

Minor Betterment Program Review and Selection Committee



Department of
Land Use & Transportation

July 30, 2013
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Walnut Street Center
Training Room 1

Members:

Brian Irish, County
Jim McCulloch, RROMAC
Jake Mintz, CCI
Marty Moyer, URMDAC
Shelley Oylear, County
Doug Riedweg, RROMAC
Paul Seitz, County
Dyami Valentine, County
Jason Yurgel, URMDAC

Staff:

Steve Franks
Victoria Saager
Stacia Sheelar
Todd Watkins

Absent:

Tim Connelly, URMDAC

Guest:

Bonnie Hadley, URMDAC

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Victoria Saager opened the meeting with introductions. Bonnie Hadley, Guest, spoke about the proposed project list and CPO equity throughout the County (see attached handout). Marty Moyer also commented there are areas developed with no sidewalks, curbs, etc. and now those same areas have malls and apartments and an increase in foot traffic. Victoria reminded the group there is a map displaying the Minor Betterment Projects at www.co.washington.or.us/MB.

Victoria asked for approval of the June meeting minutes. Marty Moyer motioned to approve the minutes as written and Brian Irish seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Victoria reviewed the Committee Ground Rules, Roles and Responsibilities, and Communication Guidelines (available on the webpage) and requested input from the committee on changes or additions. Marty Moyer motioned to continue using all of the documents as is. Paul Seitz seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The candidate evaluation criteria was discussed and it was agreed to modify the Factor Cost (15%) slightly. Under Estimated Cost to Road Fund the Medium level will be adjusted to reflect \$51k-100k and the Low Level will be adjusted to \$101k-\$150k. Partnership Opportunities will remain as is.

Victoria asked the committee what the maximum cost should be for a Minor Betterment. The discussion included the following suggestions: Jason Yurgel \$250k, John Malnerich asked what has changed since the amount of \$150k was decided; Doug Riedweg likes \$250k, but wants to see anything over that removed from the list; Paul Seitz says to flag all projects over \$150k, but still consider those that are less than \$250k. Shelley Oylear reminded the group when you get over \$250k the project expectations increase and it's no longer an "interim or minor betterment" project. Todd Watkins recommended the committee focus on those less than \$150k, but also review those less than \$250k. Jim McCulloch said URMD projects should be removed from the list or scored differently since they have the potential to receive additional funding from other sources.

Doug asked the committee to consider anything less than \$250k and Jason agreed saying everything above that should not be considered. Paul Seitz made a motion that anything \$151k-\$250k gets 0 points in the Candidate Evaluation Criteria. Jason seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Todd Watkins reviewed the 2012-2013 projects currently underway.

Pacific Excavating is working on Fairfield and 124th, Murray sidewalk, and 111th and Rainmont. All should be complete by the end of September.

Lyda Construction will be working on Blanton, 197th, Rock Creek, River, and Walker roads once the contract is reviewed. Estimated completion of these projects is the end of October.

Todd was encouraged the 2013-2014 projects are much further along in the process than they have been in the past. Century West is the Construction Engineer handling the surveying, design work and data collection. They have until July 15 to complete this step.

Victoria asked the committee for a cutoff point on the project list for Brian to provide field estimates to be used when selecting the candidates for the next season. It was agreed to continue with the top 20 (23 last year). Brian modified the spreadsheet and provided the group with an updated handout showing the top candidates that were selected to move forward with estimates. Marty suggested the top ten URMD and the top ten Non-URMD make up the top 20 list.

Jake Mintz said he hates to see those with a high score on schools move toward the bottom and asked for a cost on all of the projects in order to evaluate them. Brian shared with Jake this was not possible and the list needs to be narrowed down before the extensive field estimates are done. Jake also suggested doing ten smaller projects instead of throwing them out (the ten lowest cost projects). Brian shared feedback on connectivity is welcome. Jason Yurgel said there were 23 last year and that was a lot. You can still ask the committee if something is off or something else needs to be reviewed or added.

