

**Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, December 08, 2022  
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

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**AGENDA**

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| <b>1. 4:00 Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>   | <b>Chair,<br/>Commissioner<br/>Pat Malone</b> |
| <b>2. 4:05 Agenda Review</b>   | <b>Chair</b>                                  |
| <b>3. 4:10 Approve Minutes of October 13, 2022, Meeting (Attachment A)</b><br><i>ACTION: Approval of meeting minutes</i>   | <b>Chair</b>                                  |
| <b>4. 4:15 December 15, 2022, CWACT Full Commission Agenda</b><br><i>ACTION: Approval of agenda topics</i>   | <b>Staff</b>                                  |
| <b>5. 4:20 Updated Membership Changes (Attachment B)</b><br><i>Reviewing update to membership changes following September's CWACT meeting</i><br><i>ACTION: Information &amp; Discussion</i> | <b>Staff</b>                                  |
| <b>6. 4:40 Recap of OTC-ACT Chairs Meeting</b><br><i>Summary of discussion from November 16 OTC-ACT Chairs meeting</i><br><i>ACTION: Information only</i>                                    | <b>Staff</b>                                  |
| <b>7. 4:55 Other Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Other business from members</b></li></ul>   | <b>Chair</b>                                  |
| <b>8. 5:00 Adjournment</b>   | <b>Chair</b>                                  |

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**CWACT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, October 13, 2022**  
**4:00 pm to 5:00 pm**  
**Microsoft Teams Remote Connection**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Attended</b>
Matt Lehman	Benton County	Yes
Pat Malone	Benton County	Yes
Betty Kamikawa	Lincoln County	Yes
Doug Hunt	Lincoln County	Yes
Adam Keaton	Linn County	No
Roger Nyquist	Linn County	No
Savannah Crawford	ODOT	No
<b>Alternates</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Attended</b>
James Feldmann	ODOT	Yes

**Staff:** CWACT Planner Steph Nappa, Transportation Program Manager Nick Meltzer, Operations Supervisor Emma Chavez, and CED Administrative Assistant Ashlyn Muzechenko

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>DECISION / CONCLUSION</b>
1. Welcome & Introductions	Introductions were not conducted as the group was small and everyone knew each other.	<b>The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by Chair Commissioner Pat Malone.</b>
2. Agenda Review	The agenda was approved with no changes.	<b>There were no changes to the agenda.</b>
3. Approve Minutes of August 11, 2022 (Attachment A)  <b>Action: Approval of Minutes</b>	Minutes were approved by consensus with no changes.	<b>Consensus to approve the August 11, 2022, meeting minutes.</b>

<p>4. October 27, 2022, CWACT Full Commission Agenda Review (Attachment B)</p> <p><b>Action: Approval of Agenda Topics</b></p>	<p>Staff Steph Nappa introduced Attachment B and the agenda topics that were outlined to be added by James and ODOT.</p> <p>James Feldmann added two changes to the agenda including who is presenting from ODOT on Item #4, and then some of the items from #7 which adds information from Great streets. Feldmann also noted that he also had other funding opportunities besides the great streets and Staff Steph Nappa added language to the agenda to reflect that.</p> <p>James Feldmann noted that Benton County has two pre-approved, Lincoln County doesn't have anyone, City of Monroe has one, and the City of Corvallis has one. The City of Albany has one.</p> <p>Pat Malone asked about the second project for Benton County.</p> <p>James Feldmann answered stating it would be two planning projects, one of which is for the City of Monroe and the other is the City of Corvallis's project both are working on paths.</p> <p>Staff Steph Nappa asked if the CWACT Membership update is ready to move to the Full Commission. This topic is discussed next.</p>	
<p>5. CWACT Membership Changes (Attachment C)</p> <p><b>Action: Information and Discussion</b></p>	<p>Staff Steph Nappa shared the memo staff created about new membership outlines for CWACT. This would include the marked-up version of the bylaws to reflect the changes.</p> <p>Commissioner Doug Hunt noted that these change that Staff Steph Nappa proposed are right on.</p> <p>Chair Pat Malone motions that he feels that this could be ready for the Full Commission, but there should be a notice that goes out pleading members to read through before the meeting.</p> <p>Staff Steph Nappa noted that Bylaw changes are by votes but everything else happens by consensus.</p> <p>Staff Steph Nappa noted some of the liberties she took when editing</p>	<p><b>CWACT Executive Committee Members approved the membership changes to be presented to the Full Commission with an extra reminder on the meeting notice regarding</b></p>

