



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2006

Members:

James Burns
Robert Ewers
Keith Fishback
Don Logan
Wendy Mortensen
Ken Moyle
Gary Virgin

Staff:

Dave Schamp
Greg Clemmons
Keith Lewis
Victoria Saager
Stacia Sheelar

Absent:

Eldon Jossi
Dave Vanasche
Lars Wahlstrom

Guests:

Hal Ballard

Welcome

Gary Virgin called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Ken Moyle motioned to approve the October minutes and Wendy Mortensen seconded the motion. Introductions were made.

Hal Ballard from the Bicycle Transportation Coalition (BTC) expressed his support for the chip seal process with minor operational adjustments by the County (leave the shoulders un-chip sealed, additional sweeping) and he offered a letter of support to accompany the RROMAC letter requesting additional funding for gravel road upgrades.

There were several discussions regarding sweeping bike lanes. Keith Fishback suggested a designated bike route that could be swept on a regular basis. Rich Girard mentioned that there are currently plans to identify bike routes from the Transportation Plan that should be swept on a regular basis. The discussion also included rural roads that are highly traveled by cyclists. These roads don't have bike paths, but the cyclists ride along the shoulders on a regular basis.

Wendy mentioned the possibility of charging a fee to bike owners that would finance the maintenance of these areas. Hal doesn't feel that there's enough right-of-way to establish dedicated bike paths that would warrant a fee to bike owners.

Keith Fishback asked if there were published maps with bike routes. Hal said there are, but only in the urban growth boundary. Keith suggested that the BTC get their maps to Rich to make sure the resources are spent on the high traffic areas.

Update on MSTIP Process

Dan Brown had a conflict and will attend the next meeting.

RROMAC would like to find out how to get the gravel road upgrades added to the Capital Project list.

Gary Virgin suggested that the \$250,000 MSTIP money for gravel roads be moved from the CPM budget to Operations. Keith Fishback suggested that we use \$50,000 a year for five years. Gary says use it all now before inflation gets it. Dave Schamp said that RROMAC just needs to decide how and when to spend it and we can make that happen.

Greg Clemmons mentioned that there will be several gravel roads that will be surfaced next year through the gravel road upgrades, LIDs, CDBG, and possible coop projects.

Drainage Report Findings

John Willis had another commitment and will attend the next meeting.

Update on Grading Permits

Greg Clemmons says the County is looking for places to dump dirt. The new ordinance tightens up dump site availability in the sense that only top soil will be allowed in EFU and AF-20 areas.

Concerns about “dirt farms” and the impact on roads were discussed and Land Development has been asked to notify Operations when the roads are being used for these heavy hauls.

Funding Letter

The committee is waiting for additional support letters to add to the funding letter addressed to the Board of Commissioners. So far they have support letters from the BTC (see attached), Sheriff’s Office, Westside Economic Alliance, and many others. Any other ideas please let Ken Moyle know. Hal Ballard suggested the Westside Transportation Alliance.

RROMAC Vacancies

We currently have three members with terms expiring December 1, 2006. Keith Fishback, Wendy Mortensen, and Eldon Jossi. We are looking for anyone interested in reappointment or new people that may be interested. Keith, Wendy, and Eldon have all expressed an interest in continuing their service. Wendy has offered to apply as an alternate to allow Hal Ballard who has also expressed interest in joining the committee to become a regular member if appointed by the Board.

Miscellaneous

Wendy attended a Metro Workshop on Gary’s behalf. One thing Wendy shared was that there are one million more people than were planned for in this area. I-5 near Wilsonville is at capacity everyday before the regional traffic even gets on the interstate.

Next Month

MSTIP Process – Dan Brown
Drainage Report – John Willis, CH2M Hill
RROMAC Appointments
Funding Letter