



WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

RROMAC MEETING MINUTES March 15, 2012

The purpose of RROMAC is to study rural road operations and maintenance concerns in Washington County, work with County staff to develop program and funding alternatives and make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

Members: Bill Ewers
Denny Hruby
Eldon Jossi
John Malnerich
Jim McCulloch
Gary Virgin
Lars Wahlstrom
Doug Riedweg
Mike Chombeau

Staff: Greg Clemmons
Victoria Saager
Dave Schamp
Janelle Lockbeam
Gary Stockhoff
Commissioner Bob Terry
Dave Schultz
Chairman Andy Duyck

Absent:

Guests Dave Sweeney
David Kim, ODOT
Dave Vanasche
Cal Nakao

Welcome

Bill Ewers called the meeting to order. The February minutes were approved and introductions were made.

GUEST COMMENTS

None

ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES UPDATE

Gary Stockhoff said three bids for projects this season have been opened recently: Minor Betterments, Meacham Road Bridge and Scholls Ferry Road at Fanno Creek. More projects coming up are the widening of Evergreen Parkway between Solar World and the airport, 119th Avenue sidewalk, widening of Boones Ferry from Day Road to Norwood Road and the last section of Cornelius Pass Road to be widened is moving forward.

The last Bethany open house before bid was last Tuesday. There are 80 right-of-way files to acquisition; 50 have been done. There was less right-of-way needed than expected. This is a \$25 million project. Chair Duyck asked if the Sequoia trees will be removed. Yes, and the property owners will be compensated.

Scholls Ferry roundabout equipment test was successful. Gary Virgin and Doug Riedweg were both favorably impressed with the presentation and issues covered by Bill Hunter (CPM) at the CPO 10 meeting. He was responsive to questions and concerns, provided good information, delivered well and was credible.

Stakes are out at the site of the Johnson School Road bridge replacement. Old timbers from the Cornelius Pass Bridge will be reused.

Beaverton High School will be the site for an open house on March 22 for proposed MSTIP3d projects.

ODOT UPDATE

David Kim shared a map of plans for upcoming ODOT projects in Washington County over the course of the next five years totaling \$180 million dollars. A lot of these projects involve variable message signage, cameras and safety projects. Highway 99 will have some safety projects, bridges will be replaced on Highway 26, and Highways 47, 26 and 217 will be paved.

HB 2001, the Job and Transportation Act earmarked \$900 million for projects such as the I-5 at 205 interchange, Hwy 26 from Cornell Road to 185th.

Starting in the near future will be two projects on Hwy 26: one at Glencoe and the other at Brookwood Parkway. Expect westbound closure onto Hwy 26 at Glencoe up to a week during construction. This project could go out to bid in May and work is expected next summer.

The Highway 26 at Brookwood project is still in the design stage. They are dealing with some tree issues and Groveland Road may be relocated to the north.

Cornelius Pass at Highway 26 will have the two lane on-ramp extended south to Imbrie Drive next summer.

After 2016 we'll see mostly operations, maintenance and preservation projects. Most funding will go back to pay debts. If new funding becomes available, widening the rest of Highway 26 west will be considered. Tualatin Valley Highway is being studied as part of the SW Corridor study and Aloha-Reedville study.

Gary Virgin offered his opinion that a left lane dedication would be helpful at the TV Highway and 209th intersection. The railroad crossing creates a challenge. Gary Stockhoff said that there has been talk of extending Cornelius Pass at TV Highway to the south and east to bypass the intersection at 209th.

The current widening project of Highway 26 between Cornell Road and 185th has taken a long time because the wet conditions and the work is all weather dependent. It should be completed this summer.

CEMENT TREATED BASE

There have been greater than expected gravel road upgrade defects. The County hired Duval Engineering through a contract to investigate possible causes during the fall of 2011. After evaluating the recent gravel road upgrade failures, Duval suggested increasing base rock to a minimum of 10 inches of base rock. Current practice is a minimum of 6 inches. However, to add more base rock, the road has to be widened and the ditches set back, requiring purchase of additional right-of-way, which can be very expensive.

Greg Clemmons gave a presentation regarding two alternatives (see attached). They are Full Depth Recycling (FDR) and Cement Treated Base (CTB).

The challenges with FDR and CTB are high cost and environmental concerns such as water quality, air pollution and crop damage. Advantages are stronger structural section that meets the AASHTO pavement design process and a consistent base preparation throughout the entire project.

WORK PROGRAM DRAFT

Dave Schultz distributed an updated draft of the 2012-2013 Work Program.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mike Chombeau asked about the history of Rock Creek Road. It has never been established as a county road. In 1998 the county reserved the road for public use, but has no obligation or liability to maintain it.

Repairs require Board authorization. They have acted twice in the last couple of years to not spend money for maintenance, but Chair Duyck will put the road on the list to maintain, if the property owners will dedicate right-of-way.

Gary Virgin is impressed with soil testing and compliance relating to fill sites. However, the 5k limit does not matter if it is not enforced.

BUDGET UPDATE

Dave Schamp said that the proposed Budget will be presented to the County Administrators Office on Monday afternoon. The budget is pretty flat except overlay surface work to maintain our roads. Not as much revenue was generated from HB 2001 as expected. We want to work as smart as we can; at the same time the money shortage is not as bad as it could be.

RROMAC VACANCIES

There was discussion regarding the two vacancies on the committee. Members would like Matt Pihl and Dave Vanasche to be reconsidered. Two other applications have been received to fill these vacancies.

Bill Ewers adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

Bicycle Education and Enforcement
Minor Betterment Committee – RROMAC Representatives
Target Service Levels

FUTURE AGENDA

ODOT Maintenance