	<p>the bylaws such as when members were supposed to be appointed.</p> <p>Commissioner Doug Hunt will be leaving CWACT as it will be the end of his term and he isn't running for re-election.</p> <p>Staff Nick Meltzer asked about how many required members are to be allowed from ODOT.</p> <p>Staff Steph Nappa notes that she will add additional language as recommended by Staff Nick Meltzer.</p> <p>Matt Lehman asked if someone doesn't get re-elected, but the member doesn't get replaced until March, are they still counted as members.</p> <p>Staff Steph Nappa noted that the alternate would have to step in because as soon as someone leaves office, they can no longer represent the public.</p> <p>Staff Nick Meltzer noted to add a senesce regarding the alternates of the previous year filling the elected officials place if they aren't re-elected.</p> <p>Chair Pat Malone adds to send out an early email regarding the bylaw changes for all Full Commission Members to review and then submit questions and comments for, so it is more for the full board meeting.</p> <p>Another Creative Liberty that Staff Steph Nappa changed in the bylaws is regarding the Executive committee, and their members.</p> <p>Chair Pat Malone asked about moving the date closer to February rather than March.</p> <p>Staff Emma Chavez noted that we can try and change the bylaws however there isn't a guarantee that it will always happen to due dates. She also addressed that staff will be sending out reminders and</p>	
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	<p>will be upping outreach for this upcoming year.</p> <p>Staff Emma Chavez noted that they can move it up a month, but the COG board doesn't meet until March, which is where the members would be approved.</p> <p>Staff Steph Nappa proposed they change the date to February 28, 2023, and Staff Nick Meltzer Seconded.</p> <p>Staff Steph Nappa and Staph Nick Meltzer decided on a cap for ODOT required members to be up to 6 members.</p> <p>All Executive Committee Members were comfortable with the changes Staff Steph Nappa made to the CWACT Bylaws.</p> <p>Staff Steph Nappa also noted that the meetings are getting changed from quarterly to bi-monthly.</p> <p>Chair Pat Malone noted that for as long as he has been a part of CWACT there has been quorum issues, and hopefully these changes will capture what was covered at the executive committee and will really make achieving quorum easier and more attainable.</p> <p>Staff Steph Nappa noted that the meeting notice will need to have an extra note section regarding the bylaw changes.</p>	
<p>6. Other Business:</p>	<p><b>November 16<sup>th</sup> OTC &amp; ACT Chairs Meeting</b></p> <p>Staff Steph Nappa introduced the OTC Chairs meeting that ODOT is organizing.</p> <p>Staff Nick Meltzer added that someone from the Executive Committee may be able to attend in the commissioner's place, as most will be at the AOC conference.</p> <p><b>Ongoing Meeting Format (virtual, hybrid, in-person)</b></p> <p>The Executive Committee Members wanted to verify if the October</p>	

	<p>meeting will be Hybrid both at the COG’s two locations both Toledo and Albany, this was affirmed and agreed upon.</p> <p><b>December Meeting Dates</b></p> <p>Staff Steph Nappa noted that usually the December meeting gets moved because of the holidays.</p> <p>Staff Nick Meltzer suggested to move the Full Commission meeting to December 15<sup>th</sup>, and then keeping the Executive Committee for December as is.</p> <p>The CWACT Executive Committee meetings will continue to be Virtual, and the CWACT Full Commission meetings will be Hybrid moving forward.</p>	
<p>7. Adjournment</p>	<p>The next CWACT Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for December 08, 2022.</p> <p>The next CWACT Full Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2022, and will be held as a hybrid meeting with in-person access at both the Albany and Toledo COG buildings.</p>	<p><b>Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm. By Chair Pat Malone</b></p>



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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 1, 2022  
**TO:** Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation  
**FROM:** Steph Nappa, CWACT Staff  
**RE:** **Amended Membership Update Proposal**

**Background:** Throughout 2022, the Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACT) Executive Committee has been discussing options for updating the CWACT membership. Since the passage of Oregon HB 2017 in 2017 which resulted in changes to the role of Area Commissions on Transportations (ACTs), CWACT has struggled to achieve quorum. The issue has been exacerbated by the fact that CWACT has the largest voting membership of any Oregon ACT. Simultaneously, the Oregon Department of Transportation has been looking to update ACT roles and membership requirements. For these reasons, the Executive Committee deemed now is an appropriate time to pursue membership changes.

