



Executive Committee Meeting Agenda Packet

October 27, 2016, 9:00 am

Cascades West Center
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Albany, OR 97322

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA
October 27, 2016
9:00 a.m.**

An Executive Session may be called as deemed necessary by the Chair, pursuant to ORS 192.660.

1. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** (*Chair Sharon Konopa*)
(9:00 – 9:05 a.m.)

Minutes of the August 25, 2016 Executive Committee meeting will be reviewed for approval (Page 3).

ACTION: Motion to approve the August 28, 2016 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

2. **Discussion of Governing Board Membership** (*Executive Director Fred Abousleman*)
(9:05 – 9:15 a.m.)

OCWCOG's Articles of Agreement requires the governing Board to be made up of elected officials or, if no elected official is available to attend, a staff person may attend. Smaller cities have limited staff to fill in for elected officials in their absence. (Page 6)

ACTION: Discussion and possible direction.

3. **Board Exemption from Receiving OCWCOG Services** (*Executive Director Fred Abousleman*)
(9:15 – 9:25 a.m.)

Discussion about the risk of potential conflicts of interest when OCWCOG Board members and their family members obtain services from OCWCOG.

ACTION: Discussion and possible direction.

4. **Topics of Interest for Board Information Sharing** (*Executive Director Fred Abousleman*)
(9:25 – 9:35 a.m.)

The Executive Committee has suggested providing topics of interest for discussion as part of Information Sharing at the Board meetings.

ACTION: Discussion, no action required.

5. **OCWCOG Program Updates** *(All Program Directors)*
(9:35 – 9:45 a.m.)

Staff will be available to answer any questions from the Executive Committee on the program updates (Page 13 and Page 15).

ACTION: Information only, no action required.

6. **December Full Board Agenda Items** *(Chair Sharon Konopa)*
(9:45 – 9:50 a.m.)

The Executive Committee will review and comment on proposed agenda items for the next Board meeting. Staff will present items for the agenda known to date, including:

1. **Consent Calendar**
 - a. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. Senior and Disability Services Advisory Council Membership Renewals
2. **COG Budget Committee and Process for FY2017-18**
3. **Program Update Question and Answers**
4. **Information Sharing**
5. **Other Business**
6. **Adjournment**

7. **Other Business**
(9:50 – 10:00 a.m.)

8. **Adjournment**
(10:00 a.m.)

OCWCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
June 30, 2016
MINUTES

- ATTENDEES:** Mayor Sharon Konopa, Albany; Commissioner Anne Schuster, Benton County; Mayor Biff Traber, Corvallis; and, Councilor Bob Elliott, Lebanon.
- VIDEO:** Councilor Dann Cutter, Waldport.
- STAFF:** Executive Director Fred Abousleman, Deputy Director Lydia George, Community Economic Development Director Phil Warnock, General Administration Assistant Betu Case, Administrative Assistant Terri Sharpe, and Communications Consultant Lindsey Riley.
- VISITORS:** Xan Augerot

Chair Sharon Konopa convened the meeting of the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments' (OCWCOG) Executive Committee at 9:04 a.m., at the Cascades West Center in Albany, Oregon.

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2016 Executive Committee meeting minutes made by Councilor Bob Elliott, seconded by Mayor Biff Traber. Motion passed unanimously.

2. OCWCOG Program Updates

Senior and Disability Services (SDS) Director Dave Toler provided an update on his trip to Colorado where he met with colleagues to discuss Lifelong Housing and Age Friendly Communities. This is a national project in conjunction with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). There are approximately 100 cities moving forward in becoming an Age Friendly Community. This means adopting features such as safe, walkable streets; better housing and transportation options; access to key services; and opportunities for residents to participate in community activities. Livable communities are conducive to all people, no matter what age, promotes health, and sustains economic growth to better the community.

SDS Director Toler, along with Executive Director Fred Abousleman's leadership and connections, is proposing a regional approach to the AARP, which includes our Region and a few others throughout the nation, in an effort to obtain resources to initiate a pilot study. An Age Friendly Community is economic power in terms of innovation, small business entrepreneurs, investors, and volunteers for non-profits.

