
**Oregon Transit Association
Board of Directors Meeting
June 14, 2016**

Present

Members: President Julie Brown, Vice President Lisa Scherf, Treasurer Doug Pilant, Cynda Bruce, Mary Jo Carpenter, Kim Curley, Karen Friend, Andi Howell, A. J. Jackson, Stephan Lashbrook, Allan Pollock, Elaine Wells (via phone),

Guests: Edward McGlone (Lane Transit District), John Fregonese and Alex Steinberger (Fregonese Associates), Casandra Mance (ODOT), Paige Townsend (RVTD), Greg Asher

Staff: Kelly Ross (Western Advocates), Drew Hagedorn (Tonkon Torp)

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Julie Brown.

Agenda

Motion by Lashbrook, seconded by Pilant, to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Motion by Wells, seconded by Scherf, to approve the May 10th Board meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements from the Chair

Brown announced that the Board will soon be receiving an email from her with evaluations for Tonkon Torp and Western Advocates, and asked that they be sent back ASAP.

Treasurer's Report

Pilant summarized the financial reports as of May 31st; no questions or comments from the Board.

Update from Fregonese Associates on Transit Enhancement Project

John Fregonese summarized his June 9th "Kickoff Memo for OTA State Transit Enhancement" and asked for input from the Board on which agencies and numbers should be used.

McGlone said the approach should be as simple as possible; recommends using Ride Connection instead of the City of Woodburn.

Brown said that we need updated data for 5311 and 5307 funding allocations, and suggested that the project begin with an assumed funding level of \$100 million for the biennium.

A question was raised as to whether there should be Board meeting in Pendleton on July 12th to refine Fregonese project—consensus of the Board was that this can't wait until July, the Executive Committee should work on it and send a draft out to the rest of the

Board.

Legislative Update

Hagedorn reported on activities of the Joint Interim Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization; he and others will be having dinner with the Chairs and Vice-Chairs in Ontario to ask what would be most helpful information to receive. OTA needs to work to drive people to the scheduled hearings. Hagedorn also summarized the latest efforts of the Oregon Transportation Forum.

Executive Director Report

Update on Planning for Regional Meetings – Ross said all arrangements have been completed for the first regional meeting in Pendleton on July 12th and that he would like input from the Board on how to proceed for additional meetings.

Consensus from the Board was that regional efforts should coincide with the schedule of hearings conducted by the Joint Interim Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization, particularly for the September 14th hearing in Newport. One suggestion was for webinars and/or conference calls a week in advance of the committee's meetings.

ODOT/PTD Report

In the absence of Hal Gard, Cassie Mance reported on the Cascadia Rising Emergency Drill that took place the previous week, and suggested that this should be a major issue for everyone and covered at future conferences.

Mance also reported that the ConnectOregon grant applications review is happening today; Oregon had 219 attendees at the CTAA conference and 15 Oregon drivers at the roдео; PTAC is working on the selection of a consultant to flesh out their role and initiatives for the next 3 years.

Brown announced that she will be stepping down as PTAC Chair and Pollock will be the new Chair.

Agency Updates

- Pollock (Salem-Keizer Transit) – They have started a state employee shuttle from capital mall to airport.
- Pilant (Tillamook County Transportation District) - Selected a consultant for inter-city enhancement program, which will be starting in August; will be adopting a long-range transportation plan next month; awarded a multi-modal enhancement grant for transit access.
- Lashbrook (City of Wilsonville/SMART) - Wilsonville City Council has directed that there be no payroll tax increase and transit should look to residential property owners to provide additional revenue.
- Friend (Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council) – Karen is acting as Interim Executive Director while the agency does a national search; still finalizing some of the Bend service expansions.
- Howell (City of Sandy) – Expecting a new bus to be delivered this Friday; flying to meet with Gillig for another new bus in January; working on a shopping shuttle service.
- Jackson (Lane Transit District) – Still studying corridors in Eugene and Springfield;

LTD bus rodeo will be on June 28th.

- Scherf (City of Corvallis) – Have been working with OSU student government to coordinate two evening services; internal discussion of current operations and maintenance contract and whether some parts could be brought in-house.
- Bruce (Lincoln County Transportation District) – Long range transportation development plan is nearly complete; will begin bus sign project soon; will be ordering four buses later this week.
- Carpenter (Community Connection of Baker County) – Still training new dispatch/front desk person; gearing up for some big summer community events; installing video surveillance.
- Curley (ToGo) – Reported that the Bicycle Transportation Alliance has rebranded and will be more focused on biking and walking.
- Brown (Rogue Valley Transit District) – They are renovating the Front Street Bus Station; restoring Saturday services on July 9th; working with Oregon Corrections to have bus shelters built.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 pm.