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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 7, 2025
TO: The Linn County Commissioners
FROM: Ryan Vogt, Executive Director
RE: OCWCOG Program Update

Senior and Disability Services

Adult Protective Services (APS) Data

October: 191 reports of possible abuse received, 46 investigated in facilities, 27 investigated in the community

November: 167 reports of possible abuse received, 35 investigated in facilities, 20 investigated in the community

Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)

October: 187 Information and Referral contacts made by the ADRC helpline, serving 156 consumers

November: 124 Information and Referral contacts made by the ADRC helpline, serving 116 consumers

80% of callers report having a disability or have difficulty with daily tasks, 57% of callers are 65+

Community Service Programs

Senior Companion Program (SCP) & Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)

A volunteer recognition event was held to celebrate the work and generosity shown by the SCP&FGP volunteers. In October, the group was taken to the pumpkin patch as a thank you for their contributions. See pictures below:



Community and Economic Development

MPO Activities

- Staff facilitated continuing member-led discussions concerning the potential merger of the two MPOs and are analyzing the likely financial implications. Likely funding scenarios indicate that the MPOs will experience an approximate ~15% cut in their combined share state and federal planning dollars and would experience additional funding cuts if the two entities merged, due to how planning dollars are dispersed to the MPOs across the state.
 - At the same time, staff are searching for opportunities to realize cost savings through shared work products, even if the entities remain separate. At this time, given the uncertain state and federal funding environments, staff are recommending that no official action be taken toward the merger.
- Staff collaborated with ODOT's Transportation Planning and Analysis Unit (TPAU), other MPO's, and government agencies on a variety of transportation topics. This includes the Oregon Household Activity Survey, or OHAS, which is funded by MPO's across the state. You may have received an invitation, as over 20,000 Oregonians shared valuable information about the reasons, modes, and routes behind the transportation decisions they make in their everyday lives. This data will inform the models the MPOs and the state use to make decisions on the potential impacts of policies and changes in land use.
- Worked with the TAC and Policy Board to identify a project of regional significance for the MPO to invest in. The group selected to do a short-term improvement study for Old Salem Road to address the safety and multi-user throughput concerns on this vital corridor.

Other Projects/Transportation Updates

- Staff applied to fund four potential projects for pre-application to ODOT's Innovative Mobility Program. One project received notice to proceed for a full application, which is due Dec. 20th, 2024.
- The project proposes to create a list of "better, quicker, and lighter" transportation projects, with an emphasis on community led implementation. This list of projects, drawn from communities across the OCWCOG region, will then be used to inform future CED work. Topics will include safety, placemaking and active transportation, with a focus on historically underserved communities.

- Representatives from Linn County are working with CWACT to renew their memberships to continue to serve on the CWACT Full Commission, CWACT Executive Committee, and CWACT Technical Advisory Committee. Renewals/Appointments are due to Ashlyn (amuzechenko@ocwcog.org) before end of day on Friday, December 31st. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Mobility Hubs

- Received 100% site plans for both project sites, Linn Benton Community College at Takena Hall, and at Oregon State University approximately at 15th and SW Jefferson Way.
- Both projects are in review with their respective local governments. Depending on the outcome and timelines of these processes, construction may come as soon as summer 2025.
- Coordinated meetings with project partners and participated in technical decisions around the projects.

EDA/Grant Writing

- The CWEDD Regional Meeting was a success! For the first time in 10 years, the Cascades West Economic Development District held a regional meeting. This milestone meeting brought together two councils of governments, and many regional stakeholders and partners in our regional economic development region. This was a major achievement for OCWCOG and the region as it was a kickoff for the planning process for our region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan.
- A key element in the CEDS process, which was the focus of the CWEDD regional meeting, is the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee (Strategy Committee). Established by the planning organization, the Strategy Committee is the principal facilitator of the CEDS process and is responsible for developing and updating the CEDS. The Strategy Committee should broadly represent the main economic interests of the region. The proposal is to appoint the Strategy committee at the January 9th Special CWEDD meeting. This special meeting will be held at OCWCOG's Albany Office, from 9am to 11am. The membership will include 6 LCOG members and 8 OCWCOG members. LCOG will appoint 6 Lane Economic Committee members. OCWCOG staff will be reaching out to partners for Linn, Benton, and Lincoln membership. Other interested parties are welcome to attend the Strategy Committee meetings.



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TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Dee Baley-Hyder

DATE: December 30, 2024

RE: Veterans Services Quarterly update October 11, 2024 to December 30, 2024

Veteran Services Quarterly update October 2024- December 2024

Linn County Veteran Services has seen an increase. We reported that our office has served over 9,453 veterans and family members over the years. As of today, our office has helped over 9,700 Veterans and family members. Since moving to our new location, we have helped 138 new Veterans and family members. Last year, during the same time, our number was 77. Our quarterly incoming calls have grown from 1,250 calls a year ago to approximately 2,700.

Recoveries

These are awards (tax-free money) that the veteran, surviving spouse, or family members have received from the claims we have filed for them.

- Recoveries from last year's quarter October 2023 to December 31, 2023, \$467,706.87
- Recoveries from the new quarter October 1, 2024, to December 30, 2024, \$ 474,799.36

This report is approximately a two-week delay, and the numbers are unfortunately smaller and not exactly accurate, as the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs reports them to us.

Transportation Grants

The Transportation grants are doing very well. We have two grants, one is with the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) and the other grant is with ODOT, this is for rural areas of Linn County, which is mapped out by ODOT. The grants started in January 2024 and they end June 30, 2025. We have been able to provide 404 medical transportation rides and spend approximately \$ 4000 a month on medical transportation between the two grants. We are sending out letters to the veterans whom we provided transportation for and letting them know that we will no longer be able to provide medical transportation after June 30, 2025, as the grants will end. Our office will also be sending out reminders in April as well. We are hoping that the grants will be available to apply again in the future and that our office will be in touch with the veterans who use our transportation grant.

October- Rob, Nate, and I were able to attend our online training with the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA). We will have the second half of our training in May 2025. This training helps us keep our accreditation and learn about any new VA laws or changes that may be coming from the VA.

November- Our Office was asked to be part of the OSU Football game for the Military Appreciation Game. We were asked about helping carry out the American Flag and holding it during the National Anthem. It was a great experience and such an honor to be able to do that. Also, we were in the Linn County Veterans Day parade which is always fun and we get to see a lot of the veterans that we have served throughout the years.

December- Not a whole lot of outreaches this time of the year. We are now looking forward to the upcoming events in the spring.



Linn County Road Department

*Providing safe and efficient transportation to
citizens and visitors of Linn County.*

Memorandum

Date: 1/2/2025
To: Linn County Board of Commissioners
From: Wayne Mink, Roadmaster *WEM*
RE: Background Information for Agenda Items – 1/7/2025

The Road Department has the following items on the Board of Commissioners agenda for the weekly meeting on January 7, 2025. The following is a brief description of the items.

Resolution & Order 2025-009 – Delegation of Authority, Concave Dump Body

This is a Resolution & Order to approve a delegation of authority to Wayne E. Mink, Roadmaster, for the purchase of a concave dump body from Columbia Body Manufacturing Co. in the amount of \$119,022.79.

Resolution & Order 2025-010 – Engineering and Related Services Contract with David Evans and Associates, Inc. and Delegation of Authority

This is a Resolution & Order to approve and delegate authority to the Roadmaster for an engineering and related services contract with David Evans and Associates, Inc. This contract is for the Muddy Creek (Bowers Drive) Bridge project. This contract is not to exceed \$99,727.84.

We request your approval.