

RURAL ROADS OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2020



MINUTES

Members Present:

Loren Behrman
Marc Farrar
Denny Hruby

Mike Jamieson
David McCoy
Dan Morgan

Ken Moyle
Matt Pihl
Jeff Hindley

Absent:

Doug Riedweg

County Staff and Board Members Present:

Joe Younkins
Melissa De Lyser
Steve Franks

Renus Kelfkens
Keith Lewis
Sherri McFall

Jessica Pelz
Todd Watkins

Guests:

Jennifer Flanagan

Chuck Leahy

Ken Leahy

1. Welcome, Introductions and Approval of January 2020 Minutes

Chair Mike Jamieson called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Member Morgan asked to change the minutes to reflect Stephen Roberts' entire name whenever he is referenced in the minutes. He also said that regarding the discussion of holding a joint meeting with URMDAC in 2020, he thought the decision to not hold the meeting was more of a staff decision than RROMAC decision. Members agreed with not holding a joint meeting in 2019.

Member Pihl moved to approve the January 2020 minutes. Member Moyle seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Guest Comments

Guests introduced themselves.

Ken Leahy of Ken Leahy Construction attended at the request of Loren Behrman and offered to present on road treatments and cement use at a future meeting.

3. Update on County Capital Projects

Joe Younkens provided an update on the County's rural bridge projects, using a PowerPoint titled "Rural Bridges Recently Constructed, Under Construction, and Upcoming Construction."

Renus Kelfkens, Capital Projects Services, shared information about the proposed Farmington Road/River Road intersection project, using a PowerPoint titled "Farmington Road and River Road Intersection Project," dated February 13, 2020. There is an estimated \$6.3 million budget funded by the County's MSTIP (Major Streets and Transportation Program) 3E program. There will be an Open House regarding the project at Farmington Elementary School in April.

Members Behrman and Pihl advocated for a bypass in center of roundabouts and asked why it's now a viable option when it wasn't before. Member Pihl recommended that RROMAC continue an active conversation about roundabouts. Member Behrman requested that the signs on curbs be removed to make curbs usable for farm equipment. Member Pihl referred to a prior discussion about issues with roundabout bypasses and oncoming headlights; he asked how that issue would now be mitigated and what makes it different than oncoming headlights when driving on a normal road or sitting at an intersection.

4. Overview of Urban Reserve Transportation Study (Jessica Pelz)

Jessica Pelz, Long Range Planning, gave an overview of the Urban Reserve Transportation Study, using a PowerPointed titled that and dated February 13, 2020.

Chair Jamieson asked about the process for transferring jurisdiction of a road from rural to urban areas. Todd Watkins explained that the request must be initiated by the city desiring the transfer.

5. Update on Bridge Seismic Resiliency

Todd Watkins reported that ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) is performing an analysis of regional highway networks for western Oregon post-disaster response. They are seeking counties' and cities' expertise in identifying local alternatives to existing ODOT bridges and culverts that would have a high price tag to reinforce, replace or rebuild. A statewide report is slated for completion late 2020. Todd shared Washington County's response document to ODOT's request.

6. Bridge and Gravel Roads Subcommittee Reports

Member Morgan shared the minutes (1 page) of the February 11 Bridge Subcommittee meeting.

Member Moyle shared the minutes (1 page) of the February 11 Gravel Roads Subcommittee meeting.

7. Schedule Next Meeting and Set Agenda (Chair)

Steve Franks reported that Mike Lyda resigned from RROMAC. Regarding future meeting topics, Steve reported that Stacy Shetler had said he could talk about speed limit setting and enforcement, requested by RROMAC, in May or later, and reminded RROMAC members of the 1-page "RROMAC Annual Meeting Topics" handout that was shared at the January meeting, that

lists the known regular RROMAC agenda items, on a quarterly basis.

Chair Jamieson reported on legislative issues regarding gas taxation.

Member McCoy asked if there is a process for decommissioning roads.

Members agreed that RROMAC's next meeting will be in March. Future meeting topics mentioned included:

- Road treatment presentation – Ken Leahy
- Process for decommissioning roads and bridges
- Roundabouts – headlight issue and sign placement

8. Adjournment

Chair Jamieson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Hruby moved and Member McCoy seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Next meeting: March 12, 2020 at 7:30 a.m.