



Oregon Travel Information Council

1500 Liberty Street SE, Suite 150
Salem, Oregon 97302

Minutes – Rest Area Committee
OTE Offices, Salem
Thursday, July 5, 2018

Members Participating:

Mike Marsh, Ed Washington, Kenji Sugahara, Katy Brooks, Mike Card

Members Absent:

Ryan Snyder

OTE Staff Participating:

Jim Denno, Executive Director; Jessica Carbone, Executive & HR Support

The e-mail meeting of the Travel Information Council Rest Area Committee was called to order by Denno at 10:20 a.m.

New Business:

- **Request input from Committee on negotiations with Three Rivers School District proposed rates for treatment of sewage for Manzanita Rest Area:** In response to the information provided by staff regarding negotiations with Three Rivers School District for continued treatment of the sewage at the Manzanita rest area Marsh asked if the elimination of the aeration component at Manzanita was reasonable? Denno responded that it was reasonable. To provide the aeration component would make the cost so significant at that point it is recommended pursuing the installation of a self-contained waste management system. He also asked if the length of time without an increase at Manzanita enough to have a defensible annualized increase? Denno replied that an increase of up to 2.5% would be reasonable since there has not been an increase since 1981. But given their practice to multiply the flow by 10 it increased their billing rate substantially making their rate among the highest rates per gallon. Staff is pursuing a conversation to better understand the basis for the rates they are proposing. That conversation may result in better information and our ability to recommend a course to Council. Washington hoped further conversations with Three Rivers would lead to a more equitable and reasonable solution. If mutual agreement is unable to be met he supports pulling out of the current agreement and installing a system. Marsh asked for additional clarity into the purposed charges and the agency's counter proposal. Card asked for further details on the proposed rates. When no further information was requested, staff will bring this before Council.
- **Provide information and request input form the Committee on two capital projects:** Marsh began the discussion by asking if the safety concerns at Santiam rest area exceed those at other rest

areas. Denno replied that Santiam, our second busiest rest area, has asphalt walkways. The standard for safe walkways is for them to be done in concrete. Not, only are they asphalt, but the asphalt is in bad condition. While bring the walkways up to standard the ramps will be redone to bring them to current ADA standards.

Washington, Brooks and Sugahara all recommended to take the issues before Council.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned: 11:35 a.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 2, 2018 at the OTE offices, 1500 Liberty St. SE, Suite 150, Salem, Oregon 97302.