Jason made a motion to select the top ten URMD eligible projects and the top ten Non-URMD projects. John seconded the motion and all were in favor. Victoria said this actually moves more of the non-URMD projects up the list.

Victoria suggests using the same method as last year for public outreach. We send postcards to all properties on the affected roads that have a candidate; information is included in the CPO Newsletters, a media release is done, and an interactive map/candidate packet can be found on the website.

County staff offered to make themselves available for public meetings (CPOs, HOAs, etc.) Last year there were four weeks of open public comment and this year there will be six.

There are several reminders also published on social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) Dyami asked if translation was an option to get the information out to the entire population. Victoria will check into this.

Jake would like to extend the notification limits to outlying neighbors near potential projects. Victoria let him know this is very difficult to decide where to make the cutoff point. Doug suggested posting a public notice on an existing sign as an option; Shelley suggested going out to areas less represented (farmers markets, etc.).

Jason and Marty both thanked and complimented County staff on excellent work last year.

Victoria agreed to have all of the new materials out within two weeks and the next meeting will be late September or early October. Victoria will also color code public input so it's easier to review anything new.

FY	Location	From/to	Project	CPO	Funding source
2010-11	NW 143rd	S of Hunters Dr to West Union	Pedestrian path	1	MBC
2011-12	Barnes	70th Terr to Miller Road	Pedestrian path	1	MBC
2011-12	Cornell	at 123rd	Pedestrian path	1	MBC
2012-13	Walker	Roxbury to Cedar Hills	Pedestrian path	1	MBC
2012-13	Barnes	County line to Leahy	Widen & bike lane	1	Project canceled
2013-14	123rd	Fairfield to Walker	Pedestrian path	1	MBC
2013-14	Butner	Downing to Walker	Rehab ped path	1	MBC
2013-14	Jenkins	at 153rd Drive	Modify crosswalk	1	MBC
2013-14	Walker	Barnes Elem to Furlong	Pedestrian path	1	MBC
2012-13	Fairfield	124th to Cedar Hills	Pedestrian path	1	URMD
2012-13	124th	Center to Fairfield	Pedestrian path	1	URMD
2012-13	111th	Rainmont to McDaniel	Ped path/facility	1	URMD
2012-13	Murray	McD's driveway to Westlawn	Pedestrian path	1	URMD
2012-13	Rainmont	111th to 113th	Pedestrian path	1	URMD
2012-13	Lost Park	at 113th	Guardrail	1	URMD
2013-14	McDaniel	Harding and Arnott	Pedestrian path	1	URMD
2013-14	Leahy	house 8310 to near school	Pedestrian path	1	URMD
2013-14	Butner	Cedar Hills and Murray	Pedestrian path	1	URMD
2011-12	Murray	near Tierra del Mar	Center refuge lane	2	MBC
2013-14	Garden Home	at Oleson	Repl ADA ramps	3	MBC
2013-14	92nd	Garden Home to Allen	Pedestrian path	3	URMD
2013-14	Scholls Ferry	Hamilton and MP0.4	Pedestrian path	3	URMD
2013-14	Grahams Ferry	lbach to near Luster	Pedestrian path	5	MBC
2011-12	Kinnaman	Farmington to 185th	Pedestrian path	6	MBC
2011-12	Miller Hill	at Farmington	Shoulder widening	6	MBC
2012-13	197th	Rock to Baseline	Pedestrian path	6	MBC
2012-13	Blanton	170th to 185th	Pedestrian path	6	URMD
2011-12	158th and Walker		ADA ramps	1 or 7	MBC
2012-13	Rock Creek	185th to Columbia	Pedestrian path	7	MBC
2013-14	Laidlaw	Lakeview and 140th	Pedestrian path	7	URMD
2012-13	River	at Rosedale	Widen & turn lane	10	MBC
2011-12	Blooming-Fern Hill	at Winters	Visibility improvement	15	MBC