

Ferrioli demands ODOT director's resignation

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SALEM — State Senate Minority Leader Ted Ferrioli on Wednesday called for the state's top transportation official to resign.

Ferrioli, R-John Day, accused Oregon Department of Transportation director Matthew Garrett and advisers to Gov. Kate Brown of withholding key carbon emissions information from Democratic and Republican lawmakers who were negotiating a transportation funding package earlier this year. Ferrioli cited public records released by the Department of Transportation and the Governor's Office.

Lawmakers gave up on the transportation funding proposal after Garrett revealed during the first public hearing in June that the plan would result in a smaller carbon emissions reduction than originally projected. Department of Transportation staff had predicted smaller carbon reductions more than two weeks before the hearing, but did not pass that figure to lawmakers, according to emails released by Ferrioli's office.

Lawmakers question ODOT management

Lawmakers have continued to question the transportation agency's management in recent months, and Brown acknowledged last week that the department needs to reassure lawmakers it is operating efficiently in order to build support for a possible 2017 transportation funding package.

The emissions calculations were a critical component of the transportation negotiations this year. Republicans had said they would only support an increase in the gas tax if Democrats agreed to repeal the state's low-carbon fuel standard, which takes effect in January and is supposed to reduce carbon emissions from transportation by up to 10 percent — 7.7 million metric tons — over the next decade.

Democrats said they would only consider replacing the fuel standard with a plan that would result in at least an equal reduction in carbon emissions. Department of Transportation staff provided estimates that the state could achieve that through a package of alternative fuel incentives and spending to improve public transit and reduce traffic congestion.

One part of the plan in particular resulted in immediate skepticism by environmentalists: proposed technolog-

ical improvements in traffic flows that were supposed to cut carbon emissions by 2.02 million metric tons over a decade. Together with other components of the plan, these improvements were supposed to reduce carbon emissions by as much as 9.1 million to 11.22 million metric tons over a decade. Garrett said in June that the technological improvements would yield roughly 20 percent of the amount calculated originally for the bipartisan group, which meant the transportation package would no longer achieve the same amount of carbon reductions predicted from the low-carbon fuel standard.

Privately sought resignation earlier

Ferrioli revealed on Wednesday that he had also asked the governor to seek Garrett's resignation soon after the hearing.

"In June, following the implosion of transportation negotiations, I demanded Gov. Brown immediately request the resignation of Director Garrett due to gross incompetency at

best and dishonest manipulation at worst," Ferrioli said in a written statement. "Whether Director Garrett knew the numbers ODOT provided the workgroup were wrong or he simply failed to provide the updated numbers in his possession, his decision to surprise workgroup members with new numbers in a public hearing without any advance warning led to the demise of a critical, bipartisan transportation infrastructure package for Oregonians that would have resulted in real carbon reduction."

Records obtained by Ferrioli's office showed that in early June, Garrett and Brown's sustainable communities and transportation policy adviser Karmen Fore received emails from ODOT staff with lower carbon reduction estimates. Amanda Pietz, manager of the department's transportation planning unit, wrote in the email that a computer model had predicted that \$400 million in technological improvements to improve traffic flow could reduce carbon emissions by 2.02 million metric tons over a decade.



Ferrioli

Nonetheless, transportation officials continued to provide documents to the bipartisan group of lawmakers negotiating the transportation package — known as the "Gang of Eight" — that showed the state could achieve the same 2.02 million metric ton reduction in carbon emissions at half the price, \$200 million over a decade.

The Department of Transportation estimates continued to sink lower, with Garrett passing along an updated prediction of 0.87 million metric tons in carbon reduction from \$200 million in transportation improvements in a June email to Fore and Brown's energy policy adviser Margi Hoffman. However, ODOT and the governor's advisers continued to tell lawmakers in updated briefing documents that they could achieve 2.02 million metric tons in carbon reductions for \$200 million.

On the eve of the legislative hearing on the transportation package, Garrett asked his staff to double-check the numbers. Angela Crowley-Koch, legislative director for the Oregon Environmental Council, also questioned the calculations in an email to ODOT assistant director Travis Brouwer that evening.

