

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

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**Date:** Thursday, December 1, 2022  
**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 October 6, 2022, Meeting Summary  
Public Comment  
Comments from the Legislative Delegation  
OTC Comments  
Commission Discussion/Area Updates
- 3:45 p.m. Item 2. Transportation Funding ..... Travis Brouwer, ODOT**
- Travis Brouwer (ODOT's Assistant Director for Revenue Finance and Compliance) will discuss ODOT's budget.
- Action:** Presentation; MWACT questions and answers.
- 4:15 p.m. Item 3. ACT Chair Report ..... Chair Ken Woods, Jr**
- The ACT Chairs met on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Chair Woods will review the discussion topics at the meeting.
- Action:** Discussion item.
- 4:45 p.m. Item 4. OR99W: Orrs Corner Road, Clow Corner Road .....Anna Henson  
ODOT**
- Anna Henson will give an update on two projects at intersections along OR99W (between Monmouth and Rickreall): Clow Corner (new roundabout) and Orrs Corner.
- Anna will also discuss the roundabout project for the OR 22W at Kings Valley Highway intersection.
- Action:** Discussion item.
- 5:15 p.m. Item 5. MWACT Recruitment .....Commission Staff**
- Staff are sending letters for representation on MWACT for a 2-year term to: Marion County; Marion County (Private Rep); Tribes of the Grand Ronde; City of Keizer; Salem-Keizer Transit; Cities in the Hwy 99/18/47 corridor; Cities along the I-5 corridor.
- 5:15 p.m. Item 6. Other Business .....Commission Staff**
- Next MWACT Meeting – January 5, 2023
- 5:30 p.m. Item 7. Adjournment ..... Chair Ken Woods, Jr.**

## **Meeting Summary**

Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation (MWACT)  
MWVCOG Virtual Meeting  
100 High St. SE, Suite 200  
Salem, OR 97301  
Thursday, October 6, 2022

**This meeting was a call-in meeting with people attending via Zoom.  
Attendance is listed as follows:**

### **MWACT Members Present**

Cathy Clark, 2022 Vice Chair, Keizer Mayor  
Ian Davidson, SAMTD Board of Directors  
Lyle Mordhorst, Polk County Board of Commissioners  
Tom Hammer, Yamhill County Private Sector  
Anna Henson, ODOT Region 2  
Trevor Phillips, Salem City Council  
Rick Rogers, 99W/18/47 Corridor, Newberg Mayor  
Jim Sears, 99E/213 Corridor, Silverton City Council  
Della Seney, Hwy. 22E Corridor, Aumsville City Council  
Ken Woods, Jr., 2022 Chair, Dallas City Council

### **MWACT Members Absent**

Danielle Bethell, Marion County Board of Commissioners  
Kathy Hadley, Polk County Private Sector  
Casey Kulla, Yamhill County Board of Commissioners  
Michael Langley, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde  
Walt Perry, I-5 Corridor, Jefferson City Council  
Mitch Teal, Marion County Private Sector  
Cynthia Thompson, YCTA

### **Others Present**

Mark Bernard, ODOT Region 2 Public Transit  
John Boren, ODOT  
Steve Dickey, SAMTD  
Dan Fricke, ODOT Region 2  
Mike Jaffe, MWVCOG-SKATS Staff  
Carl Lund, Marion County Public Works  
Lori Moore, MWVCOG-MWACT/SKATS Staff  
Karen Odenthal, MWVCOG-SKATS Staff  
Kim Sapunar, MWVCOG-SKATS Staff  
Janelle Shanahan, Marion County Public Works

Andrew Walker, ODOT Region 2  
Kazim Zaida, ODOT Public Transit  
Julie Warncke, Salem Public Works

### **Agenda Item 1. Call to Order – 3:30pm - Introductions**

Chair Ken Woods, Jr., called the hybrid meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was established.

#### ***Summary of August 4, 2022:***

The summary of the August 4, 2022, MWACT meeting was approved as submitted by consensus vote of the members present and online.

#### ***Public Comment:***

There were no comments from the public.

#### ***Comments from the Legislative Delegation:***

There were no comments from the legislative delegation.

#### ***OTC Comments:***

There were no comments from the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC).

#### ***Commission Discussion/Area Updates:***

Anna Henson provided the following project/program updates:

- Aurora-Donald Project Phase 2 – ODOT is still waiting to hear if the grant application for an infra rural grant was successful. If they aren't awarded that grant, they will explore other options for funding. Phase 1A has been completed. Dan Fricke commented that the Bents Road realignment has been helpful in addressing some of the issues on the SB ramp terminal.
- Ms. Henson announced that the ODOT ADA program received \$1 billion to deliver the AOCIL<sup>1</sup> lawsuit settlement ramps.
- The draft 2024-2027 STIP<sup>2</sup> is intended to be available for public review and comment in February-March 2023. Events/activities related to the public review will include an online/virtual open house. ODOT will also consult with tribal representatives in the

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<sup>1</sup> AOCIL - Association of Oregon Centers for Independent Living.

