

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

Date: May 5, 2011

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: 513 Center St, Memorial Hall – Lakeview, OR 97630

Board Members Present: = by phone V = by Video

X Brad Winters	X Al Switzer	X Dennis Linthicum	X Cheryl Hukill	X Ken Kestner
X Dan Shoun	X Butch Hansen	X Frank Villagrana	X Tom Chester	? Mark Douglas
0 Rick Whitlock	X Ray Simms	X Ken McCoy	X Mark Cobb	?Dave Caska
? Rhonda Lyon	? Larry Holzgang	<input type="checkbox"/> Ernie Palmer	? Caro Sodorff?	? Chip Massie
X Randy Norris	<input type="checkbox"/> Derek Martin			
? Senator Whitsett	? Representative Gilman			?Representative Garrard

Staff:

X Christina Ingram X Betty Riley X Pamela Ruddock X Sara Swank

Partners:

?Mike Stinson XTrey Senn XDevin Hearing
?Stan Strickland

Meeting Called to Order at: 12:30 p.m. **by:** Brad Winters, Chair

Introductions – Roll Call:

General Public Comments:

None at this meeting

Guests: Pat Creedican and Tim McGinnis from ODOT

Commissioner Winters opened the meeting by giving Pat and Tim an opportunity to talk about HWY 31:

Tim talked about funding and that most of the money is in resurfacing and the money is split between the regions. Hwy 31 will probably be contracted out due to the economy of the State and the use of Federal funding sources. Hwy 31 will be fixed this summer or next. Not sure the time frame. Focusing on the safety issues first. There will be parts that will be grinded and some that will require just resurfacing.

Tim also stated that they will not get all of 31 done but will get as much as the money allows. 50% of projects need to be federalized and is a statewide program. He also stated that they will be taking care of those areas that present the greatest safety issues and will be working on the rolling areas.

Butch stated that those parts of 31 with low volume would be federalized.

Update on Status of Hwy 97 Feasibility – Currently working on the scope of changing 97 to a 4-lane highway. It will cost a lot of money and ODOT is currently doing a cost estimate. It was suggested possibly obtaining Federal partners in this program and perhaps making 97 an interstate. Tim suggested

that there needs to be a South Central Oregon Transportation plan. Need to look at Grant opportunities. The OTC is not looking at adding any additional lanes to I-5 so it just makes sense to correct Hwy 97.

Future Vision for ACT - Discussion was then opened to the different opportunities available to this ACT. Safe Routes to Schools, National Scenic Byways, Special City Allotment, Highway Bridge Program, High Risk Rural Roads, and Transportation Enhancement. Discussion centered on application due dates and when the application process was open for the various projects. Brad asked if there were any restrictions on the National Scenic Byways as there are many in our area. Butch stated that he didn't know and would get back to the group with an answer. Butch also stated that he could get Pat Moran to talk about the Scenic Byways program.

Safe Routes to Schools: This group agreed that we needed someone to talk about this program and to get the School Districts on board. Butch said that he would contact Julie Yip. Ken Kestner suggested that we needed to educate the school districts on this program.

Local Grant Programs – Butch suggested checking with your Public Works Director to see if there is anything currently available.

Review and Accept Minutes of last meeting:

The Board reviewed the minutes of last meeting. Chairman Winters asked if there were any questions or comments on these minutes.

Motion to Accept Minutes of Last meeting as presented:

Moved: Al Switzer Second: Cheryl Hukill

Ayes: All Nays: None

Motion Carried

Next Meeting Scheduled for August 4, 2011 in Klamath Falls. Location TBA

Adjourned: 1:30 p.m. **by:** Brad Winters, Chair

MP = mile post

ROW = right-of-way

*It should be noted that this recording was very muffled and hard to hear.