



WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

RROMAC MEETING MINUTES March 19, 2015

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: Allen Amabisca
Bill Ewers
Denny Hruby
Jim McCulloch
Jake Miller
Doug Riedweg
Dave Sweeney
Gary Virgin

Staff: Steve Franks
Keith Lewis
Shelley Oylear
Dave Schamp
Stacia Sheelar

Absent: Mike Chombeau
John Malnerich
Matt Pihl
Lars Wahlstrom

Guests:

Welcome

Jim McCulloch asked the committee to review the February minutes. Dave Sweeney pointed out he was listed as both present and absent and he was actually absent. Dave motioned to approve the minutes with this one modification and Gary Virgin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Guest Comments

None

Rural Bike Funding/Gain Share Funding Update

Shelley Oylear discussed the \$3 million per year allocation from the state for the County – the County receives a portion of the property tax from new jobs in the County. The BCC decides how the money is divided and they decided to dedicate \$3 million to bike/ped projects.

Shelley shared a list that was created of projects for the next five years assuming legislation will continue to allocate these funds. Gary Virgin indicated the legislature cancelled the Gain Share program last night. Staff has not confirmed this information, but will follow up.

Shelley indicated the list of projects is divided by commissioner district ([attached](#)). The BCC has instructed staff to replace the Porter Road Bridge using some Gain Share funding along with additional funding from other sources. Shelley will provide a construction map showing all of the upcoming projects.

The list of projects will be going to the BCC for formal approval. #1 going to construction out for bid, #2 in design, moving on to #3.

Denny Hruby questioned why someone hasn't identified Springville Road to be widened for a bike/ped facility with the amount of use from the community college. Shelley indicated there is a project being looked at, but the County is also waiting to see what areas will be developed.

Shelley indicated there are signs that can be used to help direct people to alternate areas that may be safer for them to use until potential issues can be addressed.

Engineering and Construction Services Update

None

Operations and Maintenance Update

Operations crews are currently taking advantage of the great weather. Crews are out crack sealing, and shoulder mowing, and the bridge crew is getting a lot of clean up done. Paving is already happening in some areas by contractors. Most things are ahead of schedule at this time.

Dave shared samples of the pavement from Schmeltzer Road with the committee. The road was chip sealed last year by a contractor and paid for by the property owners. It took about three years to work out the details and manage the timing of the project in cooperation with the residents of Schmeltzer Road. The residents paid for the rock, the County hauled and processed the rock and prepared the base, and a private contractor chip sealed the road. The County anticipated the paving would happen quickly, but that did not happen. The County maintained the subgrade while waiting for the contractor to pave. The material and equipment used by the contractor were not what was approved for use on this project. The road surface is now seven months old and is coming apart. The County doesn't feel the countywide residents should be responsible for the warranty of the roadway. The contractor warrants the work for one year. The nearby chip seal done by the County back in the mid-1990s is still in good shape.

Dave visited the site and noticed there was round river rock in the subgrade that was not placed there by the County and it was difficult to find any trace of oil. There was also a lot of loose material on the surface that should not be there at this point.

Once the County became aware of the issue, the property owners and contractor were immediately put on notice. Had there been a normal winter, the road would be in much worse shape.

Gary Virgin complimented the County on the overlay done recently on Tongue Lane. Dave thanked Jake Miller from Baker Rock.

Budget Presentation

Dave reviewed the Operations and Maintenance Proposed Budget presentation for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 with the committee. The critical message is deferred maintenance becomes more costly the longer it is deferred.

Dave presented the Operations and Maintenance proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 ([see attached](#)).

Recap of Hwy 219 – Eagle Elsner Pilot Project

Dave spoke with Jake Eagle (Eagle-Elsner was the contractor for the ODOT Hwy-219 evaluation project) and he offered a totally different perspective than ODOT. Jake is willing to help work with RROMAC to develop a future privatization comparison project. He noted several problems with ODOT's study that made it impossible to compare apples to apples. Dave included handouts ([status report](#) and [report on cancelation](#)) from the project.

Miscellaneous

Stacia reminded the committee of the Volunteer Recognition Event coming up on April 8 at the County Fairgrounds in the Clover Leaf Building.

Stacia also shared a get well card for Lars Wahlstrom for the committee to sign. A representative from the OSU Extension office is coordinating donations and the card.

April Agenda

RROMAC Project Opportunities – Jim McCulloch [handout](#)
Transportation Funding 101 – Victoria Saager