
Courtroom
500 Court Street * Moro, OR
April 1, 2019 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Call to Order: 10:00am

In Attendance:

- Lynn Morley, Wheeler County LJDACT Chair
- Robert Townsend, ODOT
- Brad Dehart, ODOT
- Shane Johnson, ODOT
- Theresa Conley, ODOT
- Marla Davies, Gilliam Co. Transportation
- Leslie Wetherell, Gilliam County Commissioner
- Gibb Wilkins, City of Condon
- Joe Dabulskis, Sherman County Commissioner
- Dave Anderson, City of The Dalles
- Mathew Klebes, City of The Dalles
- Kathy Fitzpatrick, MCEDD
- Taylor Smith, Blue Zone Project
- Chuck Covert, Columbia Gorge Airport
- Jeff Monson, Commute Options
- Tami Stockton, Wheeler County Admin. Assistant

1. INTRODUCTION

- Motion made by Dave Anderson to approve the minutes with the correction to Dave Andersons name from Andrews to Anderson, seconded by Chuck Covert. Vote passed unanimously.

2. LJDACT Representation Discussion – All

- Bob Townsend- The last meeting was cancelled and Bob wanted to make sure all the County representation was settled. He wanted to be sure that there was a representative from every county. Bob asked Lynn Morley if he would like to continue being the chair for the year, Lynn said yes that would be fine. Brad suggested with all the changes that they have a updated membership list.

3. STIF Grants- Theresa Conley

- Theresa Conley gave an update on the STIF grant. HB2017 was a big bill to supply a reliable source of public transportation funds throughout the state. The STIF funding pool contains four different components. As outlined in the STIF rules the ACTS are asked to provide input on the applications for their region. It was determined that some of the applications would have an impact on the LJDACT so Theresa would like input from the committee. They are also asking for

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input from the Counties transportation districts. They are not asking for individual input they would like input from the committee as a whole. Theresa would like the input by April 12. They would like the input to be yes or no funding recommendations. If there is additional comments on a project that really sticks out there is a note section to provide some additional comments. There are six projects that impact this area.

- Central Oregon Breeze
- Gilliam County Transportation
- Hood River Transportation District
- MCCEDD
- Wheeler County Transportation

The group asked questions of the representatives for the projects being applied for.

Bob Townsend suggested forming a subcommittee to go over the applications.

Motion made by Joe Dabulskis to give all the projects a yes and have Bob and Theresa summarize the comments for the comments section, seconded by Leslie Wetherell. Vote passed unanimously.

4. Commute Options – Jeff Monson

ODOT contracts with Jess Monson on funding of awareness, education, and other services. Jeff is the executive director for Commute Options which is a non-profit agency. Their office is based in Bend but they work in 17 Counties. They have representatives on different ODOT committees. Taylor Smith is with Blue Zone. The Blue Zone works on the belt environment. That is helping communities be more walkable, bike-able and more healthy. Safe route to school is an example of a success program in The Dalles.

5. 2019 Construction Projects – Brad DeHart, ODOT

- US97 Spanish Hollow and Trout Creek project from Biggs Junction up to Wasco. They are working on six bridges through there.
- US 97 Shaniko to Trout Creek Bridge, pavement preservation project
- I84 traffic barrier upgrades
- I84 Swanson Canyon to Arlington, major pavement preservation project
- Region 4 ITS project, the work is focused around Central Oregon but there is some lighting projects happening in the City Center of The Dalles
- US26 Kahneeta Junction pavement preservation project. This is being administrated out of the Bend office. The project is from Warm Springs up the grade to the west side of Warm Springs.

Development:

- I84 Hood River eastbound, Rufus westbound, and US97 Biggs Junction southbound VMS project. They are installing new variable message boards (VMS).
 - US197 The Dalles Columbia River deck replacement
- Shane- There are two maintenance projects coming up this spring. Last year ODOT chipped sealed Hwy19 down through Wasco. This year they will be starting at Wasco going through Fulton

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Canyon and chip sealing Shiloh Biggs. After July they will be chip sealing Mosier to The Dalles. Another project they have going is ADA ramps update in downtown Arlington in preparation for paving.

Gibb Wilkins- City of Condon has a paving project going on.

Chuck- Through the core program which was HB2057 it generates some additional fuel tax which was going for a program to help support airports for matching money on federal grants. They received a federal grant for this year for the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport for \$1.8 million to redo their entire parking tarmac for the heavier traffic they receive now. Through the Core program they were successful in receiving a grant application for \$150,000 to offset their match they needed for their federal grant. That was through the John Day Act Chuck represents at the meeting. This project should be completed by October of this year.

Dave-They are getting ready to do their street maintenance. They will be doing about six months of chip seal inside the city limits.

Next Meeting: Bob will send out a notice when the next meeting will be.

Adjournment: 11:30am