



Travel Information Council
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MINUTES
Rest Area Committee Meeting
February 8, 2023
Virtual Meeting

Members Participating: Mike Card; Matt Preston; Ed Washington

Excused: David Warren; Valerie Wilson

TIC Staff Participating: Elizabeth Boxall; Heather Swanson; Michelle Roth; Jessica Carbone

The meeting was called to order by Chair Card at 1:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Committee members and staff were present.

Approval of the Minutes:

Washington made a motion to approve the December 1, 2022 minutes as amended. Preston seconded. 3-0 vote.

Introduction of the Rest Area Administrator: Boxall introduced the newly appointed Rest Area Administrator, Heather Peck. Boxall said that she was very happy to have Peck on the team and that Peck was already getting up to speed quickly. Peck told the committee about her work history, which included working for 12 years at the Department of Aviation on program management, capital projects, various special projects, operations, and partnering with other agencies. Card welcomed Peck.

Priority One ADA Companion Restroom Project Update: Peck said that work continues on The Maples project. There is a pre-construction meeting at the site tomorrow. Pecks said that the contractor has indicated that they would like to start as soon as possible. The project could begin as early as the end of February or the beginning of March. Card reminded the committee that the winning bid for the Maples projects came in approx. \$138,000 under budget. Peck said that she would like to have the project completed early, if not on time. Peck said that Beaver Marsh is fully staffed, and the water meter was just replaced to get the site up to DEQ requirements. Smaller projects continue to be completed at several different rest areas. Peck is working on getting the Sunset pavement project bid out as soon as possible, and work continues on the engineering required to correct some excessive water runoff at the site. The renovation work is almost completed at Santiam. Staff is working on completing a seven-page punch list to get that project closed. They hope to have that completed by the end of the month. Peck continues to work on coming up to speed on the other open ADA projects along I-84. Card asked Peck to focus on continuing to familiarize herself with the capital priority list and how that funding will move over the next couple of years. Card then asked staff to think about the best ways to advertise the great work, such as The Maples project being completed by TIC. Staff and committee members discussed possible ideas. Card then informed the committee of possible grant options available from FMCSA for expanding and improving truck parking. Card asked staff to investigate or reach out to possible partners to help apply for grant funding.

Card asked Boxall for an update on the Government Camp rest area. Boxall said that she recently let Councilors know that the FLAP grant of \$ 715,000 for a feasibility study to determine the feasibility of relocating the

Government Camp rest area was received for the team lead by Oregon Solutions. Members of the Government Camp steering committee will be meeting at the end of February to talk about what the next steps look like now that the funds have been received. Boxall will provide additional information to the committee as it becomes available.

Peck asked Card if he could provide information on which states are exceeding at truck parking and currently have excellent systems in place so she can reach out to them. Card said that Minnesota does. Card also said Dan Murray, who runs the research arm of the American Trucking Association would be a good contact. Card will have Murray reach out to Peck.

The committee then discussed electric vehicles and possible changes in the law that would make electronic charging stations in rest areas possible. Boxall informed the committee there was an informational meeting being held by the Joint Committee on Transportation about electrification and electrical vehicles infrastructure happening the next day at 5:00 p.m. Card then informed the committee that he had become a member of the Tolling Advisor Board for the State of Oregon.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: A virtual meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

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