



URMD

URBAN ROAD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

Urban Road Maintenance District Advisory Committee

February 17, 2016 • 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Walnut Street Center

1400 SW Walnut Street • Second Floor Training Room 1 • MS 51

Hillsboro, OR 97123-5625

MINUTES

Members Present: Tim Connelly, Ruth Deal, Raymond Eck, Bonnie Hadley, Martha Moyer

Absent: Anthony Mills, Larry Virgin

County Staff Present: Commissioner Malinowski, Ron del Rosario, Steve Franks, Dave Schamp, Gary Stockhoff, Todd Watkins, Victoria Saager, Shelley Oylear, Jennifer McCollum

Guests: Michele Limas, Citizen; David Kim, ODOT

Welcome, Approval of Minutes and Election of Vice Chair

Bonnie called the meeting to order and introductions of committee, staff and guest were made. Ray made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes and Ruth seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Marty recommended waiting until the second half of the meeting to elect a Vice Chair. Bonnie agreed and invited Shelley Oylear to begin her presentation.

School Access Improvement Study – Shelley Oylear

Shelley provided information about the recently completed [School Access Improvement Study](#). This study focuses on improving access to schools. Starting last summer, access to 53 elementary, middle, and high schools were studied. With the help of a consultant, the study compiled inventory information including sidewalks, flashers, and signals within a one-mile radius of schools. Projects that allow kids to walk or bike to school safely were identified as goals.

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Hazard areas were identified where students are currently bussed to school short distances because of safety issues. Those hazard areas are where funding is available for transportation aid. Other identified goals are to improve safety at intersections and crossings and to increase walking and biking.

The projects identified by the study would fill sidewalk gaps or add crossings and bike lanes. There are many more needs than those identified in the study; however, the study identified projects that would make the most difference. Proposed projects were mapped including a cost estimate.

Bonnie asked if the study would go out to the public for comment. Input will be requested from the County, THPRD, and school districts in Beaverton, Tigard, Tualatin, Hillsboro, and Sherwood but will not go out for public comment.

Observations were made that many local streets are not a priority for sidewalks. Projects are most needed on higher speed and higher volume roads. Also the needs are not geographically equal by CPO, school district or commissioner districts.

Cost estimates to upgrade or build sidewalks and bike lanes are \$91 million, crossings \$4 million, safety and other \$2 million, and accessways \$2.5 million. These estimates do not include acquisition of right-of-way. All proposed projects are located in the unincorporated areas only.

Next steps in the process are to present this information at a Board of Commissioners worksession, post the study on the website, identify funding opportunities, and prioritize projects.

Marty asked what the cost is to signalize an intersection. Gary responded the cost is \$300,000 to \$500,000. He also said the rapid flashing beacon is only \$50,000 and noted they are a very effective alternative for crossings.

Ray asked if the sidewalk needs to be complete on both sides for the street to be considered a “complete street” and eliminate busses. Shelley said that depends if the school and street allow for kids to cross safely. Sometimes a traffic control device or crossing guard is required for safety. Shelley said the goal is not to eliminate busses; it is to increase walking ability to schools for kids.

ODOT Projects in Urban Washington County – David Kim

ODOT extended its appreciation to Washington County for being such a great partner with shared projects.

The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) budget is \$250 million this year. The following projects were recently completed:

- Siesmic retrofit project on five I-5 bridges (Tualatin River, Lower Boones Ferry Road, railroad bridge in Tualatin area, OR 99W on Portland/Tigard border, and one in Portland on Hood Avenue in South Waterfront).
- OR 99W - Guarde/McDonald, Fischer Road, Tualatin River Bridge, and Tualatin River Wildlife Refuge

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- OR 10 – Beaverton Hillsdale at Western

Projects in construction:

- US 26 – Brookwood/Helvetia Interchange
- OR 8 – TV Hwy at 185th
- OR 8 – Minter Bridge Road to SW 331st Avenue

Projects going to construction in the next 12 months:

- 1-5/217 and OR 99W/217 bridge deck overlays
- Active Transportation Management System (ATMS)/Tiger on US 26, I-84 and several local arterials
- US 26 – Cornelius Pass Road to SW 185th Avenue
- OR 8 at OR 47 (Quince Street) improvement project
- HSIP Urban signals project – various signals
- MBM 2016 bridge deck seals – various bridges

Focus of safety projects:

- Looking at safety as a region – low cost systemic improvements
- Hotspots - looking at specific areas where there are many accidents with injury or death

(Visit ODOT's [Region 1 Projects](#) page for information on above projects.)

The committee discussed several completed projects and made recommendations for future projects.

One of the biggest challenges for ODOT is homelessness and camps. They are partnering with the City of Portland and law enforcement to address complaints. It is a big challenge.

Guest Comments

Michele Limas commented on road construction and planning, and wanted to know if Washington County is considering traffic, pedestrian, and bike safety when making improvements. Gary answered those topics are all used to assess the needs of roads.

Michele also commented that she was told that Washington County only worried about the vehicle volume on roads but now sees there is great consideration put into projects and planning and that Washington County is very concerned about pedestrians and bike riders. She said she also now realizes how expensive it is to make improvements.

Miscellaneous

Bonnie reminded the committee of the need to fill the Vice Chair position. Ray nominated himself, Bonnie and Marty seconded the nomination. All were in favor. None were opposed. Ray accepted the position of Vice Chair.

The committee discussed a future project on Miller Hill Road. The cost was estimated in the \$10 million range.

Commissioner Malinowski suggested changing the County's road standards to require placing bike lanes behind the planter strip for safety reasons. The committee discussed options for the use and maintenance of bike lanes and sidewalks.

Tim asked Commissioner Malinowski to clarify the comment made last meeting about Hillsboro possibly not assessing the \$12,000 per household fee for new construction due to the economy. Victoria mentioned there was a clarification email available as an attachment to last month's minutes.

Bonnie recommended the committee postpone their photo since all members were not present. All agreed.

The joint meeting agenda:

- Operations and Maintenance requested budget
- URMD requested budget – Victoria Saager
- Draft Annual Road Maintenance Program – Todd Watkins
- Public education on transportation funding – Melissa De Lyser
- South Hillsboro – Don Ottermott

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting: March 16, 2016, 4:00 p.m., Joint URMDAC/RROMAC Meeting