

**Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation  
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, April 11, 2023  
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**HYBRID MEETING: IN-PERSON WITH TEAMS VIDEO/CALL-IN AVIALABLE**

OCWCOG, Albany ABC Conference Room  
1400 Queen Avenue SE, Albany

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## AGENDA

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| 1) | 3:00 | <b>Introductions</b>   | <b>Staff, Nick Meltzer</b> |
| 2) | 3:05 | <b>Election of 2023 Chair</b><br><br><i>Action: Elect TAC Chair to serve for 2023</i>  | <b>CWACT Staff</b>         |
| 3) | 3:10 | <b>Approval of June 15, 2021, Meeting Minutes<br/>(Attachment A)</b><br><br><i>Action: Approval of Minutes</i>   | <b>Chair</b>               |
| 4) | 3:15 | <b>Public Comment</b><br><i>This is an opportunity for members of the public to comment<br/>on the activities/agenda of the Technical Advisory Committee.</i>  | <b>Chair</b>               |
| 5) | 3:20 | <b>Regional Project Priorities (Attachment B)</b><br><i>CWACT Staff will present a process to collect regional and<br/>local projects for including on an approved CWACT project<br/>list.</i><br><br><b>ACTION:</b> Review Process Memo | <b>CWACT Staff</b>         |
| 6) | 4:00 | <b>Adjournment</b>   | <b>Chair</b>               |

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**Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation  
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, June 15, 2021  
Remote Meeting**

**Draft Minutes**

**Attendees:** Greg Gescher, Catherine Rohan, Steve Dobrinich, James Feldmann, Derrick Tokos, Chuck Knoll, Daineal Malone,

**Staff:** Stephanie Nappa, Nick Meltzer, and Emma Chavez

**1. Introductions and Agenda Review**

Meeting opened by Chair Steve Dobrinich at 3:05 pm and introductions were conducted.

**2. Election of 2021 Chair**

Election of Chair was conducted and members met consensus for Steve Dobrinich to continue to serve as Chair for 2021.

***DECISION: Consensus for Steve Dobrinich to serve as Chair for 2021.***

**3. Approval of June 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

***DECISION: Consensus to approve the June 5, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.***

**4. Regional Project Priorities**

Chair Dobrinich that the goal is to come up with a list of priority projects for the region. Meltzer added that the discussion began in February of 2020. Since then, there have been three new federal bills and a new transportation package will be out before end of year. ODOT also has funding that they are trying to identify projects for and indicated that it is helpful to them to have a regional project list ready to assist them with project selection.

Meltzer noted the project ideas that have come up during member discussions:

- Planning study for Yaquina Bay Bridge Replacement
- Highway 20 signal improvements between Philomath and Corvallis
- Highway 20 signal improvements between North Albany and Albany
- Intermodal Facility Needs
- Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Station Plan
- Benton County Freight Route Study (Bellfountain Road)

The intent is not to develop a prioritize project list, but rather collect a list of projects.