At the September CWACT meeting, staff presented a proposal for membership changes that had been developed with input from the Executive Committee. The full CWACT membership had several concerns with the proposal:

- Reduced number of representatives from small cities/rural areas would reduce the influence of a large portion of the CWACT area
- Added memberships for “ODOT required representatives” don’t fit the purpose of the ACTs
  - Unelected representatives may not accurately reflect the needs of the region
  - Feels like too much ODOT influence on a body that’s meant to advise ODOT
- ODOT Area Manager Savannah Crawford noted that the Area Manager is required to be a voting member based on the ACT formation policy

To address these comments, staff have revised the membership update proposal, outlined below.

**Revised Membership Update Proposal:** Changes reflect the input received at the September CWACT meeting.

- Three (3) county commissioners, one from each county
- Three (3) large city representatives, one each from Albany, Corvallis, and Newport
- One (1) representative from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
- Two (2) port representatives, one each from the Port of Newport and the Port of Toledo
- Nine (9) small city representatives, three (3) from each county
  - Small cities are defined as any city that isn’t specified above as a large city
  - Small cities self-select to be representatives. If more than three (3) cities request to be representatives, the county commissioners will select which cities will be the representatives for their county.
  - If three (3) cities from one county do not offer to provide representatives, the County Commissioner may select at-large representatives in lieu of city representatives.

- One (1) ODOT representative, which is the Area Manager
- Up to three (3) at-large representatives
  - The CWACT Executive Committee will appoint at-large members.
  - At-large members may represent a geographical area, a demographic group, a transportation mode, or a transportation-related field (i.e. economic development) at the Executive Committee's discretion. They may be elected officials, staff, or members of the public.
  - At-large memberships may change following the ACT reset process

The primary changes to the membership are a reduction in the number of cities represented. Currently each city with the Linn, Benton, and Lincoln County regions is a CWACT member eligible of providing a representative. The proposed change would result in four (4) cities represented per county. Any city within the region that isn't a voting member would be an Ex-Officio member.

**Associated Bylaws Changes:** CWACT membership is defined in the CWACT bylaws. Attached to this memo is a marked copy of the bylaws showing the proposed changes.

**Membership Change Process:** As CWACT is also the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) Transportation Advisory Committee, any bylaws updates must be approved by the OCWCOG Board of Directors. There are two options for pursuing bylaws changes:

1. CWACT Initiated Changes
  - a. Proposed changes are presented to the CWACT for comment
  - b. At the following meeting, CWACT may vote to approve the changes. A 75% majority of voting members present must vote to approve the changes
  - c. The bylaws changes are presented to the OCWCOG Board for approval
2. OCWCOG Board Initiated Changes
  - a. Proposed changes are presented to the OCWCOG Board. If a simple majority of the Board approves the changes, they are sent to the CWACT for comment
  - b. CWACT provides comments on the changes
  - c. The OCWCOG Board votes to approve the changes with the comments from CWACT. A 75% majority of the OCWCOG Board is needed to adopt the changes.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommend that CWACT adopt the proposed membership and bylaws changes. If implemented, these changes would bring CWACT in line with the bylaws and membership of other ACTs across the state.



## BY-LAWS – Amendment Draft

## Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation

The concerns of the Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACT) shall include issues that affect the regional transportation system and its links to areas beyond the region. The Commission recognizes that developing and improving the transportation system is a long-term process. Therefore, CWACT strives to build and sustain the consensus and support for project priorities, plans and policies that benefit the region's transportation system.

## ARTICLE I PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation (CWACT) is established by the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments (CWCOG) and is chartered by the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) as an advisory body. The CWACT shall carry out the following functions in the Cascades West region, which consists of Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties:

- A. Provide a vehicle for the **Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the** OTC to communicate with the Cascades West region regarding transportation issues.
- B. Provide input, advice and recommendations to ODOT and the OTC with regard to policies and plans considered by the state.
- C. Provide an avenue for communication with state and federal legislators regarding regional transportation issues.
- D. Advise the CWCOG Board on transportation matters.
- E. Provide a forum for local governments to communicate and collaborate on local, regional and state transportation issues.
- F. Recommend State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) priorities to the OTC and the CWCOG Board based on state and local transportation plans related to the Area.
- G. Establish and monitor benchmarks for regional transportation improvements
- H. Communicate and coordinate activities with other regions and organizations, including:
  - Corvallis Area MPO
  - **Albany Area MPO**
  - Other ODOT Regions
  - Governor's Economic Revitalization Team
  - Rural Investment Board
  - ODOT Advisory Committees
- I. Advocate issues to neighboring regions and outside organizations.

