

# Minor Betterment Program Review and Selection Committee



Department of  
Land Use & Transportation

**September 20, 2012**  
**4 p.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**Walnut Street Center**  
**Training Room 1**

## Members:

Mike Chombeau, RROMAC  
Brian Irish, County  
Jim McCulloch, RROMAC  
Marty Moyer, URMDAC  
Shelley Oylear, County  
Stephen Roberts, County  
Dyami Valentine, County  
Jason Yurgel, CCI

## Staff:

Victoria Saager  
Stacia Sheelar  
Todd Watkins

## Guests:

Bonnie Hadley  
Gary Ross

## Absent:

Tim Connelly, URMDAC  
Sheila Giambrone, County  
Linda Peters, CCI

## MINUTES

Victoria Saager opened the meeting with introductions and asked for approval of the minutes. Jason Yurgel motioned to approve the August minutes, Jim McCulloch seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

### **Public Input**

None

### **Review "Top Twenty" Minor Betterment Candidates**

The "Top Twenty" Minor Betterment list is posted on the website.

<http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/Operations/Programs/minor-betterments.cfm>

If you go to the link and then click on the road name, photos and information for that candidate will come up. There is also a link on this page for the public to provide comments.

The current year's projects cannot be handled in-house so a consultant will do some of these projects which will inflate the cost by about 40%. Barnes Road bike path project from Leahy to the County line may be delayed due to the cost.

Stephen Roberts shared the project on 185<sup>th</sup> and Farmington near Broad Oak may be handled by a development coming in on the southeast corner. There are already pedestrian facilities on the east side.

Marty Moyer said URMDAC has more money to spend on safety improvements and is waiting for the Minor Betterment Committee to make selections before they decide what they will cover.

Shelley Oylear asked if equity between CPOs is being considered. Reviewing current year projects it appears the Minor Betterment selections are dispersed more broadly where URMDAC selections are mostly in CPO 1.

Murray Blvd. listed as project #2 should not be considered as a minor betterment because it may be funded by the MSTIP Opportunity Fund.

Shelley Oylear suggested 174<sup>th</sup>, project #5 be tied in to Bronson, project #13 since they are so close.

The media release Victoria is sending out includes a link to the interactive maps, project background, etc. Letters to the CPOs and post cards to residents near potential improvements have all gone out soliciting comments from the public.

Victoria shared an example of the possible signage to be displayed while projects are being constructed showing the project is part of the Minor Betterment Program.

Victoria asked the committee how the staff can help them make decisions at the October meeting. Shelley asked for a list showing the candidates by CPO to review geographic diversity. Jason Yurgel said the list looks good and he is in agreement with any decisions made as he will not be able to attend the October meeting.

Marty asked that Victoria notify the CPOs ASAP due to their meeting schedules. Victoria will post information on Facebook, Twitter, the webpage and the weekly road news.

**Next Meeting**

Victoria will send out a Doodle Survey to set the next meeting date. The committee agreed 4:00 p.m. works best for a start time.

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**ACTION ITEMS**

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1	<i>Schedule next meeting for October</i>	Victoria		
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