Commissioner Anne Schuster acknowledged SDS Director Toler's excellent presentation about the many SDS programs and services he provided to the Benton County Commissioners. Commissioner Schuster also announced SDS Director Toler is now serving on the Benton County Housing Opportunity Action Council Governing Board.

Executive Director Abousleman said OCWCOG is collaborating with the Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN) in contracting with a resource development consultant, Westby and Associates. The consultants will conduct capital campaigns, starting with the *Meals on Wheels* program. If successful, OCWCOG will continue to retain Westby and Associates for other work.

Mayor Traber asked about Medicaid costs associated with 24-hour live-in care. SDS Director Toler explained that under the U.S Department of Labor's new ruling, 24 hours of live-in care would mean

the caregiver is to receive eight hours of regular pay, and 16 hours would qualify as overtime pay. Caregiver overtime hours will be retroactive back to January 1, 2016. This is for consumers receiving in-home care funded through Oregon Project Independence (OPI), or Medicaid.

Executive Director Abousleman announced that today they will be launching the Region's first Bikeshare Program in Corvallis, *Pedal Corvallis*. If successful, the intent is to expand to other cities throughout the Region. This is a two-year funded pilot through the Inter-Community Health Network (IHN).

Community and Economic Development (CED) Director Phil Warnock said Oregon State University (OSU) is anticipating to be involved in Phase 2 of the Bikeshare Plan. Presently, there are six stations with 33 bikes and two trikes. The trikes have baskets in the rear to hold more cargo, and allows for members of community with mobility challenges to participate in the program. CED Director Warnock said he hopes to have a few more trikes as the program expands.

To join the Bikeshare Program, go to www.Zagster.com/PedalCorvallis. The costs are \$5 for a 3-day pass; \$10 for a monthly pass; and \$25 for an annual pass. With all passes, rides under two hours are free, and \$3.00 per hour after that. Membership costs (\$25/year) are waived to those with IHN memberships. The technology is a phone-based reservation and lease system that is intended to reach all members of the community.

Bikeshare stations are located within two blocks, or closer, of a Corvallis Transit stop and can be found at the following locations: Downtown Transit Center, Oregon State Credit Union, Lincoln Health Center, Benton County Health Department, Osborn Aquatic Center, and SamFit /Samaritan Square. Zagster was selected as the bike vendor because of the functionality of the bike and their light weight.

Executive Director Abousleman said it costs approximately \$7,000 - \$10,000 to sponsor a station per year, which covers the maintenance of the station, and the bikes allocated to that station. There are different levels of sponsorship as well. IHN has paid for the initial construction and set up of the current stations for a two-year period. Additional sponsors include Sam Fit, Linn-Benton Community College, First Alternative Co-op, Woodstock's Pizza, NuScale Power, and the Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO).

Executive Director Abousleman expressed OCWCOG's appreciation of the important relationship and level of trust with IHN, and what fantastic partners they are. He is proud of the work the OCWCOG team does, and appreciates the positive feedback he has received from Samaritan.

Mayor Traber asked about the limited duration pilot program that the IHN-CCOs created, and about the loss of the program once the funding runs out. Executive Director Abousleman said Samaritan is interested in better community health indicators and decreasing their costs. Pilot programs are an affordable way for them to test their theories. Director Toler said the clarification he heard from Samaritan in regards to sustainability is, if the pilot proves itself and the return of the investment is there because of cost savings, IHN or Samaritan will continue to fund the program. However, he feels two to three years to test a program is not sufficient time to really determine this.

Commissioner Schuster asked if OCWCOG would ever consider implementing other programs such as public safety. Executive Director Abousleman said OCWCOG is allowed to do whatever the Board directs them to do. OCWCOG provides services and programs that local governments can't, shouldn't, or don't want to do collectively. When the view of one's mission is broadened, it opens up the types of programs OCWCOG can do. Water, air quality, economic development, health

services, public safety, emergency management, and technology are natural services for OCWCOG's to provide.

Chair Konopa said Senator Sara Gelser contacted her with regards to receiving OCWCOG support for Highway 20, between Albany and Corvallis, to be considered a safety corridor.