- J. Establish a public process that is consistent with state and federal laws, regulations and policies.
- K. As applicable, consider all modes and aspects of the Transportation System in formulating recommendations, taking into account the provision of elements and connections between air, marine, rail, highway, trucking, transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- L. Provide documentation to the OTC of the public process and resulting recommendation forwarded by the ACT including alternatives for solutions and outcomes of decisions.
- M. Provide a report to the OTC at least once every two (2) years.

## ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

Representation on the CWACT shall be as follows:

- A. ~~Voting membership of the CWACT will consist of the following: Each of the following entities shall be invited to nominate one representative and one alternate as voting members of the CWACT:~~
  - a. ~~Three (3) county commissioners, one (1) from each county~~
  - b. ~~Three (3) large city representatives, one (1) each from Albany, Corvallis, and Newport~~
  - c. ~~One (1) representative from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians~~
  - d. ~~Two (2) port representatives, one (1) each from the Port of Newport and the Port of Toledo~~
  - e. ~~Nine (9) small city representatives, three (3) from each county~~
    - i. ~~Small cities self-select to be representatives. If more than three (3) cities request to be representatives, the county commissioners will select which cities will be the representatives for their county.~~
    - ii. ~~If three (3) cities from one (1) county do not offer to provide representatives, the county commissioner may select at-large representatives in lieu of city representatives.~~
  - f. ~~One (1) ODOT representative, which is the Area Manager~~
  - g. ~~Up to three (3) at-large representatives~~
    - i. ~~The CWACT Executive Committee will appoint at-large members~~
    - ii. ~~At-large members may represent a geographical area, a demographic group, a transportation mode, or a transportation-related field (i.e. economic development) at the Executive Committee's discretion. They may be elected officials, staff, or members of the public~~
- ~~1. All incorporated cities in the Cascades West region~~
- ~~2. Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties~~
- ~~3. All port districts in the Cascades West region~~
- ~~4. All recognized Indian tribes in the Cascades West region~~
- B. ~~Representatives from the entities identified in Article II (A) shall be elected officials of that entity. Alternates need not be elected officials.~~

- ~~C. Transportation districts and transit districts within the Cascades West region shall each be invited to nominate one representative and one alternate as voting members of the CWACT.~~
- ~~D. The Board of Commissioners from each County shall nominate, in consultation with the other voting CWACT members in that county, two (2) private parties representing business and other transportation interests to be voting members of the CWACT.~~
- ~~E. The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Area Manager shall be a voting member of the CWACT.~~
- F. **Voting members representing counties and cities shall be elected officials, and each shall be allowed to appoint one (1) alternate.** Alternates shall be allowed to vote in the absence of the representative or if a representative declares a conflict of interest. In no instance will an entity be allowed more than one (1) vote.
- G. Ex officio membership (non-voting) may be drawn from the following categories:
1. State legislators (all legislators that represent portions of the Cascades West region)
  2. **Representatives of all cities within the region that are not currently serving as voting members**
  3. Representatives of other groups that represent regional transportation interests, such as the Coastal Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation and the Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation
  4. Representatives of regional groups that have an interest in transportation issues, such as housing advocates and work force quality groups
  - ~~4. Two representatives of alternate modes, such as bicycle or pedestrian (to be appointed by the CWCOG Board)~~
  5. The Chairs of the CWCOG Senior Services Advisory Council and the CWCOG Disabilities Services Advisory Council
  6. Special interest groups invited to participate as particular issues are addressed by the CWACT, such as housing advocates or law enforcement agencies
  7. The **lead staff** ~~Executive Director~~ of each MPO within the CWACT region
- H. The CWCOG Board, according to the CWCOG Articles of Agreement, will formally appoint the members and alternates of the CWACT. The ODOT Area Manager and the state legislators will be considered members without the necessity of formal appointment.
- I. The entire voting membership shall serve a term of two (2) years. Approximately fifty (50) percent of the voting members shall be (re)appointed each year. **There is no limit on the number of terms a representative may serve.**
- J. **CWACT staff shall solicit representatives from e**Eligible entities, as described in Article II (A), **at the end of each calendar year in preparation for the upcoming biannual term.**~~that are not members of the CWACT shall receive a biannual invitation to join.~~
- K. ~~An entity that does not nominate a representative according to Article II (B) shall be notified, in writing, that it is no longer a member of CWACT. The entity will be allowed to re-join the CWACT at the beginning of the next term.~~

