



**URBAN ROAD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**February 18, 2015**

<u>Members:</u>	Ruth Deal Ray Eck Bonnie Hadley Marty Moyer Larry Virgin Tim Connelly Anthony Mills Jason Yurgel	<u>Staff:</u>	Ron DelRosario Steve Franks Victoria Saager Dave Schamp Stacia Sheelar Todd Watkins Commissioner Malinowski
<u>Absent:</u>	Martin Granum	<u>Guests:</u>	Gary Ross Jessica Leitner Greg Wright Joannie Dwire Mary Lou Gallagher Tiffany Stein Chuck Sluyter Clark Vorm Gary Pietka KC Cowley Tim Glassman Jim Crawford

**Welcome**

Introductions were made of all committee members and County staff.

Marty Moyer acted as the Committee Chair in Martin Granum's absence and called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The December meeting minutes were reviewed. Larry Virgin motioned to approve the minutes as written, Bonnie Hadley seconded the motion, Anthony Mills abstained from the vote since he was absent from the meeting and all were in favor of approving the minutes.

**Guests – Public Input**

Joannie Dwire and Mary Lou Gallagher spoke regarding project #061 (Rock Creek Blvd.) – This area is part of the regional trail system, there are parks, play structures and a basketball court nearby. There is no sidewalk access and this is not a typical parking area for cars. There are a lot of pedestrians and strollers.

Adarsh Sogal and Tim Glassman spoke regarding project #245 (113<sup>th</sup> Avenue) – A lot of new housing has created increased traffic; fences have been installed forcing the residents to walk in the roadway on 113<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The road is treacherous, traffic volume is high and there is no

choice but to walk on 113<sup>th</sup>. There has been one fatality and there is an elementary school in the area as well. In favor of this project.

Ray Eck asked if fences are close to the highway or landscaping is close to the road. Adarsh Sogal said the older areas have 6-8 feet of open ditch area between the private property and the roadway. Bonnie asked what the speed limit was in the area and it is currently 35 mph.

Jessica Leitner spoke regarding project #278 (Kinnaman and 198<sup>th</sup> Avenue) – There are several senior citizens and citizens with disabilities who use the Aloha Community Center. This area is not accessible by motorized wheelchair and will be open starting next week to provide meals. Citizens have to wait on the edge of the roadway for the bus near an open ditch; there is an elementary school nearby as well. In favor of this project.

Greg Wright is currently a client and employee of the Aloha Community Center and he takes the bus and walks to the center. He was hit by a car in October at 198<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Kinnaman and feels it is very important for people with disabilities to have sidewalks in this area.

Gary Pietka is currently resides on Johnson Street between 198<sup>th</sup> and 209<sup>th</sup> avenues. Gary would like to know what the nature of the intended construction is for this safety improvement candidate. Dave Schamp asked Gary to talk with Ron Del Rosario to learn more about the specifics of the construction plans.

James Crawford spoke regarding project #228 (Saltzman between Bronson Creek and Laidlaw) – In favor of this improvement. The County made a mistake when they approved the study in this area. The County did not have the appropriate maps and a major realignment was put on hold and is not likely to happen with the recent urban reserve designation.

Chuck Sluyter also spoke regarding project #228 (Saltzman between Bronson Creek and Laidlaw) – He does not support this project. He and his neighbors installed motion activated cameras and have thousands of hours of footage only showing one to two pedestrians per day. The area has inadequate lighting and requests for lighting will increase and costs the residents. Clean Water Services has been dealing with several drainage issues in this area as well and this project will not increase safety, but may increase danger. Some residents have suggested closing this portion.

Commissioner Malinowski said he would only support this project if it is NOT at grade with the road. He does not want children and bikes in the lane with dump trucks.

Jake Mintz spoke regarding project #197 (90<sup>th</sup> Avenue) – There are three schools in the area, most of the traffic is on the west side, but the ditch on the west side is the focus. Please seriously consider this project.

Tiffany Stein spoke regarding project #277 (Johnson Street) – Please consider this project. She walks her dog there and there are a lot of people walking to the bus in that area as well.

### **Draft Road Maintenance Work Program**

Todd Watkins handed out copies of the [2015-2016 Draft Road Maintenance Program](#). The program will be made available for public review starting in early March.

**Updated URMD Financial Projection**

Victoria Saager shared the updated [URMD financial projection](#) showing \$2.6 million available for safety improvements in FY 2015-2016. Allocating that amount brings next year’s fund balance to the targeted amount of \$7 million.

The committee discussed several ways to increase funding within URMD. Dave Schamp indicated the funding we currently have for road maintenance will get us way out into the future, but we do need to start thinking about ways to fund new ideas.

**Safety Improvement Candidate Review and Selection**

Ron Del Rosario led a discussion with the committee about the [Safety Improvement Candidates](#). The committee selected the following candidates to be recommended for construction in FY 2015-2016:

<b>COMMITTEE FINAL SELECTION</b>
61
Rock Creek Blvd 257000
197
90th Av 365000
278
Kinnaman Rd 421000
245
113th Av 559000
161
174th Av 294000
285
Bull Mountain Rd 709000
<b>\$2,605,000</b>

Larry Virgin motioned to accept the list as it stands and if changes need to be made, they can be made later. Jason Yurgel seconded the motion, the committee voted and all were in favor.

## **Miscellaneous**

At the first meeting of the year the committee elects a new Committee Chair and Vice Chair. Bonnie Hadley nominated Martin Granum to be the new Chair and Ray Eck seconded the nomination. The committee voted and all were in favor. Larry Virgin nominated Marty Moyer as the Vice Chair and Anthony Mills seconded the nomination. The committee voted and all were in favor.

Marty Moyer mentioned the issue paper currently being worked on for new tools to eliminate sidewalk gaps in the [2015 Long Range Planning Work Program](#). She also pointed out it does not include any funding.

Jason Yurgel thanked the members of the public for their input and shared it is important and does make a difference.

## **March Agenda**

Neighborhood Streets Program Update – Mike Mills

Washington County Transportation Study – Chris Deffebach and Dyami Valentine

## **April Agenda**

Quarterly Performance Report (with Service Request turnaround)

URMD Performance Measures (Update Appendix “A” to IGA)

Safety Improvement Projects Update