3. OCWCOG Branding Update

Executive Director Abousleman presented ideas for a new OCWCOG logo that captures not only the Region's great outdoor recreation, but also the technology, education, manufacturing, and vibrant economy the region holds. Working with a design group, designs were developed to reflect color, concept, and connectivity.

There was discussion around the positive and negative aspects of the different logo designs. The Committee suggested OCWCOG staff continue researching logo designs.

Counselor Bob Elliott left the meeting.

4. July Full Board Agenda Items:

1. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of Previous Full Board Meeting Minutes
- b. Senior and Disability Services Advisory Council Membership Renewals
- c. Appointments to the Transportation Brokerage Advisory Council (TBAC)
- d. Revisions to the TBAC Bylaws

2. Cascades West Economic Development District Resiliency Plan Presentation

3. Program Update Questions and Answers

4. Information Sharing

5. Other Business

6. Adjournment

5. Other Business

It was agreed to cancel the August 25th Executive Committee meeting.

Commissioner Schuster introduced Xan Augerot who is running for Benton County Commissioner.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Terri Sharpe.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

OREGON CASCADES WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

This Amended Intergovernmental Agreement is made and entered into on this 20th day of February 20, 2001, to supersede the original Articles of Agreement between the parties as has been amended, approved, and ratified since the initial execution of Articles of Agreement which established or provided for the governance of OREGON CASCADES WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS and its predecessor agencies. This Agreement shall upon adoption supersede all previous Agreements which established or provided for the governance of the OREGON CASCADES WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS and its predecessor agencies. The Council established by this Agreement shall assume all assets, liabilities, obligations, functions and authority heretofore vested in or assumed by the OREGON CASCADES WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. Nothing in this Agreement shall supersede agreements by any member or members to assume debt, responsibility or liabilities for specific obligations of the OREGON CASCADES WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS.

Article I. **Name**

The name of this organization shall be OREGON CASCADES WEST COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, hereinafter referred to as the "OCWCOG".

Article II. **Authorization**

The authorization for the establishment of this organization as an intergovernmental entity is set forth in the State of Oregon's Intergovernmental Cooperations Statutes (ORS 190.003 to 190.110 generally, and specifically ORS 190.010 (5), as currently existing and as amended hereafter) and by agreement of its members.

Article III. **Purposes**

OCWCOG has been formed to:

- A. Investigate and present information on issues involving the region's physical and social condition;
- B. Facilitate regional communication on issues of mutual interest;
- C. Provide staff resources for multi-jurisdictional planning programs;
- D. Provide staff for multi-jurisdictional program operation;
- E. Offer staff resources to local governments to carry out programs or activities when such an arrangement would be beneficial; and,
- F. Conduct, on behalf of member governments, federal and state programs of a single or multi-jurisdictional nature and/or impact.

Article IV. Powers, Duties and Functions of the OCWCOG:

Consistent with this agreement and state law, OCWCOG may:

- A. Issue revenue bonds under ORS 288.802 to 288.945 to accomplish the public purposes of the parties to the Agreement if, after a public hearing, the governing body of each of the units of local government that are parties to the Agreement approves, by resolution or order, the issuance of the revenue bonds;
- B. Enter into any agreements with vendors, trustees or escrow agents for the installment, purchase or lease with option to purchase of real or personal property if the period of time allowed for payment under an agreement does not exceed 20 years;
- C. Provide for refinancing outstanding obligations of the OCWCOG, including refinancing the existing debt obligation(s) for real property;
- D. Provide for financing of capital improvements for real property of the OCWCOG. Adopt all rules necessary to carry out OCWCOG powers and duties under the Intergovernmental Agreement; and,
- E. Undertake any and all powers and duties authorized by ORS 190.080

Article V. OCWCOG Governing Board Membership

- A. OCWCOG Representatives:
 - 1. Each member shall be entitled to one representative selected by and from members of its elected governing board to serve on the OCWCOG governing board, hereinafter referred to as “Board”;
 - 2. Each member shall be entitled to one alternate to represent the member in the absence of the representative on the governing board and any board or committee of the OCWCOG;
 - 3. The intent of the OCWCOG is to be a forum for elected representatives. However, if no elected official is available for a specific meeting, the representative or chief elected official in the absence of that representative of the member may assign a staff of that unit of local government to attend that meeting. Such appointed representative shall have all rights and responsibilities of the regular representative for that meeting. The delegation shall be made in writing for each meeting, and be presented to the Chair of the meeting; and,
 - 4. Representatives and alternates shall hold office until their successors are appointed by the governing board of the member.
- B. The following entities shall be eligible for membership in the OCWCOG:
 - 1. Any general purpose local government within Benton, Lincoln or Linn Counties;

