

**SOUTH WEST AREA COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION
(SWACT)
MEETING MINUTES
Coquille, Oregon
April 09, 2010
10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Steering Committee Members and Alternates in Attendance

Bennett, Bruce	38/42 Subgroup Citizen
McClellan, Jim	I-5 Subgroup Citizen
Usselman, Mark	ODOT
Kelly, Bruce	I-5 Subgroup Citizen (alternate)
Baker, Mike	ODOT (alternate)
Swanson, Eric	I-5 Subgroup Citizen
Callery, Martin	38/42 Subgroup Citizen
Morgan, Susan	Douglas County
Cubic, Aaron	I-5 Subgroup Cities
Nowlin, Georgia	Curry County
Murphy, Mike	US 101 Subgroup Citizen
Nasburg, Andy	38/42 Subgroup Citizen (alternate)
Hampton, Michelle	101 South Subgroup Cities

Guests & Staff in Attendance

Baldwin, Lajuana	Support Staff, ODOT
Mather, Paul	Region 3 Manager, ODOT
Neavoll, Darrin	Region 3 ODOT
Messenger, Nikki	City of Roseburg

Steering Committee Members and Alternates not in Attendance

Doty, Steve	38/42 Subgroup Cities
Ireland, Chuck	I-5 Subgroup Citizen
Whitty, John	38/42 Subgroup Citizen
Stufflebean, Kevin	Coos County
Paul, Robb	Douglas County (alternate)
Wall, Kathy	38/42 Subgroup Citizen
Pogwizd, Tim	US 101 Subgroup Citizen (alternate)
Baglien, Don	I-5 Subgroup Citizen (alternate)

Roll Call: 11 members or alternates present. Quorum present.

01/08/10 Meeting Minutes: Approved

Public Input: None

ConnectOregon III – Five Applicants

- Conflict of interest,
 - Eric Swanson assisted with application for Roseburg Airport Runway Expansion
 - Martin Callery assisted with application for Rail Line Rehab

Roseburg Airport Runway Expansion – Nikki Messenger

- 400' extension of runway will increase safety
- Reduce transportation costs for Oregon business, improve access to jobs and sources of labor
- Runway length would attract new businesses needing additional runway length
- Runway Expansion Affects
 - 275 New jobs
 - \$10.5 Million increase in local wages
 - \$54.2 Million increase in business sales

\$1.5 Million Investment = \$54.2 Million Return

Q. Does Fed-Ex use this Airport?

A. Yes

Q. Would any other additions need to be made to accommodate these changes if granted the funds for improvements?

A. No

Alcan Cable – Sean Milner

- This funding would help eliminate third party transportation to get the product to the plant
- Increase rail use by 275 rail cars per year
- Reduce transportation costs
- Long term retention of jobs

Q. What are the average wages of an employee, and what kind of benefits do they receive?

A. Employees have an average wage of \$18 per hour with full time work. They also are highly trained and receive health benefits including; Medical, Vision and Dental

- Rail advisory committee wants to modify grant amount from \$2 million to \$1 million, for rail spur only

Del Norte Regional Airport – Susan Brown

- Approximately 51% of passengers are Oregon residents
 - Current terminal is inadequate for needs:
 - Facilities are non-compliant under today's codes and standards.
 - Maximum occupancy is 29
 - TSA secure holding area is an adjacent temporary modular structure with a maximum capacity of 19.
 - These funds will help maintain the safe and efficient operation of the airport terminal for its regional users
- Q. When would construction phase begin?
A. Next Summer

South West Regional Airport – Teresa Cook

- Primary goal is for long term sustainability of air service into six cities including Portland, Salem, Klamath Falls, Redmond, and Coos County
- This grant will allow the airline to fly into Salem for 18 months
 - And for two years into North Bend and Klamath Falls

Coos Bay Rail Line Rehabilitation – Martin Callery

- With this grant the rail line could be up and running in the early part of the second quarter of 2011
- Forest products have had to go to trucks that cost more
- This is a critical link to the area to help keep mills running and retain jobs
- We also hope to restore 200 plus additional jobs

Commission Prioritization

After a brief discussion regarding the priority of the projects, several members of the ACT asked ODOT staff if they had a recommendation that they could see. Mike Baker presented the staff recommendation in this order

1. Coos Bay Rail Line Rehabilitation
2. Roseburg Airport Extension
3. South West Regional Airport
4. Alcan
5. Del Norte Regional Airport

Upon further discussion the ACT members made the following changes to the order:

1. Coos Bay Rail Line Rehabilitation
2. Roseburg Airport Extension
3. Alcan
4. South West Regional Airport
5. Del Norte Regional Airport

A motion was made by Mike Murphy to accept these changes, seconded by Bruce Bennett, there was no further discussion motion passed.

Volunteers for Regional ACT Meeting May 4th

Members were asked to volunteer for participation on the regional ACT for the prioritization of projects from both RVACT and SWACT

- Volunteers are:
 - Jim McClellan
 - Susan Morgan
 - Aaron Cubic
 - Mike Murphy
 - Mark Usselman

Legislative/OTC Update – Paul Mather

- Topic for discussion will be Funding split for STIP
- Oregon Freight advisory committee annual report
- Lane county area commission on transportation report

AGENDA BUILD – All

- Next Meeting May 14th, 2010 at 10am in Coquille