



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 2011

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: James Burns
Robert Ewers
Denny Hraby
Wendy Mortensen
Eldon Jossi
Matt Pihl
Gary Virgin
John Malnerich
Doug Riedweg
Dave Vanasche
Lars Wahlstrom

Staff: Keith Lewis
Victoria Saager
Dave Schamp
Steve Kelley
Gary Stockhoff
Andy Back
Suzanne Savin
Janelle Lockbeam
Tom Tushner

Guests:

Absent: Ken Moyle

Welcome

Matt Pihl called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. The February minutes were reviewed. Lars Wahlstrom motioned to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Robert Ewers. All were in favor.

NORTH BETHANY SUBAREA

Suzanne Savin from the Long Range Planning Division reviewed Metro's planning requirement for compatibility with agricultural use on lands adjacent to planning area.

Steve L. Kelley from the Long Range Planning Division discussed funding strategies to support infrastructure development required for North Bethany (handout). MSTIP, TDT (75% of TDT paid by this area goes back to this area), supplemental SDC, plus Community Service District slated to go to voters. Steve showed a map of identified transportation infrastructure within North Bethany.

Gary Virgin is not concerned about roadways within North Bethany, but rather with rural roads outside. Steve identified improvement needs, funding to be identified over time. Andy Back has worked with the City of Hillsboro on the South Hillsboro urban growth boundary (UGB). Gary feels it is backwards to take care of the rural roads first and then develop the urban area; Dave

Vanasche agrees and added that the County never planned for the amount of traffic on rural roads. Andy Back argued the issue is not the plan, but how to fund needed improvements.

Bill Ewers asked if geometry, number of driveways, capacity and safety have been considered. Steve said the traffic impacts of rural roads due to urban development have been considered.

Dave Vanasche asked where the buffers were. Suzanne displayed a map and said Abby Creek is the northern border, there is no natural border on the east side, PCC on the west is neutral for now and other property owner is not concerned because it is urban reserve; trails and corridors will also provide separation. She added that half of the adjacent property owners who are farming have concerns about trespass and want fencing. Staff thinks set back buffers are needed in addition to fencing. Dave Vanasche noted that Farm Bureau may be interested in hearing presentation regarding setbacks and buffers.

GRAVEL ROAD UPGRADE POLICY AND FUNDING

Greg Clemmons recommended approval by RROMAC. He noted that 1% plus OTIA money doubles up for the next couple of years. Lars moved to approve, Jim seconded; carried unanimously.

A webinar on Gravel Road Maintenance is scheduled next Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Walnut Street Center, all are invited.

Quality Assurance Report for chip seal is drafted and will be shared next month. Gravel road upgrade LID's are going through the Board now. Roads scheduled for upgrade are Old Pumpkin Ridge, Groveland, Hahn and Davidson. Notification for public meeting will go out for Hahn and Davidson Roads.

Jacktown Road will have a culvert replaced this summer and widened where the culvert problem exists.

WORK PROGRAM REVIEW

Dave Schultz distributed highlights handout. The work program is approximately 66% of what we do. Highlights and changes were reviewed.

Dave Schamp plans to increase to three FTE Community Service Monitors and change equipment to reduce maintenance cost and be more efficient. Lars suggested transferring some maintenance to Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District or HOAs.

How much work is outside contract? Various services are contracted out to get better comparison; most recent is guardrail. The contractor is quicker and cost less. Question of striping paint availability; we have paint in stock.

Matt asked if research of low growth and low maintenance vegetation has been done for these landscaped areas. Dave Schultz said that Operations is able to make comments on capital projects.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dave Schamp said that there are bike/pedestrian issues surfacing. The Brookwood project bid award was delayed. The Board directed staff to evaluate cycle track (separated bike facility) and are now looking at buffered bike lanes. This could mean increased maintenance cost; RROMAC may want to track this issue. Our job is to maintain what gets constructed. John Malnerich questioned whether or not inmates could perform the work

Bill Ewers asked about the ODOT contracting of Hwy 219 maintenance. Dave Schamp has heard that it has been cost effective, working well and was required by HB2001; at the end of the year ODOT will produce a report.

Jim Burns asked about the Hwy 26 overpass status. Dave Schamp will find out and get back to RROMAC; it could be CWS.

Matt Pihl asked about the impact of the new Intel project. Overall it is going well. There were some anticipated problems but for the most part they did not materialize. Some trucks have traveled on the southern end where they are not allowed. Denny notes that wheel washes are working, demonstrates they can work. This is an example to Farmington Road where mud on roadway is an ongoing problem. Dave Schamp also noted a problem at a site on Tonquin Road where we do not have a lot of influence, but continue to try to make it better.

Matt Pihl adjourned the meeting.

APRIL AGENDA

Minor Betterments

Breakdown of Mowing/Landscape Cost

MAY AGENDA

QA/QC Chip Seal Report