2. Any special function governmental unit (e.g. port districts, public utility districts.) within Benton, Lincoln or Linn Counties;
 3. Any public educational institution or district within Benton, Lincoln or Linn Counties; and,
 4. Any federally recognized Indian Tribe within Benton, Lincoln or Linn Counties.
- C. An eligible unit of local government may become a member of the OCWCOG by adopting an ordinance endorsing the Articles of Agreement.
- D. An eligible special function unit may become a member by:
1. Adopting an ordinance endorsing the Articles of Agreement; and,
 2. Receiving an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board present at a regular meeting, accepting their request for membership.
- E. Termination of Membership in the OCWCOG:
1. Membership in the OCWCOG may be terminated by written notice to the Board no later than May 1, prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in which termination is sought; and,
 2. If the annual assessment of a member is not paid by January 31, of the fiscal year for which it is due, the Board may either terminate the membership of that member or grant an extension to, but not beyond June 30, of the fiscal year for which the assessment is due.

Article VI. Powers, Duties & Functions of the Board

- A. Enter into agreements with the United States, the State of Oregon, members of the OCWCOG, public or private agencies, foundations or corporations, and individuals for the purpose of obtaining funding or payment to carry out the objectives, programs and purposes of the OCWCOG;
- B. Own or lease equipment and other property in its own name;
- C. Adopt a budget in compliance with ORS 294.900 to 294.930 indicating the receipts and expenditures of the OCWCOG;
- D. Establish the amount of dues, fees and/or contract rates to be paid by each member, and inform each member of the amount of dues that will be assessed for the following fiscal year no later than two (2) weeks after a dues rate has been established;
- E. Seek and accept grants, gifts, loans, and donations in the name of the OCWCOG, a member(s), or other public or quasi-public agencies to carry out purposes of the OCWCOG or activities directed by the entity for whom the financial assistance is being provided;

- F. Make, adopt, and amend Rules of Procedure and/or Bylaws consistent with this Agreement;
- G. Appoint an Executive Director;
- H. Establish advisory committees;
- I. Adopt and authorize all advocacy positions of the OCWCOG; and,
- J. Take such other actions as are necessary to enable the OCWCOG to carry out those purpose and functions which are consistent with this Agreement and state law.

Article VII. Officers

The officers of the Board shall consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer elected from among its members.

Article VIII. Executive Committee

- A. An Executive committee is hereby established, composed of the three officers of the OCWCOG and three at-large representatives;
- B. The Executive Committee shall act on administrative matters on behalf of the Board between meetings of the Board.
- C. Regular Executive Committee meetings shall be held every other month in the months a regular Board meeting is not to be held. A schedule of meetings for the year may be adopted at the first meeting of the Executive Committee in a calendar year. Special meetings may be called in accordance with the public meetings laws of the State of Oregon, as deemed necessary by the Chair or by any member of the Committee;

Article IX. Organizational Procedures

- A. The Board shall meet every other month. A calendar of meetings for the year shall be distributed in January of each year; and
- B. Executive Committee meetings shall be held every other month in the months a regular Board meeting is not scheduled to be held.

Article X. Committees

In order to carry out work of the Board, committees may be created by the Board. The purpose and scope of activity of each committee shall be outlined by and adopted by the Board.

