

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

News & Notes



The WEA Transportation Revenue Workshop's Response to the Transportation Reinvestment Package (TRIP) Framework

For 8-months last year, a group of dedicated WEA members met monthly to learn about transportation funding mechanisms and deliberate over potential solutions for Oregon's transportation funding crisis. We met regularly with the Chairs of the Joint Committee on Transportation and heard from subject matter

experts from across the country. Our group (listed below) included representatives from business, the public sector and a partner chamber of commerce. We asked questions like: What policies work in other places? What are approaches Oregon should consider? And what do WEA members think about some proposed solutions?

Our work has culminated in recommendations made by our Transportation Revenue Workshop members for legislators to consider as they continue to work on the framework of the Oregon Transportation Reinvestment Package (the link to the recommendations can be found at the bottom of this article).

Thank you to our members who dedicated time and expertise to bring us to these recommendations. A special thanks to WEA Board Member and Chair of our Transportation Committee, John Howorth of 3J Consulting for his ongoing commitment to this work.

Transportation Revenue Workshop Members:

John Howorth – 3J Consulting Steve Faust – 3J Consulting Anjum Bawa – Fehr & Peers Chris Breiland – Fehr & Peers Wayne Kittelson – Kittelson & Associates, Inc. Phill Worth – Kittelson & Associates, Inc. Don Odermott – David Evans & Assoc. Carl Springer – DKS Assoc. Kristin Leichner – Pride Disposal Bob Grover – Pacific Landscape Anneleah Jaxen – Tualatin Chamber Brad Smith – Windsor Properties Miles Pengilly - TriMet John Serra – TriMet Mat Dolata – Hillsboro Mike Bezner – Clackamas County Stephen Roberts – Washington County

The workshop's recommendations can be found on the WEA website's **Advocacy Page** or by clicking **here**.

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Clean Water Services continue to look for Applicants for New Audit Committee



Clean Water Services (CWS) is inviting community members to apply for its newly formed Audit Committee, which will play a critical role in maintaining transparency and financial integrity. The committee will review accounting policies and practices related to CWS's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), serving as a liaison between the CWS Board of Directors, external auditors, and CWS leadership. The Audit Committee will consist of four Board-appointed members, each serving a three-year term, with staggered initial appointments to ensure continuity. The committee is expected to meet at least twice annually, with its inaugural meeting planned for summer 2025.

If you're interested in fiscal oversight and public service, apply by May 16, 2025. Send your completed application to Kathy Leader at LeaderK@CleanWaterServices.org or mail it to 2550 Hillsboro Hwy, Hillsboro, OR 97123. Selected members will be announced in mid-June.

Upcoming WEA Events

WEA Workforce Roundtable

Join us May 22 as we host a roundtable conversation about workforce projections for our region and ask the question, "Are we meeting the moment"? This conversation will be part of an occasional roundtable series focused on workforce. We want to dig into workforce training programs, the connection between industry and the workforce development, how and where our public sector should be investing, and where the gaps are in our system.

In order to build a vibrant regional and state economy, we need to make smart, systemic investments in our workforce. We hope you can join this conversation.

Seating for this event is limited. Please contact **Danielle Siver** for sponsorship opportunities.

Register for the Workforce Roundtable



Workforce Roundtable

Thursday, May 22 | 7:30 - 9am Portland Community College - Willow Creek



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Register for the Workforce Roundtable

On June 12, we continue WEA tradition of meeting with the Westside Mayors! Join us for an evening reception...

At this year's Mayors Forum, WEA is updating our programming with an evening reception being hosted before and after the presentation to give attendees a greater opportunity to meet, greet and network with the Mayors and one another. The new interview format will allow for greater focus on some of the key issues facing the region including Economic Development, Land Capacity, Housing Production and Affordability and more.

> Stay tuned for more information and the launch of ticket sales. Reach out to **Dani** about sponsorship opportunities.

Register for the Mayors Forum

MAYORS FORUM AND RECEPTION

Thursday, June 12 | 5:00 - 7:30 pm Perlo Construction, Tualatin



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Upcoming Policy Committees & Other Events



GOVERNMENT RELATIONS



Regional Partner Updates -

Ft. Representatives of Beaverton, Clackamas County, and Washington County

Thursday, May 8, 2025 | 7:30 - 9:00 am

In Person attendance encouraged TVF&R in Tigard and via Zoom WEA Committees are open to Members only.





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