"Can we please see the ODOT models for the carbon reductions from transit and transportation operation?" Crowley-Koch wrote. "I'll admit surprise at the high level of carbon reductions from just \$20 mil (annual) investment in transportation operations!"

Third-party review

Chris Pair, a press secretary for Brown, attributed the failure to pass along updated information to lawmakers to the fast pace "in the waning hours of session" and the complexity of the legislation. "That said, Gov. Brown has asked the Oregon Transportation Commission to oversee a third-party review of (ODOT's) management practices," Pair wrote in an email.

Brown did not address her advisers' handling of the information in a statement issued Wednesday afternoon.

"If we are to ask Oregonians to step up and provide additional resources for our transportation system, they must first be confident that the resources currently available are being used responsibly," Brown said.

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Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
Patched clouds
37°

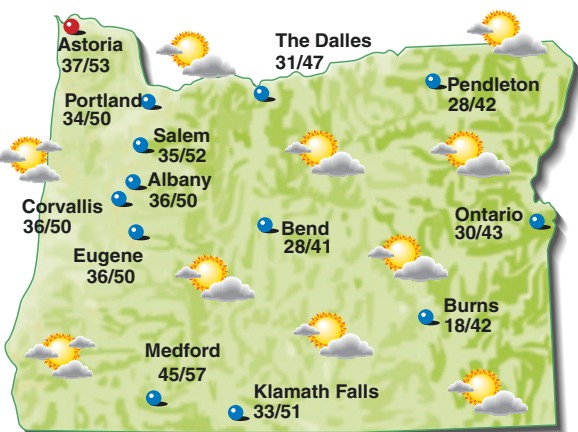
Friday
A blend of sun and clouds
53° 37°

Sunday
Sunny to partly cloudy
54° 40°

Saturday
Mostly sunny
54° 39°

Monday
Variable cloudiness
51° 39°

Oregon Weather



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Almanac

Astoria through Wednesday.

Temperatures	High	Low
High	53°	40°
Low	37°	39°
Normal high	53°	40°
Normal low	40°	39°

Precipitation	Yesterday	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Normal year to date
0.44"	13.95"	6.34"	52.39"	52.56"	

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	4:39 p.m.
Sunrise Friday	7:23 a.m.
Moonrise today	1:19 p.m.
Moonset today	none



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Regional Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Baker City	38 23 sn	37 9 pc
Bend	53 28 r	41 19 pc
Brookings	58 49 r	61 45 pc
Eugene	59 36 r	50 31 pc
Ilwaco	51 42 r	51 40 pc
Klamath Falls	50 33 pc	51 22 pc
Medford	55 45 r	57 35 pc
Newport	53 39 r	52 38 pc
North Bend	58 43 r	58 41 pc

City	Today	Fri.
Olympia	47 30 r	44 27 pc
Pendleton	42 28 sh	42 20 pc
Portland	51 34 r	50 35 pc
Roseburg	58 46 r	54 38 pc
Salem	52 35 r	52 31 pc
Seaside	52 40 r	52 38 pc
Spokane	39 23 c	35 19 pc
Vancouver	50 33 r	48 33 pc
Yakima	48 23 c	46 19 pc

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Friday morning, ISS will be visible at 86 degrees above the north-northeast horizon at 5:22 a.m., moving from northwest to southeast for 5 minutes.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

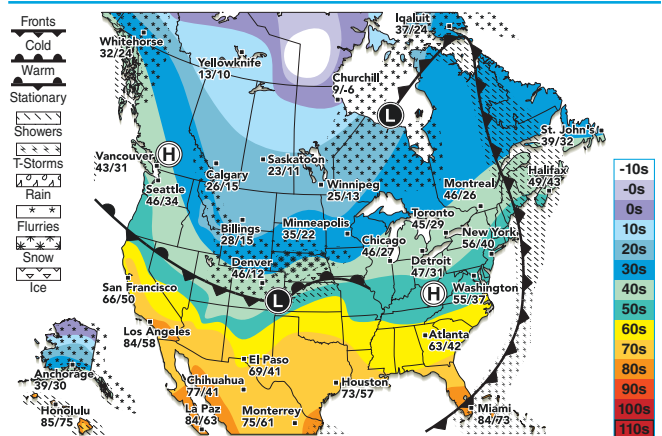
Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High	Time	Low
	8:09 a.m.	8.1 ft.	1:28 a.m.	1.0 ft.
	8:14 p.m.	7.2 ft.	2:28 p.m.	2.2 ft.