Article XI. Finance

- A. Revenues of the OCWCOG shall be from member contributions, grants, gifts, donations, fees, contracts or other payment received for purposes consistent with OCWCOG

functions, work programs and budgets adopted by the Board and may be amended from time to time;

- B. Expenditures shall be to accomplish the purposes of the OCWCOG as described in the adopted work program consistent with the adopted budget;
- C. The fiscal year of the OCWCOG shall begin July 1, and end June 30, of the following year;
- D. A Finance Committee consisting of the Executive Committee and chairs of standing committees shall be responsible for financial matters of the OCWCOG;
- E. Each year, OCWCOG financial records shall be audited in accordance with state law, appropriate federal program guidelines, and generally accepted auditing standards;
- F. Pursuant to ORS 190.080(4) any party to this Agreement may, from time to time, assume responsibility for specific debts, liabilities or obligations of the OCWCOG. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as superceding prior agreements by any party to assume debts, responsibilities or obligations; and,
- G. From time to time the board may establish special funds for the purpose of accepting private grants, gifts, donations, or other payments, intended to support specific programs of the OCWCOG. Such special funds shall be administered as follows:
 - 1. Revenues earmarked for such funds are to be utilized solely for the operation of programs or its successor programs.
 - 2. In the event that the OCWCOG dissolves or discontinues the provision of the specific program, funds within these accounts shall pass to the successor agency(s) serving all or part of Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties. In the event there is no successor agency, the funds will be transferred in three equal amounts to the agency deemed most appropriate by the Board to use the funds for purposes most consistent with the intent of the special program for which they were originally given.
 - 3. No amendment of this section of ARTICLE XI nor any change in the use of these separate funds shall be approved, except upon the approval of at least two-thirds of the Board representatives present at an official meeting of the entire Board.

Article XII. Authority of Executive Director.

In order to carry out the work of the OCWCOG as described in the adopted work program, the Executive Director is granted authority to employ staff, execute contracts, and take other actions as may be necessary to carry out the work, consistent with the Articles, Bylaws and the guidelines and directions of the Board.

Article XIII. Dissolution

The OCWCOG may be dissolved at any time by a unanimous vote of all the parties to the Agreement.

- A. Upon dissolution of the OCWCOG, distribution of all assets of the OCWCOG shall be made to the current parties to the Agreement in the same proportion to the total dues assessment for the current fiscal years, as each party was individually assessed:
 - 1. However, any proceeds from the sale of an asset, the purchase liability of which was assumed by one or more parties, in accordance with ORS 190.080 (4), shall accrue to the parties originally liable, in proportion to their combined dues for the current fiscal year; or,
 - 2. In the event the liability was assumed in some specific manner/amount, the distribution of proceeds from the sale of the asset shall be made in the same specific manner proportional to the amount of the total liability originally assumed and/or specified in a separate agreement.

- B. Upon dissolution of the OCWCOG, any outstanding indebtedness or other liabilities of the OCWCOG shall be assumed by the parties to the agreement in the same proportion to the total dues assessment for the current fiscal year, as each party was individually assessed:
 - 1. However, any indebtedness or liability which was assumed by one or more parties, in accordance with ORS 190.080 (4), shall be borne by the parties so liable, in proportion to their combined dues; or,
 - 2. In the event the liability was assumed in some specific manner/amount, the remaining indebtedness or liability shall be borne in the same specific manner proportional to the amount of the total liability assumed.

- C. If during the course of operation a member government made some specific financial or asset contribution to the OCWCOG, for which the member was to be repaid or the asset returned, such repayment or return shall be made in full prior to the distribution of assets described in A above.

Article XIV. Amendments

Amendments to the Articles of Agreement may be proposed at any meeting of the Board. A copy of the proposed amendment and the reasons for the amendment shall be presented to the Chair no less than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting at which the amendment is proposed to be adopted. The Chair shall provide a copy of the proposal to each representative at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the meeting. Any amendment to the Articles of Agreement must be approved by a vote equal to one vote greater than a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting at a meeting of the OCWCOG, and then subsequently ratified by motion, resolution or ordinance approved individually by two-thirds plus one of the member agencies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed in the names of the respective member agencies by ordinance adopted by the governing bodies, signed by the Chief Executive, as appropriate, duly attested to by the respective clerk, recorder or secretary with the corporate seals of said member governments being duly attached thereto.¹

¹ As amended June 26, 1974; November 24-25, 1975; February 18, 1977; February 20, 1981; March 10, 1984; June 27, 1986; June 25, 1987; June 30, 1988; approved November 15, 1990, ratified February 16, 1991, amended May 16, 1991; amended November 12, 1992, ratified January 16, 1993; amended May 16, 1996, ratified August 21, 1996, amended September 21, 2000, ratified February 20, 2001.