<sup>2</sup> STIP – State Transportation Improvement Program

state. MWACT members will likely receive a presentation related to the draft STIP sometime during that timeframe.

→ Ms. Henson announced that a statewide ACT meeting is currently scheduled for November 16, 2022. Details will be forthcoming.

## **Agenda Item 2. Oregon Freight Plan**

John Boren, ODOT, provided an overview related to the update of the Oregon Freight Plan (OFP). FHWA requires that the plan be updated every four years. The state is also updating the Oregon Transportation Plan (OTP) and the Oregon Highway Plan (OHP). The primary goal is to update the data used in the plan.

Mr. Boren outlined the economic context of the freight plan. While Oregon's Gross State Product was almost double that of the country prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, it fell in 2019 and 2020. It rebounded nearly 8.5 percent in 2021. Employment in the state is anticipated to recover by 2023 and to increase at nearly twice the rate of the U.S. between 2022 and 2045.

Mr. Boren indicated that moderate growth in freight movements (inbound, outbound, and internal) is anticipated. If freight flows more in any one direction than the others, it could impact services. Reliability and resiliency are important factors.

Mr. Boren requested that MWACT members provide feedback regarding freight issues and concerns in the region. Trevor Phillips requested information on resiliency. Mr. Boren responded that ODOT identified "lifeline" routes throughout the state in an earlier study along with the vulnerabilities to them. A look at alternatives to those routes is likely to be studied in the near future.

## **Agenda Item 3. Center Street Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project**

Andrew Walker, ODOT, provided an overview of the history, scope, purpose, schedule, and status of the Center Street Bridge Seismic Retrofit project. As the bridge is a key route to West Salem, funding was allocated to retrofit the bridge to withstand large scale seismic activity through House Bill (HB) 2017. Design work on this project has begun.

The bridge was studied in 2019 to determine what would need to be done to retrofit the bridge. Cost estimates for the project were made. A consultant for the project has been selected.

Mr. Walker provided an onscreen illustration of the project segments. Each of the bridge sections has different structural elements which need to be addressed. Additional complications to the project include the parks on both sides of the river and that the area is designated as a Coast Guard Navigable Channel.

Ian Davidson asked if the addition of a transit only lane has been considered. Mr. Walker responded that he doesn't think it has been considered. In response to a question from Mr. Davidson, Mr. Walker replied that there will be no change to the bikelane on the bridge. Julie Warncke, Salem Public Works, commented that the city studied the concept, but it was not an approved option. Mr. Walker added that no changes are proposed to be made to the roadway configuration.

Mr. Walker provided an overview of the project schedule. The estimated completion of construction date is sometime in 2027. Councilor Trevor Phillips asked how confident Mr. Walker is of the timeline. Mr. Walker responded that at this stage of project development, he is fairly confident of it; but the Value Engineering phase could change the timeline. Councilor Phillips asked what the impact of construction would be like on bridge users and about the resiliency of the bridge when the work is completed. Mr. Walker responded that while there will be some impact to traffic, most of the impact will occur around the foundations of the bridge. He explained that the intent is for the bridge to be able to be used immediately (within 24 hours) of a significant seismic event.

Referencing funding issues and recent project cost escalations, Mike Jaffe suggested it might be prudent for MWACT members to encourage lawmakers to allocate additional funding to this project should it be needed.

#### **Agenda Item 4. Innovative Mobility Program**

Kazim Zaidi, ODOT Public Transit, provided an overview of the ODOT Innovative Mobility Program. This program was created by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) and provided with up to \$20 million in federal and state funds over three years. Mr. Zaidi explained that "microgrants" of up to \$5,000 are available to community-based groups and government agencies reducing automobile trips and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The intent is to help historically excluded groups to get where they need to go quickly, cheaply, and safely. The grants are both competitive and contracted services.

Potential projects include community events; safety education and awareness activities; maps; signage; bike helmets, racks, locks, and repair stations among others. Mr. Zaidi encouraged innovative thinking in developing project concepts. Tom Hammer suggested transit vouchers or possibly Uber services vouchers as a potential concept.

#### **Agenda Item 5. Other Business**

MWACT members will be advised regarding the date of the next meeting. It may not be until after the first of the year. Members will be notified if there is another meeting this year.

The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.