



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2009

Members:

Robert Ewers
Wendy Mortensen
Matt Pihl
Gary Virgin

Staff:

Dave Schamp
Greg Clemmons
Keith Lewis
Victoria Saager
Stacia Sheelar
Gary Stockhoff
Tom Tushner
Todd Watkins

Absent:

James Burns
Keith Fishback
Eldon Jossi
Ken Moyle
Lars Wahlstrom
Dave Vanasche

Guests:

Cal Nakao
Kay Nakao
Denny Hruby
Doug Riedweg

Welcome

Bill Ewers called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. There was not a quorum; therefore the minutes for the July meeting will be reviewed at the September meeting.

Farm Equipment and Traffic

Bill Ewers raised concerns regarding farm equipment holding up a large amount of traffic. The committee discussed laws requiring slow moving vehicles to pull over in a safe area. They were unsure if this applied to farm equipment. Staff agreed to check into this and provide additional information at the next meeting.

Traffic Update

Tom Tushner shared that Traffic is focusing on school zone flashers and crossing. Nothing else to report at this time.

CPM Update:

Gary Stockhoff shared that the first federal stimulus project opened last week for solar school zone signs. Bids for flashing yellow arrows are next. Bids for overlay and guardrail projects should be opened in January.

If House Bill 2001 is not referred to the voters Washington County will get additional funding for Operations. There are several stimulus projects planned once we receive the HB 2001 funding (i.e., Widening 26 from Cornell to 185th, Shute Road interchange, Glencoe Road interchange).

Cornelius Schefflin Bridge is going very well and 209th Bridge is open.

ODOT is planning to do work on the Hwy 26 Dennis Edwards Tunnel. There would be a 14-mile detour in late 2010.

Here's a link with more information:

http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/dennis_edwards/

Rural Resource Roads

Todd Watkins asked the group if anyone is aware of upcoming agricultural activities such as timber harvests and, if they are, please let him know. This helps us coordinate our Work Program and work around these types of activities. The question was asked how are rural resource roads determined. Todd shared they are identified through the Work Program and then the Board of Commissioners adopts the list annually.

Miscellaneous

Wendy Mortensen asked why Jackson School Road was closed for two weeks when she didn't see people there on several occasions. It was explained there is a lot of work done under the bridge where people cannot see. Crews were working every day on this project.

Reiling Road gravel road upgrade and two LIDs (Parmalee and Whitmore) are all done. We are now charging the LID for all prep work and the actual chip seal. We are looking at doing Hahn, Davidson, and possibly Cappaen Road next year.

We have established a new e-mail address for citizens to send in questions or information to RROMAC. These e-mails will be directed to Stacia and Victoria for delivery to RROMAC.
RROMAC@co.washington.or.us

Kay Nakao from Winters Road asked about LID road maintenance. The lack of funding and the priority matrix were explained to Ms. Nakao. She was also attending on behalf of CPO15 to discuss safety issues on Johnson School Road. There were traffic-related issues raised, and Tom Tushner will follow up.

There are three candidates for the Highway Bridge Program federal funding and they are South Road, Oleson Road, and 'B' Street.

Wendy Mortensen motioned to adjourn the meeting and Gary Virgin seconded the motion.