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Area Agency on Aging

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 27, 2016
TO: OCWCOG Executive Committee
FROM: Dave Toler, Senior and Disability Services Director
RE: **Senior and Disabilities (SDS) Program Report**

Dementia- Related Diseases

The fastest growing chronic diseases in the U.S. are dementia-related diseases. Dementia diseases are now the 5th leading cause of death for older Oregonians and this is expected to rise to the 3rd leading cause in the next 10-15 years. OCWCOG SDS Staff are seeing the issue every day in our communities and far too often there are few resources for families to turn to for help.

SDS is proposing a statewide summit on Dementia. The draft title is *The Forgettable Epidemic: Dementia*. Key to the success of this event would be strong partnership with the Oregon Alzheimer's Association, Oregon AARP, Oregon Health Care Association, Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Agencies and Disabilities (O4AD), Oregon State University, Portland State University, Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS), and numerous other stakeholders in Oregon.

Initial responses have been very positive and we hope to have a decision on whether to proceed within the next month. The event will likely be in the fall of 2017.

Veterans Service Office

SDS has just recently gained approval from Oregon DHS to submit for Medicaid (match) funding for our Veterans Service Office serving Benton County. This will allow us to implement a holistic service model for these veterans. Each veteran that we serve will not only receive veteran benefits they are eligible for through the Veterans Affairs, but we will also be looking at other potential services, including Medicaid Long-Term Care to assist the family.

With the number of aging and veterans with disabilities rapidly increasing, this will enable SDS to offer wraparound services to the families to ensure they have the support they may need.

Medicare Provider

Traditionally, SDS has primarily served our lower income families and households who qualify for Medicaid. In partnership with our statewide association (O4AD), OCWCOG has joined with some of our sister Area Agencies on Aging to pursue a Medicare provider number. This will enable SDS

to serve a much broader segment of our population because Medicare covers the vast majority of people over 65.

Many of our programs would be very beneficial to Medicare recipients, however, we are unable to provide the services because we are unable to bill Medicare. For example, it would be a very positive move to be able to offer the Program to Encourage Active and Rewarding Lives (PEARLS) – our program for people with depression – to Medicare recipients because depression is a growing phenomenon in our older population.

Hospital Transitions to the Community

Albany General Hospital has agreed to contract with OCWCOG to provide a Case Manager who will be dedicated to providing assistance to discharged patients to help them succeed in their transition back to home. The Care Transition Intervention program is an evidence based program that has been proven to effectively reduce early re-admissions back into the hospital.

In addition, SDS has also gained approval from the State to submit for Medicaid (match) funding to support an In-Take Case Manager who will work with hospital discharge planners to ensure discharged patients are enrolled in Medicaid Long-Term Care services in a timely manner. These Staff will be housed at the hospitals. With approval for Medicaid match, SDS can now offer a very cost-effective proposal to the hospitals, because they will only have to pay 50% of the cost.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 27, 2016
TO: OCWCOG Board of Directors
FROM: Phil Warnock, Community and Economic Development Director
RE: **Community and Economic Development (CED) Program Report**

Economic Development

- The Cascades West Economic Development District (CWEDD) held two of the districts newly formed working group (Economic Development Practitioners and Workforce Development) meetings for first time prior to the full CWEDD Board meeting last month. Those present reported that it was a very useful exercise and committed to engaging their colleagues to participate in the future. Implementing the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) continues to be a focus; one that requires some coaxing and creativity, but the CWEDD Board and staff are optimistic and committed to creating a model that sets our District and Region apart from others in the State.

The CWEDD Board provided direction to staff to pursue additional resources through a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant for *Economic Resilience and Continuity of Governance* following any event that may disrupt the economy whether that be recession or natural disaster related.