- L. Nominations for representative and alternate must be submitted by the eligible entities no later than **February 28 for the biannual term. March 31 following the beginning of those entities terms as established under Article II (H) or following an invitation to join. In the event that a currently serving elected official is not re-elected to their position in the middle of their CWACT term, their alternate will serve in their place until the jurisdiction they represent is able to select a new primary representative.**
- M. Terms shall begin on January 1.

### ARTICLE III OFFICERS AND STAFFING

- A. Officers shall consist of a Chair and a Chair-Elect, both of which shall be County Commissioners. The Chair and Chair-Elect shall be from different counties, and the positions shall rotate among the Commissioners from each of the three counties.
- B. Officers shall serve one-year terms and the Chair-Elect shall assume the office of Chair upon completion of a one-year term as Chair-Elect.
- C. The Chair shall preside at all CWACT meetings and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The Chair may vote on any item before the CWACT; however, she/he/**they** may not vote if her/his/**their** vote would create a tie. The Chair is the official spokesperson for the CWACT unless this responsibility is specifically delegated. The CWACT Chair shall appoint chairs of all committees.
- D. In the absence of the Chair, the Chair-Elect shall execute all the functions of the Chair. In the event that the Chair cannot complete her/his/**their** full-term, the Chair-Elect shall assume the office of Chair and serve the remainder of the term and a new Chair-Elect selected.
- E. No person shall serve as Chair or Chair-Elect for a period of more than twenty-three (23) consecutive months.
- F. Terms for all officers shall begin on January 1.
- G. The CWCOG and ODOT will provide staff support for the CWACT

### ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES

- A. Executive Committee
  - 1. An Executive Committee shall consist of one County Commissioner from each County, the ODOT Area Manager and **three additional voting members. one additional representative from each County.** The Executive Committee shall include the Chair and Chair-Elect. The **three additional representatives of each County shall be selected at the second regularly scheduled meeting of the calendar year annually by the voting members present representatives of that County at a regularly scheduled meeting of the ACT.**
  - 2. A quorum for the Executive Committee shall be a majority of the members and there shall be at least one representative from each County present.

3. Alternates may serve on the Executive Committee if the representative is not able to attend a meeting and if the representative so decides.
4. The Executive Committee shall meet as called by the Chair to
  - (a) Act on behalf of the full CWACT between meetings.
  - (b) Take needed timely action on issues within the context of decisions or positions previously taken by the full CWACT. However, the Executive Committee shall refrain from action on items that can wait for a regular CWACT meeting, and refrain from making decisions regarding project priorities.
  - (c) Take action in situations determined by the Chair to be emergencies.
  - (d) Be responsible for routine housekeeping duties, such as determining the content of agendas.
5. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be conducted in compliance with the Oregon Public Meetings Law as described in ORS192.610 through ORS192.690.
6. Decisions and recommendations of the Executive Committee will be communicated to the membership of the CWACT. When possible that communication shall be in writing via a memorandum.

B. Technical Committee

1. A Technical Committee shall be formed as a standing committee of the CWACT and it shall:
  - (a) Act at the direction of the CWACT and provide information, advice and recommendations to the CWACT
  - (b) Identify issues and make the CWACT aware of those issues
2. Each entity that is a voting member of the CWACT shall be invited to nominate a representative to the Technical Committee. Members of the Technical Committee need not be elected officials.
3. The Chair of the Technical Committee shall serve as an ex-officio member of the ACT.

