



Department of
Land Use & Transportation

Rural Roads Operations and Maintenance Advisory Committee Meeting

November 9, 2017, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Walnut Street Center

1400 SW Walnut Street, MS 51, Second Floor Training Room 1
Hillsboro, OR 97123-5625

MINUTES

Members Present: Allen Amabisca, Denny Hruby, Michael Jamieson, Daniel Morgan, Ken Moyle, Matt Pihl, Doug Riedweg, Gary Virgin, Lars Wahlstrom

Absent: John Malnerich, Dave Sweeney

County Staff Present: Melissa De Lyser, Steve Franks, Stephen Roberts, Gary Stockhoff, Todd Watkins, Jennifer Williams

Guests: Todd Perimon, P.E., David McCoy

Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes

Lars called the meeting to order. It was announced the meeting is being recorded.

Corrections to the September minutes, pg. 3: The road should read Pottratz Road not Pongratz Road.

Corrections to the October minutes, pg. 5: David McCoy referenced a private road, not Fern Flat Road that connects Fern Flat Road to Shermans Mill Road.

Michael Jamieson made a motion to approve the September minutes as corrected. Dan Morgan seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the minutes were approved as corrected. Matt Pihl made a motion to approve the October minutes as corrected. Allen Amabisca seconded the motion; all were in favor, and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Guest Comments

David McCoy said he reviewed the current list of Roads Not Maintained and thought some roads might be missing; there are two sections of Fern Flat Road and Tupper Ranch Road that are not listed. Lars stated the subcommittee would add those to the list to discuss when they meet next.

Engineering and Construction Services Update – Gary Stockhoff

Gary said ECS opened its first high growth bond project on [175th Ave from Scholls Ferry Road](#) up the hill near the new high school. This area will be widened to five lanes. He also mentioned that a roundabout will be added at the top of the hill.

Wet weather is slowing projects down. URMDAC projects are being prepared for delivery range of 2019/20.

A question was raised about [Roy Rogers Road](#) regarding farm equipment turning north. Gary said the farm equipment will still have access. Bull Mountain will have a new signal installed.

The Sherwood area will have some traffic challenges in the next three to five years related to various roadway projects, including the installation of the WWSP waterline. Tualatin-Sherwood Road will be under construction from Chicken Creek to Teton Ave. A roundabout is being planned on Elwert and Krueger roads. Sherwood School District will present its plan at a public meeting next week if folks are interested.

Lars complemented Melissa on WC-Roads website and having all the information online. Melissa gave credit to Heather Sturgill and ECS.

Operations and Maintenance Update – Todd Watkins

Todd said there are no storms brewing yet this year and everything has been routine. He said contracted work was wrapped up for the season. Last week during dry weather, crews were putting down buttons and now they are concentrated on grading roads. Operations is going through its annual preparation for storm response. Some years there's a lot of practice for snow removal and others there's not. The weather predictions are to have a similar winter to last year, with the potential for another bad winter. There are three approved designated in-place [snow zones](#):

- Barnes Road from the County line to 118th Ave
- Cornell Road from the County line to Cedar Hills Blvd, and
- 175th Ave from Scholls Ferry Road to Rigert Road.

If the zones are successful this year, the County may expand the scope of roads included.

Melissa shared a [snow zone handout](#) designed to educate the public about the snow zones, and explain potential enforcement. The message will be shared with the public through TV broadcasts, Twitter, Facebook, and other social media.

Todd said the snow zone signs are up on 175th Ave and Cornell Road. The Barnes Road sign is being installed today. The signs will be up year round but during the studded snow tire season, the rider will read "Carry Chains or Traction Devices." The County has a good relationship with the city of Portland, and we'll be coordinating with the city to have the same messaging posted.

If citizens abandon vehicles during this year's weather events, we will work closely with the Sheriff's Office to have them towed. Todd said the Sheriff's Office and Beaverton Police Department are on board with this plan and are advocates because they will have the ability to enforce towing vehicles. If citizens do not have traction devices, they can be cited. The idea is to share the message to carry chains and have the proper equipment for the situation.

[Flood gates](#) were installed on Susbauer Road north of Cornelius due to perennial flooding. People habitually go around barricades during high water events and the gate's purpose is to stop them. Fern Hill Road will also

have a gate installed soon. These are manual gates and will have daisy chain locks that are accessible to LUT, Sheriff's Office, and local police and fire.

The committee discussed raising Susbauer Road but Todd said the size and the scope of the project would be too much to take on.

TVWD Waterline/Pipeline Update – Todd Perimon, P.E.

Lars welcomed Todd Perimon to the meeting and thanked him for presenting to the committee. Todd introduced himself as the Program Delivery and Real Estate Manager for the Willamette Water Supply Program.

Tualatin Valley Water District was looking for their next source of [water supply](#) and decided on using the Mid-Willamette River in Wilsonville. Washington County is using less water now and using it more efficiently but new homes are being built and more people are moving to the area. "Water conservation is a priority but conservation alone is not enough to meet the future demand."

Project coordination and partnering with Washington County is saving money by creating joint construction projects and working together accelerates the schedule. The goal is to have the pipeline delivering water in 2026, meaning it must be ready in 2025.

It was asked if building the waterline on Clark Hill Road could be taken advantage of to widen and make Clark Hill a better road. Todd Watkins stated they are taking advantage of these opportunities to improve roads when practical and feasible but not every road corridor is a viable candidate for extensive improvements or upgrades. During and after construction the contractors are expected to maintain and put the road back to its original state. Stephen Roberts reassured committee members that Washington County is looking at opportunities for upgrades as the projects are planned with their partners. These things will be defined as the project is designed.

Todd Perimon agreed to present updates to RROMAC periodically. Lars thanked him for coming in to educate the committee.

Sub-Committee Report - Roads Not Maintained by County – Dan Morgan

The sub-committee's work continued with one of the questions being how to justify the cost of maintaining these roads considering the level of use. They discussed criteria that might need to be considered, such as whether roads that connect to others are viable roads to maintain. It was suggested to use the gravel road upgrade criteria as a tool to consider a road for ongoing maintenance. The committee would like to see a policy created for putting roads on the Not Maintained list. The sub-committee decided they would visit all 22 roads currently on the list and share criteria for each road with Brian to justify the cost to maintain the roads. Dan Morgan will work on creating a matrix to track the roads. Volunteers were requested to go out to the roads to evaluate them.

The committee discussed what the legal rules regarding this transition/conversion of a dedicated county road to a public or private road are and requested legal clarification from County Counsel.

Jennifer will schedule a meeting for the subcommittee to meet after Thanksgiving.

Miscellaneous:

- The December committee meeting has been cancelled.
- Membership expirations were discussed and new applications were given to Denny Hruby, Matt Pihl, Allen Amabisca, and Doug Riedweg who are reapplying. Applications are due by 11/21/17 and can be filled out online as well.
- Todd committed to contacting Baker Rock to see if they have a representative who would like to join RROMAC.
- Gary Virgin requested to have a point person to contact regarding updates to Clark Hill Road when the waterline is installed there. Todd Watkins said he would be happy to do that.

Future agendas:

- Work program development with new funds – Brian Irish
- Election of officers
- Subcommittee report
- Melissa – URMD report/annual report/snow zone updates

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: January 11, 2018, from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.