

# Minor Betterment Program Review and Selection Committee



Department of  
Land Use & Transportation

**August 13, 2014**  
**4 p.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**Walnut Street Center**  
**Training Room 1**

## **Members:**

Hal Ballard, CCI  
Tim Connelly, URMDAC  
Ron del Rosario, County  
Ray Eck, URMDAC  
Marty Moyer, CCI  
Shelley Oylear, County  
Paul Seitz, County  
Dave Sweeney, RROMAC  
Dyami Valentine, County  
Gary Virgin, RROMAC

## **Staff:**

Brian Irish  
Steve Franks  
Victoria Saager  
Stacia Sheelar

## **Absent:**

## MINUTES

### **Introductions**

Victoria called the meeting to order and attendees introduced themselves.

### **Guest Comments**

There were no guests in attendance.

### **Follow up from last meeting - Shelley Oylear**

Shelley shared a document to follow up on a meeting topic from last month's meeting regarding a bike study that took place in Toronto and Vancouver, Canada between May 2008 and November 2009.

### **Review materials adopted at last meeting**

Victoria asked if there were any further changes to make from last month's changes to the Ground Rules, Roles and Responsibilities, Communication Guidelines or the Candidate Evaluation Criteria. There were no additional changes requested.

### **Review draft list of eligible candidates**

Ron provided an updated list of top 16 candidates that meet the committee's criteria, with less than \$250k estimated cost. (Available on the committee webpage)

A letter has been added next to the candidate number if the candidate has been divided into smaller segments due to cost restrictions for the full requested candidate.

Ron shared the biggest issues with the candidates deemed not eligible are scope, right-of-way and budget. Bike lane projects are great ideas, but just not feasible. It may be possible to add striping to help some of these situations, but not in all cases.

Victoria asked the committee to go through this list and decide what they would like to see move forward for public comment.

Hal asked about striping on Saltzman Road Ron indicated the striping would be going south on Saltzman Road and north on Barnes Road. Hal asked why not the uphill side to encourage cyclists. Ron worked with Traffic Engineering to review the current striping and it was decided we will not change existing striping. Shelley's desire was to have bike lanes on both sides, but the center lane can't be changed and the downhill lane is very wide (Average of 19'). So the southbound lane can be divided with the striping, but the northbound lane cannot, it's too narrow. It may be done in the future, but not right now because it's out of the scope of a minor betterment right now.

Dyami asked what if we don't consider the color of money and just decide what the best project is and then decide where the money comes from later. URMDAC representatives indicate they don't know what projects will be considered by URMDAC so that approach may not work.

Dave Sweeney asked about striping cost estimates and the fact they look high. Ron explained there are allowances in each estimate to allow for any unexpected expenses. Several of the estimates included room for permitting issues that may come up from Clean Water Services as well.

Ron reviewed each candidate on the "short list". See notes below: The candidates in **BOLD** are candidates the committee decided not to move forward this year, but they will remain on the list of suggested minor betterments for future consideration.

#161a 174<sup>th</sup> Avenue - Cannot do the entire requested candidate, pulled out this segment to connect to existing pathway near Bethany Elementary. If this segment is built, the school would no longer need bus services. The estimate is high due to the potential permitting costs from Clean Water Services.

**#325a Barnes Road – Gary says this is a wide road with plenty of room for bikes. Hal does not support this project either. Tim Connelly agrees there is room for bikes. – REMOVE FROM "SHORT LIST" PER COMMITTEE**

#141 Science Park Drive – Sidewalk segments near Sunset High School

#350 Rock Creek Blvd. – Sidewalk from apartment entrance to 185<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The estimate is high due to the potential permitting costs from Clean Water Services and consultant fees for design. Rock Creek Elementary and Westview High schools are nearby.

#223a Kaiser Road – Cannot do the entire requested candidate. This segment of pedestrian path leads to a school and a park. There is a missing section of sidewalk from north to south.

Gary Virgin would like to see projects built to accommodate both bikes and pedestrians for kids going to and from school.

#245a 113<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Provides a north and south pathway, even though it is not on both sides of the roadway.

**#291a Quatama Road – A portion of the entire requested candidate that would connect two existing sidewalks on the south side. This would provide a connection all the way to Cornelius Pass Road and to transit. The other segment could have some right-of-way issues and requirements to build a water quality facility (Segment B was \$370k). – REMOVE FROM "SHORT LIST" PER COMMITTEE**

#176 173<sup>rd</sup> Avenue – Candidate has been divided into four segments and is also near a school.

#213a Saltzman Road - Candidate was divided into two sections, existing pathway connection, potentially fill in ditch and possibly fill with pervious pavement.

#210 Barnes Road - Median improvement requested by the neighborhood to stop cut through traffic.

#292 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Asphalt drop off into ditch, request is for fence installation.

#270 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Currently just trees, no street or pathway of any kind. This road is a paper street only. Request to punch through a pedestrian path to access the park.

#253 74<sup>th</sup> Avenue – 50 ft. of pathway is proposed.

**#283 107<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Remove sidewalk that ends abruptly and directs foot traffic into resident's back yard. – REMOVE FROM "SHORT LIST" PER COMMITTEE**

#200 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Punching through a walkway that is currently used by several children and would also provide access to bus routes on Taylor St. per Shelley. This candidate would complement an upcoming Gain Share project as well. Gary is concerned about the difficulty to maintain due to location and getting maintenance equipment to the pathway. He does not think the amount of foot traffic would offset the cost of maintenance that would be incurred.

#34 Clarion Street – Neighborhood bikeway route, currently a dirt pathway and the only piece missing to connect pedestrians to Alexander Street.

Paul asked Ron if there were any other concerns or comments regarding the candidates for maintenance, design or cost. Ron said the list of candidates is good and he has no concerns at this time.

### **Review draft candidate scoring and prioritization**

Victoria solicited the committee for any changes or comments and hearing none, moved on to the next agenda item.

### **Identify candidate cut off score for "short list"**

The committee was able to narrow the list down as presented eliminating the need to establish a cut off score.

### **Set public comment period for "short listed" candidates**

In the past the outreach period has been six weeks and if we do that again it would run into October.

The following items would be provided as outreach:

- Post cards including candidate information sent to adjacent property owners (also asking them to contact any tenants); also outreach to nearby employers, schools, public facilities, etc.

- A media release with a link to an interactive map with the ability to provide comments online of the candidates being considered.
- Link to media release on Washington County Roads Facebook and Twitter pages.
- Promote on WC-Roads.com in the weekly road news broadcast.

Dyami suggested providing a flyer to local libraries in addition to current outreach products.

Victoria reminded the committee, staff is available to attend CPO and other community meetings as well.

The outreach will launch August 22 and the deadline for public comments will be October 3. Each week up until this date, Victoria will compile a comments document and post it to the committee webpage and send out an email notice the comments are available online for the committee's review.

### **Next Meeting date and agenda**

The next meeting date will be after the close of the public comment period, tentatively early October. Victoria will send a meeting availability request.

**Meeting adjourned.**