

Date: February 14, 2008

To: Central Lane Metropolitan Policy Committee

From: Sonny Chickering, ODOT Area 5 Manager

Re: ODOT Monthly Update

### **January 2008 OTC Report**

(On behalf of Matthew L. Garrett, Director – Oregon Department of Transportation)

There were actually two Oregon Transportation Commission meetings this month. On January 17, the Commission held a telephonic Special meeting with one agenda item. The Commission approved several temporary amendments to administrative rules that identify what documents DMV will accept as proof of identity and age. The amendments require DMV to verify Social Security Numbers and shorten the list of approved documents an applicant needs in addition to the Social Security Number.

The Commission took this action in order to implement Governor Kulongoski's Executive Order to tighten identity documents issued in November. The new temporary rules will take effect on February 4. In the meantime, DMV will move forward with a permanent rule process that will allow further public input.

The regular Commission meeting took place in Salem on January 24. The agenda was light for routine work, but the important item was a two-hour workshop in which the Commission examined its authority, roles and responsibilities with Exec Staff. We discussed an analysis of the agendas for the past two years to see what the Commission actually spent its meeting time doing. We then moved to a discussion and refinement of the Commission's work plan for the biennium, which the Commission began working on last fall. Once that plan gets finalized, it will influence what goes on future agendas.

It was an analysis the Commission has not done in my 11 years with the agency and a very interesting conversation.

The Legislative Supplemental Session begins February 4, so our next Commission meeting is in Salem on February 21.

All my best,  
Matt

### **Potential Timeline for Disposition of ODOT Parcels Formerly Needed for the West Eugene Parkway (WEP).**

(On behalf of Gail A Harbert, Right-of-Way Property Agent – ODOT)

Based on staff recommendations to either sell or retain certain WEP sites, the ODOT Property Management Section has already started the request for surplus process. The staff recommendations are in the process of being prepared and sent out, and the Area and District Manager are already receiving these requests. Here is an approximate timeline for preparing a property for sale:

Phase 1	30 days	Staff recommendation to sell or retain.
Phase 2	30 days	Region Manager recommendation to sell or retain.
Phase 3	60 days	DAS notice, description, checking with County for conformance, obtaining FHWA approval if needed, appraisal and appraisal review.
Phase 4	Varies	Obtaining State Right of Way Manager's approval to sell, offering the property to eligible state agencies and other political subdivisions, marketing of the property, publication if over \$100,000, bid opening.

While it appears a property could be ready for sale within 6 months, usually, that is not a realistic timeline because it can take longer in each Phase. A better timeline is 9-12 months.