National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	68 45 s	63 42 pc
Boston	56 53 r	57 37 r
Chicago	45 27 pc	46 27 pc
Denver	45 31 pc	46 12 c
Des Moines	47 26 s	44 23 sn
Detroit	55 32 pc	47 31 s
El Paso	65 39 s	69 41 s
Fairbanks	13 8 c	20 15 sn
Honolulu	86 75 sh	85 75 sh
Indianapolis	52 29 s	51 35 s
Kansas City	51 33 s	52 26 r
Las Vegas	68 48 s	73 46 s
Los Angeles	62 53 s	64 58 s
Memphis	64 40 s	63 44 s
Miami	85 75 c	84 73 t
Nashville	64 35 c	59 40 s
New Orleans	72 56 s	70 60 s
New York	64 53 r	56 40 pc
Oklahoma City	58 39 s	65 34 s
Philadelphia	67 49 r	57 40 s
St. Louis	53 35 s	55 41 pc
Salt Lake City	52 42 c	46 23 r
San Francisco	66 51 s	66 50 s
Seattle	47 35 pc	46 34 pc
Washington, DC	67 46 r	55 37 s

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Warming center holds training

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The Astoria Warming Center is holding a volunteer training from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday at the First United Methodist Church,

1076 Franklin Ave. Enter through the double doors on the 11th Street side of the building.

The public is invited to come find out more about the operation of the warming

center, and what the volunteer opportunities are. Attending a training does not commit anyone to volunteering. For information, email drewherzig@gmail.com or call 503-325-1895.

OBITUARIES

Kenneth Lloyd Bailey Carson City, Nevada



Nov. 7, 1927 — Oct. 26, 2015

Ken Bailey moved to Seaside, Oregon, in 1995, where he and his wife, Nancy, operated the Guest House B&B for 12 years. He also ran Zora's Espresso for a year until major surgery forced him to sell it. Ken was a cheerful host who became friends with many. He loved to tell a good joke, to play golf and to spend time with family. He was an active volunteer with Providence Hospital Auxiliary. He moved to Nevada in 2013.

Ken learned the value of work in the Depression, and was never out of a job until he retired at age 80. After high school graduation he enlisted in the Navy, serving the last year of World War II in the Pacific, and staying in the Reserve for several years. He attended the University of

Southern California on the GI Bill.

He worked primarily in the printing industry as a cross-country salesman, photographer and trainer, winning several awards. His favorite volunteer jobs were for Ronald Reagan's first presidential campaign, and Mended Hearts of the American Heart Association.

Ken is survived by his wife of Oregon; daughter Karen of Key West, Florida; two grandchildren; brother Norman of Roy, Utah; and several nieces and nephews.

A chapel service was held Nov. 5 in Reno, followed by a military ceremony and burial at Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery.



Kenneth Bailey

Lotteries

OREGON

Wednesday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 2-4-5-7

4 p.m.: 1-0-1-7

7 p.m.: 6-6-1-5

10 p.m.: 7-4-7-0

Wednesday's Mega-

bucks: 06-13-14-41-44-45

Estimated jackpot: \$1.2 million.

Wednesday's Powerball:

17-41-46-47-69, Powerball:

6, Power Play: 2

Estimated jackpot: \$70 million.

WASHINGTON

Wednesday's Daily

Game: 3-2-2

Wednesday's Hit 5: 13-

22-27-31-35

Estimated jackpot:

jackpot: 04-05-08-23

Death

Nov. 18, 2015

THACKERY, Hilda Elsie, 90, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Public meetings

THURSDAY
Cannon Beach Parks and Community Services Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 603 E. Gower St.
Cannon Beach NeCus Work Group, 11 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Commit-

tee, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St.

Seaside Tree Board, 4 p.m., Seaside City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Seaside Transportation Advisory Committee, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Heritage Square Project Advisory Committee, 6:30

p.m., Astoria Public Library Flag Room, 450 10th St.

MONDAY
Cannon Beach Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broad-

way.

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