Safety	Congestion Mitigation	Bike/Pedestrian	Bridges	Planning
Intersection Safety Improvement - Hwy 34 with Riverside Dr and Orleans Dr	I-5 Albany Area Corridor Improvements identified in ODOT study	Extend Hwy 34 multiuse path from Riverside Dr to Looney Lane	Replacement of railroad bridge crossing Hwy 20 near 59th St in Sweet Home	Yaquina Bay bridge replacement Study
Intesection Safety Improvement - Hwy 226 and Richardson Gap	Hwy 20/34 Signal Improvements Philomath - Corvallis	Multiuse path on N Side of Hwy 20 from 60th St to Quartzville Dr (Sweet Home)	Bridge in Siletz is too narrow - current safety issue	Benton County freight route study (Bellfountain Road)
Street Safety and ADA improvements to Hwy 226 through Scio	Hwy 20 Corridor Signal Improvements North Albany - Albany	Hwy 20 Albany - Corvallis bike path (middle segment Merloy to Scenic) and also the North Albany segment needs some planning to address railroad crossing	General bridge/culvert replacement/improvements through the region	Regional EV charging station plan
Intersection Safety Improvement - Hwy 20 and Knox Butte Rd	Hwy 34 and I-5 Park & Ride facility improvements (potentially with EV charging)	Sidewalk segment from HP to downtown Corvallis		Coastal evacuation route improvements
Intersection Safety Improvements and pedestrian/ADA improvements - Hwy 20 Toledo to Newport	New park & ride in Lebanon Hwy 34 and 7 Mile Ln	Completion of west segment of Philomath couplet		Alternate routes to Hwy 101 around Yaquina Bay, maybe through Toledo - Evacuation route from south Lincoln County to Hwy 20
Hwy 101 East Devils Lake to Logan Rd (also congestion mitigation and bike/ped improvements)	Hwy 99 Circle to Elks (Corvallis) - Signal improvements, maybe additional lanes	Sidewalk on Hwy 101 NW 25th to 36th St (Newport)		Valley to Coast multi-use path (recreational)
Lewisburgh/Granger 99W signal safety improvements	1st and Lyon Intersection (Albany) - right turn N on to the bridge	RRFB along north Hwy 101 NW 60th, NW 55th, 31st, Hwy 20 & Benton, Hwy 20 & Eads (Newport)		Bike/Ped crossing N Albany to Albany (over Willamette - how to connect Albany to the Corvallis-Albany path)
		Signalize 40th and Hwy 101 and connect multiuse path to 35th, sidewalk from Ferry Slip to 40th (Newport)		Highway 20 High Capacity Transit Study
		Multiuse Path N Corvallis to Adair Village along Hwy 99 - Circle to Conifer/Elks		
		Multiuse Path Millersburg - Jefferson		
		Oregon Coast Trail/Bike Route Completion (recreational)		

**DECISION: Members met consensus to recommend the project list to the Full Commission.**

**5. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.



# Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 6, 2023  
**TO:** Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation  
**FROM:** Nick Meltzer, CWACT Staff  
**RE:** **CWACT Priority Project Discussion**

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This memorandum contains an overview of the proposed process for CWACT members to generate a list of priority projects throughout Lincoln, Benton, and Linn counties.

### Background

The Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation began discussing regional projects of significance in 2020 in anticipation of a new federal infrastructure bill. The conversation happened primarily at the Technical Advisory Committee level, and resulted in a list of projects sorted by topic (safety, bike/ped, planning, etc.). As the details of the bill were still unknown, staff thought sorting into categories would be the most beneficial to future conversations.

The Infrastructure and Investment in Jobs Act (IIJA, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, or BIL), provided an increase in both existing programmatic funding, as well as a large amount of new discretionary grant programs. In combination with the return of federal legislative member designated projects (i.e. earmarks), ODOT region staff are often asked for local priorities with very short lead times.

Collectively, this illustrates the importance of CWACT members, and CWACT as a region, identifying projects of both local and regional significance.

### Proposed Process and Schedule

While there are funding streams available to both states and cities/counties, CWACT staff believes developing two project lists; one for the ODOT system and one for the local system, will be the most beneficial. The process will be the same for both lists. The list of projects for the ODOT system will be sorted by corridor, as CWACT has been advocating for that approach with the OTC. The local projects can be either on state highways or local routes.

The proposed schedule for collecting and prioritizing projects is below:

- Hold a CWACT TAC meeting on April 18 to explain the process; which is between the Executive Committee meeting and Full Commission meeting. This meeting will review the process and encourage members to begin thinking of needs.

- Inform the Full Commission of the process at the April 27<sup>th</sup>, meeting, and remind them to nominate TAC members if they have not done so already.
- Solicit projects via an online survey through the months of May and June.
- Reconvene the TAC in the summer to review projects.
- Bring the list(s) to the Full Commission in August or October for review and discussion. Include overview of discretionary grant programs that may be applicable.
- By the end of 2023, have an approved list of CWACT projects and regional priorities.

### **Discussion and Next Steps**

Staff requests feedback from the Executive Committee on the overall process. It is worth mentioning projects that are ranked as a lower priority by the CWACT may receive funding over higher ranked projects due to opportunities presented by other projects. In addition, there is still some ambiguity over how projects will be sorted or prioritized. Staff intend to bring that conversation back to the CWACT once we have a better understanding of the projects members submit.