



# Travel Information Council

1500 Liberty Street SE, Suite 150  
Salem, Oregon 97302

Minutes – Rest Area Committee  
TIC Offices, Salem  
Thursday, January 3, 2019

## Members Participating:

Mike Marsh, Ed Washington (by phone), Mike Card (by phone)

## Members Excused:

Ryan Snyder, Kenji Sugahara, Katy Brooks

## TIC Staff Participating:

Jim Denno; Tim Pickett, Daphnee Legarza; Jessica Carbone; Vicki Vargas; Diane Welter (by phone).

The meeting of the Travel Information Council Rest Area Committee was called to order by Marsh at 10:00 a.m. Note: *Due to the lack of quorum the meeting was informational only. No decisions were made by the committee.*

## Business Meeting:

- **Minutes:** Card proposed amending the sentence under Status of Rest Area Inspections in the November 1, 2018 minutes to read “inspections in a day”.

## Rest Area Capital Projects & Other Projects:

- **Current Available Funding & Commitments** –Pickett said funding streams are solid. There is a potential carry forward in operations. There is \$3.4 million available in capital funding. There are sufficient funds for all planned capital projects and there is \$306,000 in uncommitted funds.
- **Oak Grove Rebuild** – Legarza said the project is on track to close the bidding on January 8. She continues to receive feedback and questions from contractors and is encouraged by the amount of interest shown in the project. The removal of the abandoned septic and possible dewatering required on the northbound side of the project will be an added expense beyond original cost estimates. Legarza explained the contract change order process for unanticipated cost overages that the contractor may incur.
- **Sunset Springs and Cow Canyon DEQ Permit:** Legarza said that the new water pollution control facility permit for Sunset is ready and will be submitted for approval later today. All current testing is within permit limits. Staff at Cow Canyon has performed all cost-effective upgrades to the recirculating gravel filter system and as of the last test performed in December the effluent is within permit limits. Two Supervisors, Kory Morris of Cow Canyon and Phil Dempsey of Gettings and Cabin Creek, have taken a Waste Water Certification course at Chemeketa Community College to

gain a better understanding of their systems. There has been a great working relationship with DEQ in reapplying for the Sunset Springs Permit.

- **Tree Work at French Prairie:** Legarza reported on the tree work to be done at French Prairie. Bartlett Tree Service has estimated the cost to do a full tree assessment of the property. There are about 2,800 trees on both sides of the rest area combined. The assessment costs about \$10 a tree, totaling just under \$30,000. 100 trees have already been identified as “standing dead.” They are a safety risk and need to be removed as soon as possible. Bartlett’s estimate to remove these trees is \$42,800. Legarza is in the process of getting ODOT’s approval for the tree removal. ODOT may send out their own arborist to verify the condition of the trees to be removed. Marsh suggested seeking multiple bids for the removal.

**Performance Measures:**

- a) Status of Rest Area Inspections – Due to other demands to complete the DEQ permit for Sunset Springs and the capital investment plan for 2019-21 completion of the inspections has been delayed.
- b) Comment Cards: The committee was given the results of the comment cards that were discontinued in November. Further information will be from the Opiniator program.

**New Business:**

**Human Trafficking Posters:** Denno said that a reporter contacted the agency about the program and the work of the Not in Our Back-Yard organization.

**Grant Research:** Card spoke about his research into different federal grants that may be an option for the rest area program. Under Title 23 of the Federal funds for commercial motor vehicle parking there are INFRA Grants. Projects must improve truck parking on federal highways and up to 60% of project costs may be covered by the grants. Larger projects may qualify for BUILD grants.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned: 10:58 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the OTE offices, 1500 Liberty St. SE, Suite 150, Salem, Oregon 97302.