ARTICLE V ORGANIZATION PROCEDURES

- A. The CWACT shall meet ~~quarterly~~ **bi-monthly** or as necessary to fulfill its responsibilities. Meeting locations will be determined by the membership.
- B. For the purpose of conducting official business, a quorum shall exist when representatives from fifty-one (51) percent of the voting members are in attendance.
- C. Decisions shall be reached by a consensus process whenever possible. If it is not possible to obtain concurrence of all voting members present, a seventy-five (75) percent concurrence of the voting members present shall be necessary for approval.
- D. ~~Prior to participating in the process of updating the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), the members shall establish a specific procedure to be used. That procedure shall at least describe the role of the Technical Committee, public outreach efforts, a timeline and a description of the decisionmaking process the CWACT will use to establish regional STIP priorities.~~
- E. Recommendations to the CWCOG Board to repeal, amend, add to or replace these bylaws may be made by a seventy-five (75) percent majority vote of the voting membership present.

Such changes shall be presented at one (1) meeting of the CWACT and acted upon at a subsequent meeting. A positive vote to change shall be forwarded to the CWCOG Board for action at their next meeting.

- F. The CWCOG Board may initiate a change in these bylaws. Such change shall be presented at one (1) meeting of the Board. If it receives a positive, majority vote, it shall be referred to the CWACT for comment. Subsequently, it shall be presented for adoption by the Board with the comment of the CWACT. A seventy-five (75) percent vote of the CWCOG Board is required to adopt the proposed change.
- G. Roberts' Rules of Order Revised will serve as the parliamentary authority for the operation of the CWACT in all cases not covered by these bylaws. The CWACT may formulate additional specific standing rules and rules of order to govern the conduct of its meetings provided they do not conflict with these bylaws.
- H. The Chair may call special meetings for any purpose or purposes. Notice of time and place of any special meeting shall be given to each member, either personally or by personal mail or electronic mail, at least three (3) days prior to such meetings. Notice shall state the purpose of the meeting. The public shall be notified of special meetings by posting a meeting notice on the CWACT worldwide web site.
- I. ~~If a member (representative or alternate) is not in attendance (physically or electronically) during two (2) consecutive full ACT meetings, the Chair will notify, in writing, the highest elected official of the entity being represented. If the representative is one of the private sector members, the notification will be sent to the County Commission of the county from which that private sector member was appointed. The notification will state that unless either the representative or alternate are in attendance during at least one of the two next meetings, the member will be removed from membership in the CWACT for the remainder of the term that the representative was serving. The member will be allowed to re-join the CWACT at the beginning of the next term. If the discontinued member was a private sector representative, the relevant county may immediately appoint a new representative to fill out the term of the discontinued member.~~
- J. Only representatives or alternates that have been appointed to the CWACT according to Article II (A) shall be allowed to participate in any consensus process or voting process. All entities described under Article II (G) are entitled to attend CWACT meetings and participate in meeting discussions.
- K. Meetings of the CWACT shall be conducted in compliance with the Oregon Public Meetings Law as described in ORS192.610 through ORS192.690.
- L. The CWACT will encourage and support public involvement by implementing the methods outlined in Attachment A of the Policy on Formation and Operation of Area Commissions on Transportation, adopted by the Oregon Transportation Commission on June 18, 2003.
- M. Each CWACT member shall be given a copy of these bylaws and subsequent amendments.

Amendment proposal November 28, 2022

Bylaws Adopted April 1, 1999

Amended September 20, 2001  
Amended January 20, 2005  
Reaffirmed at September 15, 2009 OTC Meeting

## **Attachment A Public Involvement**

ACT meetings will comply with the meetings of the Oregon Public Meetings Laws, ORS 192.610 to 192.690. “Meeting” means the convening of a governing body of a public body for which a quorum is required to make a decision or deliberate toward a decision on any matter.” ORS 192.610(5). Meetings include information-gathering sessions, working lunches and electronic meetings. All ACT meetings will be open to public attendance and any members of the public may attend any meeting of the ACT.

### **A. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

The Act will conduct all meetings in accordance with the following minimum requirements and will strive to meet the preferred standards. The regular meeting requirements will be supplemented with the methods found in Table 1 if the meeting falls into the following additional categories:

- Developing project priorities for Draft STIP using approved criteria.
- Draft STIP public hearing.
- Special meetings.
- Electronic meetings.

#### **Meeting Notice**

- Advance notice to interested persons and stakeholder groups on ACT mailing list and to new media which have requested notice.
- Notices must include time, place, agenda (principal subjects) and name of person and telephone number (including TTY number) at the public body to contact to make a request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other communication aids.
- A good faith effort must be made to provide an interpreter for hearing-impaired persons on receipt of proper notice. ORS 192.630(5).

