

**Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation  
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, August 10, 2023

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

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**AGENDA**

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| <b>1. 4:00</b> | <b>Welcome</b>   | <b>Chair,<br/>Commissioner<br/>Claire Hall</b> |
| <b>2. 4:05</b> | <b>Approve Minutes of June 08, 2023, Meeting (Attachment A)</b><br><br><i>ACTION: Approval of meeting minutes</i>  | <b>Chair</b>                                   |
| <b>3. 4:10</b> | <b>August Meeting Cancellation</b><br>Propose cancellation of August meeting—no urgent matters from staff or ODOT.<br><br><i>ACTION: Decision</i>  | <b>Nick Meltzer</b>                            |
| <b>4. 4:15</b> | <b>Beverly Beach Letter of Support (Attachment B)</b><br>Discuss approving a letter of support for ODOT grant application to improve Beverly Beach section of Highway 101.<br><br><i>ACTION: Discussion + Decision</i>         | <b>Savannah<br/>Crawford/Nick<br/>Meltzer</b>  |
| <b>5. 4:20</b> | <b>Introduction of Additional CWACT Staff</b><br>Introduce Justin Peterson, who will be assisting CWACT in place of former staffer Stephanie Nappa.<br><br><i>ACTION: Informational</i>  | <b>Meltzer</b>                                 |
| <b>6. 4:25</b> | <b>Other Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• October 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Benton County Kalapuya Building, and Philomath Streetscape Project Tour</li><li>• Schedule November/December meeting</li></ul> | <b>Meltzer</b>                                 |
| <b>7. 4:30</b> | <b>Adjournment</b>   | <b>Chair</b>                                   |

*The next CWACT Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2023, from 4:00pm – 5:00pm.*

**CWACT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, June 08, 2023**  
**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	No
Betty Kamikawa	Lincoln County	No
Claire Hall	Lincoln County	Yes
VACANT	Linn County	VACANT
Roger Nyquist	Linn County	Yes
Savannah Crawford	ODOT	Yes
<b>Alternates</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Attended</b>
James Feldmann	ODOT	No

**Guests:** There were no guests present

**Staff:** Transportation Program Manager Nick Meltzer, Operations Supervisor Emma Chavez Sosa, and CED Administrative Assistant Ashlyn Muzechenko

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>DECISION / CONCLUSION</b>
<b>1. Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	The meeting was called to order by the chair and the group skipped introductions as everyone present knew each other.	<b>The meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm by Chair Claire Hall</b>
<b>2. Approve Minutes of April 13, 2023 (Attachment A)</b>  <b>Action: Approval of meeting minutes</b>	ODOT Staff Savannah Crawford moved to approve the CWACT Executive Committee minutes from April 13, 2023; Councilor Matt Lehman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.	<b>Savannah Crawford from ODOT moved to approve the CWACT Executive Committee minutes from April 13, 2023; Councilor Matt Lehman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.</b>

<p><b>3. CWACT Executive Committee Update</b>  <b>Action: Informational</b></p>	<p>Staff Emma Chavez-Sosa; shared an update from the February 23, 2023, Full Commission Meeting to decide their respective Executive Committee member nominations.</p> <p>Sosa shared that staff followed up with Benton and Linn County and Benton had appointed a representative, and Linn County has recommended a new member who staff will be following up with shortly.</p> <p>Sosa mentioned that Betty Kamikawa was the Lincoln County member nominated in February, and also provided a list of all of the CWACT Executive members for 2023.</p>	
<p><b>4. 2023 ACT Chairs Meeting</b>  <b>Action: Discussion</b></p>	<p>Crawford shared that this event, the ACT Chair's Meeting, is similar to the meeting that happened about 8 months ago to discuss concerns that the ACTs have been seeing with OTC.</p> <p>The topics of the ACT's relevance and engagement were discussed. There were solutions and ideas also presented to the ACT Chairs. The new focus is to develop work plans for each individual ACT.</p> <p>Crawford asked for volunteers to attend the ACT Chairs meeting.</p> <p>Chair Commissioner Claire Hall answered she will be able to attend.</p> <p>Staff Nick Meltzer noted that staff can put together a list of talking points after the June Full Commission meeting as well.</p> <p>It was also discussed that meeting topics could come with solutions and ideas for what the ACTs can be a part of and be more engaged with the OTC.</p> <p>Meltzer added that regional project priorities are a big topic that the CWACT is currently in the process of building on. Additionally, a feedback loop being established with the OTC would be a good step in the right direction.</p>	
<p><b>5. June 22, 2023, CWACT</b></p>	<p>Meltzer reminded the group that this meeting will be at the Lincoln</p>	<p><b>There was consensus to</b></p>