Transportation Planning

- Following several public outreach meetings, CED staff are working on a draft Corridor Management Plan for the Highway 34 *Mary's Peak to Pacific Scenic Byway* proposal. The draft plan will be reviewed by the Scenic Byway Committee and then submitted to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).
- The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) application that was submitted over the summer is now in the Selection Committee review stage. The project includes planning along South Fork Road in Benton County for access to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) sites in the Alsea Falls recreation area. CED staff, along with Benton County and BLM representatives, hosted a contingent of the FLAP Review Committee for a site tour. The planning effort is aimed at future FLAP roadway improvement applications to enhance access to the Alsea Falls area. Funding of proposals is expected to be announced in November.
- The *Monroe/South Benton County Connectivity Project* continues moving forward with stakeholder meetings and developing specific projects that have been identified by various groups concerned with connectivity in south Benton County. A draft proposal will be developed by the end of

November for review by the Committee. Committee members have been very engaged and helpful, including members representing the community of Monroe.

Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACT)

- CWACT participated in a Legislative roundtable with the Joint Interim Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization on September 15th in Newport, and will participate in a similar event October 24th in Albany.
- CWACT was represented at the Oregon Transportation Commission's (OTC) annual workshop in Silverton, October 13-14th.
- CWACT will have its biennial review with the OTC on November 18th, where an overview will be provided of the CWACT's work during the past two years.

Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO)

- AAMPO continues to move forward on the statewide pilot of the Mosaic 'cost and value informed planning tool'. AAMPO will use Mosaic to test out the benefits and costs of two theoretical long-term regional investment strategies, and will use the results to inform the 20-year aspirational project list for the Regional Transportation Plan. The Policy Board has approved two investment strategies to test: 1) "Improve Capacity" with a new river-crossing connecting Millersburg and North Albany); and, 2) "Managing Congestion on Existing Corridors" using technology, intersection improvements, regional transit service, and I-5 interchange improvements.

Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO)

- CAMPO held an Open House Public Meeting on September 28th at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library to collect public input on the updating of the Regional Transportation Plan.
- CAMPO is working on a Feasibility Study of converting the Corvallis Transit System's buses from Diesel fuel to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fuel.
- CAMPO is a sponsor of the *Pedal Corvallis* bike share program at the Bike Sponsor level.
- CAMPO produced the results of two community workshops held in last May on Scenario Analysis of several land use and transportation options.

Transportation Options

- For the period of July 1st to September 30th, a total of 141 new people joined the DriveLessConnect.com database for Benton, Lincoln, and Linn counties. Overall during that period, members logged 170,857 non-drive-alone miles, including 4,547 bike trips, 614 bus trips, 1,860 carpool trips, 1,297 vanpool trips, and 750 walking trips. This resulted in an estimated CO₂ reduction of 134,826 pounds, as well as 6,756 gallons of gas saved, and \$52,021 saved by participants over driving alone.
- The statewide *Oregon Drive Less Challenge* is taking place now through October 15th. 60 new members joined the DriveLessConnect.com database for Benton, Lincoln, and Linn Counties during the first week of the campaign. Teams from Benton County (staff) and Oregon State University have placed on the statewide Leaderboard for mileage tracked.

Cascades West Ride Line, Brokerage

- During the past quarter, 3,664 Ride Line (non-emergent medical transportation) clients received transportation assistance. They collectively took a total of 51,830 trips. The majority of these trips were sedan trips (29,074) or mileage reimbursements (15,504). There are approximately 61,600 individuals eligible for Ride Line services at this time. Of the eligible populations, nearly 6% (5.948%) received some form of transportation assistance.

	Trips	Clients
Linn County	35,632	2,321
Benton County	6,719	521
Lincoln County	8,882	769
All other counties	597	53
Regionally	51,830	3,664

Safe Routes to School

- OCWCOG has received a grant from the ODOT's Transportation Safety Division for *Safe Routes to School* projects in five local school districts from October 2016 to October 2019. The grant totals \$49,225 in the first year, \$45,368 in the second year, and \$38,853 in the third year. The communities to be served include Albany, Harrisburg, Jefferson, Lebanon, and Sweet Home.

Projects will be developed in collaboration with the participating schools and communities, and will include bike and pedestrian safety education, coalition-building, and strategic planning. In October, CED staff prepared a memo regarding intersection safety strategies for Lebanon Community School District; next steps will be discussed soon. Also this month, staff provided a pedestrian safety presentation for 380 students at Jefferson Elementary School. Separately this month, CED staff helped secure \$3,000 in funding from ODOT for the Sweet Home School District, in connection with a safety training held in May 2016.

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