#### **Meeting Materials**

- For decision items, distribute information to everyone in attendance at the meeting.
- Provide time on the agenda for general public comment.

#### **Meeting Schedule**

- If regularly scheduled meetings are not possible, the minimum standard is to provide extra public notification by following the Preferred method of meeting notification.

#### **Meeting Location**

- Meets accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- No meeting may be held in buildings where discrimination (race, sex, age, national origin, color, creed, disability) is practiced. ORS 192.630(3).
- Generally held within the geographic boundaries of the ACT’s jurisdiction. Training sessions may be held anywhere.
- Contains adequate seating facilities to encourage attendance by the general public.

**Meeting Minutes** – Minutes shall be prepared for all ACT meetings. Minutes must include at least:

- Members present.
- All motions, proposals and resolutions proposals, and their dispositions.
- Results of all votes/decisions. Secret ballots prohibited.
- Substance of all discussion.



- Reference of all documents discussed (confidentiality of records exempt from disclosure may be protected).
- After each ACT meeting the ACT shall prepare and distribute the minutes prior to the next ACT meeting.
- As appropriate to the Area, meeting minutes shall be provided in languages other than English.<sup>7</sup>
- Minutes must be preserved for a reasonable time.

**B. PREFERRED STANDARD FOR REGULAR MEETINGS**

In addition to the minimum requirements, the preferred standard for regular meetings includes,

**Meeting Notice**

- One week advance notice.
- Notices posted at local public institutions (city hall, library, community center, etc.).
- Notices posted on ACT website, along with links to meeting agendas, past meeting minutes, technical materials and documentation.

**Meeting Materials**

- Provide advance agenda one week prior to the meeting, either on the ACT website or through the mail.
- For decision items, provide technical materials and supporting documentation one week prior to the ACT meeting. Materials can be distributed through the ACT website and/or through the mail.
- Provide copies of all correspondence received prior to the meeting to the ACT members and the public attending the meeting.

**Meeting Schedule**

- Regular schedule (e.g., meetings at 1:00 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month).

**Meeting Location**

- Easily accessible by public transportation.

**Meeting Minutes**

- Post minutes from the meeting on the ACT website.

**C. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

The responsibilities of the ACT do not include work permitted in an executive session (ORS 192.660).

**D. CONTROL OF MEETINGS**

- The presiding officer has inherent authority to keep order at meetings – can “reasonably” regulate the use of cameras and tape recorders.
- No smoking is permitted at any meeting of the ACT.

**E. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Roles and responsibilities of parties engaged in public involvement activities on behalf of ACT will be designated in the joint agreement identified in Section V.B., Staffing and Financial Support.

**F. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public shall be provided opportunities to speak to the merits of the proposals before the ACT and to forward their own proposals. Public commentary may be taken at any time during the ACT meeting. Copies of all correspondence received prior to the meeting shall be available for ACT members and the

public at the meeting. The ACT public involvement process shall demonstrate explicit consideration and response to public input during the planning and program development process.

Type of Meeting	Meeting Notice		Meeting Materials		Meeting Schedule		Meeting Location	
	Minimum	Preferred	Minimum	Preferred	Minimum	Preferred	Minimum	Preferred
Developing Project Priorities for Draft STIP Using Approved Criteria	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings plus - Paid Advertising	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings plus - In establishing outreach activities for specific projects or topics consider locations that would be frequented by that community (e.g., social service organizations, schools).
Draft STIP Public Hearing	- Same as Regular Meetings plus - Paid Advertising	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings	Same as Developing Project Priorities for Draft STIP Using Approved Criteria
Special Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings plus - Minimum 24 hours Notice	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings
Electronic Requirements apply to all meetings by electronic means (e.g., personal computers)	- Same as Minimum for meeting type listed above. All procedural and formal requirements apply (minutes, notices, etc.). ORS 192.670.	- Same as Preferred for appropriate meeting type listed above.	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings	- Same as Regular Meetings plus - Room with "listening" device	- Same as Regular Meetings

7 – A Governor’s task force is currently working on methodology for meeting the federal requirements for Limited English Proficiency. Public involvement at the ACTs will need to comply with the guidance developed.

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