

NACE ANNUAL STATE REPORT

State Association Name: Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors (OACES) For year of 2020/21

Number of Counties: 36 **Number of State Assoc. Members:** 36

Number NACE Members: 34

State Annual Meeting/Conferences held at: Virtual/Remote in 2020

On dates: October 20, 2020 - Virtual Fall Conference and Annual Meeting

Notable achievements of State Association and/or Individual members:

1. Provided best practice, networking and shared information in response to COVID-19 pandemic. Holding regular monthly meetings and fall conference virtually.
2. Many county road department directors responded quickly and effectively to many natural disasters including floods and an unprecedented wildfire season.
3. Successfully negotiated new Oregon DOT Federal Aid Working Agreement protecting Oregon's local programs that serve county road department operations and maintenance budgets.
4. Successfully negotiated with ODOT a fair distribution of Federal COVID relief surface transportation funds to replace lost revenue to county departments resulting in an increase of total funding share from 4.68% to 18.11%, an increase of \$16.7 million more relief funds directly to county road departments.

Important Events in which State Association participated during year:

1. Association of Oregon Counties Annual (Virtual) Conference
2. Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (OSBEELS) Symposium
3. OACES Capitol Day with Oregon's Joint Committee on Transportation Chairs

Issues and topics of particular importance for which action and efforts of State Association were directed during the year:

State Issues:

1. ODOT Operations and Maintenance Budget Deficit - Impacts to Local Programs: State Fund Exchange and State Funded Local Projects
2. Utility Permit Administrative Cost Recovery Fee Authority

3. Long-term revenue / Road Usage Charge

National Issues:

1. Infrastructure Package / FAST Act Reauthorization
2. COVID Relief
3. Secure Rural Schools Act reauthorization and long-term stability

Ideas/concerns to share with other NACE Members:

1. _____
2. _____

Report Submitted by: Tom Fellows

Date: 04/15/2021

Note: Expand written report if desired; please keep oral report at conference to a minimum.

Thanks, NACE Executive Committee