



Department of
Land Use & Transportation

August 14, 2012
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Walnut Street Center
Training Room 1

Minor Betterment Program Review and Selection Committee

Members:

Tim Connelly, URMDAC
Sheila Giambrone, County
Brian Irish, County
Jim McCulloch, RROMAC
Marty Moyer, URMDAC
Shelley Oylear, County
Linda Peters, CCI
Stephen Roberts, County
Dyami Valentine, County
Jason Yurgel, CCI

Staff:

Victoria Saager
Stacia Sheelar
Todd Watkins

Guests:

Bonnie Hadley
Gary Ross

Absent:

Mike Chombeau, RROMAC

MINUTES

Victoria Saager opened the meeting with introductions and asked for approval of the minutes. Jason Yurgel asked that the minutes be revised to include discussion about having a night meeting at least once to give the public a better opportunity to provide feedback. Linda Peters moved to approve the minutes as amended and it was seconded by Brian Irish; all were in favor.

Public Input

Gary Ross asked if the county has reached an agreement on the Clean Water Services IGA. He was informed he will need to speak with Dave Schamp regarding the agreement.

Bonnie Hadley asked why Bany Road from 170th Avenue to 179th Avenue is still on the candidate list. This project was not selected in the last round and so it remains on the list.

Adopt Committee Guidelines and Candidate Evaluation Criteria

The first item of business was to adopt the committee guidelines and evaluation criteria set by the previous committee. The committee unanimously adopted the guidelines reviewed at the June meeting.

Brian suggested that the scoring criteria for Population Density under the Community category be changed to align with the scoring criteria used by Metro. This same overlay was used in Long Range Planning's Bike/Ped evaluation; note that it applies only within the Urban Growth Boundary. Linda Peters moved to adopt the guidelines used last year with the revised density criteria to align with Metro. The motion was seconded, and all were in favor.

Update on Long Range Planning's Bike/Ped Prioritization Project

Dyami Valentine provided a handout about the Washington County Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Prioritization Project Plan. They have received 800 comments online. There was discussion on where improvements would benefit the users based on population density, community areas, schools, parks, etc. Dyami will be coming back to the committee as well as URMDAC and RROMAC with a list of candidates that can be used to cross reference candidates on the Minor Betterment list. Tim Connelly asked, "What is the ultimate goal?" Dyami responded to have a prioritized list of project candidates ready when funding becomes available. All the preliminary work would be done in advance. Tim also asked about the rural area, and Shelley Oylear noted that the upcoming Rural Road Safety Plan will look at specific rural routes. Dyami says the project list should be done by October and could be added to next year's Minor Betterment list. Todd Watkins requested the list be set up similar to the Minor Betterment criteria so the two can be melded together easily. Dyami agreed and shared that has been done to some extent already.

Initial Review of Eligible Minor Betterment Candidates

The initial review of eligible candidates has been done and a list was provided to the committee. The committee was asked to set a cutoff point on the list so Brian can get cost estimates completed on the shorter list. It was decided to go with the top 20, not counting any that are also on the MSTIP 3d list. Brian will make these changes and they will be reflected on the next update. Brian was also asked to add a column identifying those on the MSTIP 3d list. Shelley asked that any adjacent projects be considered and possibly the Minor Betterment can be lumped together with those projects.

Tim Connelly mentioned a new development in the area of 131st Avenue from Timara to Fischer and thought the improvements in that area may be part of the conditions for the development. [Note: Half street improvements were a condition of development on 131st.]

Victoria asked the committee what they would like to see for public review and input on the top candidates. The committee agreed that an open house would not be necessary and the online format would be sufficient. It was suggested the CPO newsletters be used to communicate information and that pre-packaged presentations be available for CPO and other public meetings. Linda Peters asked that packets be ready sooner than last year.

The committee is very interested in having signs posted at Minor Betterment project locations that show the citizens where the money is coming from for the different projects. Victoria will follow up. Jason Yurgel suggested reusable signs to save money.

Next Meeting

The committee expressed preference for late afternoon Tuesday through Thursday meeting times. The next meeting will be scheduled for the second or third week in September. Committee members will receive a request for meeting time availability.

ACTION ITEMS

#	<i>What</i>	Who	When	Done
1	<i>Schedule next meeting for September</i>	Victoria		
2	<i>Signage funding</i>	Victoria		
3	<i>Public Input Process</i>	Victoria		