<p>Full Commission Agenda Review (Attachment B)</p> <p><b>Action: Approval of Agenda Topics</b></p>	<p>County Commissioner Chambers, in Newport and it will be hybrid setting.</p> <p>Meltzer gave an overview of the CWACT Full Commission Agenda which needs approval from the CWACT Executive Committee in order to be used at the Full Commission Meeting in two weeks.</p> <p>Staff discussed the possibility of recessing for the August 2023 CWACT Meeting as it depends on where the ACT is at for selecting projects for the region.</p> <p>The group agreed to leave the meeting on the calendar, and it would be decided to cancel at the early August 2023 CWACT Executive Committee meeting.</p> <p><b>There was consensus to approve the CWACT Full Commission agenda for June 22, 2023, as presented.</b></p>	<p><b>approve the CWACT Full Commission agenda for June 22, 2023, as presented.</b></p>
<p><b>6. Other Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>August Meeting – Benton County Kalapuya Building, and Philomath Streetscape Project Tour</li> </ul>	<p>The group agreed that either the August meeting, or if recessed, then the October meeting would be a Benton County meeting for location.</p> <p>Matt Lehman asked who would host the streetscape tour. Meltzer noted he would reach out to Chris Workman and the ODOT Project Manager.</p>	
<p><b>7. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>The next CWACT Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2023.</p>	<p><b>The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 pm. By Chair Claire Hall</b></p>



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August 10, 2023

Review Committee  
Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative,  
Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation  
(PROTECT) Program

Dear Review Committee,

The Cascades West Area Commission on Transportation represents three counties, twenty cities, three port districts, and the Confederated Tribe of the Siletz Indians (CTSI). Over the last few years, our Commission has been developing regional priority projects in an effort to amplify our needs to the state and federal government. One priority that has risen up in this conversation is the protection and improvement of US-101, a vital link among our coastal communities, which supports commuters, freight and a booming tourist population.

The Oregon Coast Highway (US-101): Beverly Beach is rapidly deteriorating due to consistent beachfront erosion against aging infrastructure. Built in the 1920's and 1930's, US-101 is invaluable to national, state, and regional interests as it contains scenic, economic, emergency, and national defense attributes. Highway 101 is the primary transportation corridor and lifeline route for Lincoln County, and provides access to the remainder of our region, which encompasses over 250,000 inhabitants.

Due to the combination of climate hazard risks, social vulnerabilities, and years of constant wave friction, the highway's base has eroded, causing crumbling pavement and exposed guardrail posts. Our entire region will benefit from the proposed planning and pre-design improvements identified in the PROTECT Resiliency Planning Grant, which will allow ODOT to build upon existing planning studies, green infrastructure design, and climate analysis, to identify a long-term beachfront solution.

Without this grant, US-101 will not be able to move forward in the planning, design, and eventual construction, putting recreational and commercial connections at stake for dozens of communities. The CWACT strongly recommends this project for funding to ensure our coastal communities continue to thrive into the future.

Sincerely,

Claire Hall  
Lincoln County Commissioner, CWACT Chair