



URBAN ROAD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 15, 2015

Members:

Ray Eck
Bonnie Hadley
Anthony Mills
Marty Moyer
Larry Virgin

Staff:

Ron Del Rosario
Steve Franks
Philip McCormick
Zach Morris
Diane Overstreet
Victoria Saager
Dave Schamp
Stacia Sheelar
Marla Vik
Todd Watkins
Commissioner Malinowski

Absent:

Tim Connelly
Ruth Deal
Martin Granum
Jason Yurgel

Guests:

Gary Ross

Welcome

Introductions were made of all committee members and County staff. Marty Moyer called the meeting to order. The March minutes were reviewed. Anthony Mills motioned to approve the minutes, Larry Virgin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Guests – Public Input

Gary Ross asked to comment after the McDaniel project update later in the meeting. Marty indicated the committee would consider guest comments later in the meeting if time allows.

McDaniel Road Project Update

Ron Del Rosario and Zach Morris presented information on the McDaniel Road project. Zach discussed the original design plan to construct a widened shoulder on the south side of McDaniel Road from Harding Court to the existing path near Arnott Lane. He also reviewed the candidate that was considered but not selected in the last round which included constructing about 2400 feet of 5-foot-wide paved pathway, separated from the travel lane behind the ditch, along the north side of McDaniel Road from Appellate Way to 116th Terrace. This candidate would have provided a continuous pedestrian walkway along the north side of McDaniel Road from Appellate Way to Bonny Slope Elementary. However, near Blackhawk Drive there is a pinch point due to the lack of right-of-way available. Dave asked if there was conversation about re-establishing the road where it is. Zach indicated that was considered, but it was decided not to go that route. There is a water quality swale on the north side to be considered as well.

Bonnie inquired about other projects in the same area that could impact this project. There was some indication at the last meeting there is a development coming into the area next year.

Ron Del Rosario worked on a preliminary design for a potentially alternate option for this area. This option would include acquiring right-of-way at an estimated \$30 per square foot (total estimate \$42,000). The cost of right-of-way is determined by the highest and best use of the property per Todd. Commissioner Malinowski asked if an easement has been considered as an option. Dave indicated all of the County right-of-ways are really easements and will cost us the same. Marty asked if we have the budget to acquire the right-of-way. Victoria shared if we proceed as planned on the south side it will be completed this calendar year and if we go with the redesign on the north side it would likely be next year.

Commissioner Malinowski indicated unless this project includes a divider to keep cars away from the pedestrians, the school districts will not recognize this as a safe route to school and will continue to bus school age kids to school.

Victoria reviewed the purpose of these projects is to improve safety of the current situation. Some of the projects may not be the ideal fix for the long term, but they are interim improvements to the current situation.

Bonnie inquired if the area is improved, could the speed limit be increased and the answer was yes, it's possible. Often times when roadways are improved motorists drive faster.

Dave reminded the committee the projects that have been recommended included widened shoulders and now it appears the committee may want to change direction and do additional work in these areas that may include separated pathways. If the direction has changed, we need to know now so we can work to revisit the tools we have been using in this process. You can do larger projects, but there will be far fewer of them.

Larry Virgin suggested holding a community open house to discuss the project and possibly get the property owners to donate the right-of-way.

Bonnie Hadley motioned to proceed with the project as originally scoped, Anthony Mills seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Safety Improvement Projects Update

Zach Morris provided updates on the FY 2013-14 Safety Improvement projects.

- Leahy Road – The design was just completed and will be submitted to Clean Water Services for review and approval next week. Bidding and construction of the project are planned for this summer.
- McDaniel Road – Design had reached draft 100%, but the project was put on hold while discussions on the project scope took place over multiple URMDAC meetings in recent months. With URMDAC's motion made today to proceed with the original project scope, design will be finalized. Bidding is anticipated to be this summer with construction in the summer and/or fall of this year.
- Laidlaw Road – The design of the shoulder widening portion of the project has been complete for some time and design work for the pedestrian bridge is ongoing. Design and permitting is

anticipated to continue into the summer with the goal of constructing the project in the fall of this year. A temporary bridge used at other County locations will be used on this project as a permanent structure.

Philip McCormick provided updates on the FY 2014-15 Safety Improvement projects. The projects have been split up into two different bid packages.

Bid Package #1 – 209th / Kinnaman

- 209th Avenue – Blanton St to TV Highway
- Kinnaman Road – Farmington Rd to 185th Ave

Open House was held on March 18, 90% design plans were submitted on April 14, no water quality swales, no right-of-way and no easements are needed, advertising on June 8, will bid on June 24, County Board approval is planned for July 7, possibly bid with 178th (Gain Share project) for economy of scale and construction should start July or August.

Bid Package #2 – Cornell / Thompson / 119th

- Cornell Road – 102nd Ave to 97th Ave
- Thompson Road – 143rd Ave to Evergreen St
- 119th at Lovejoy St Intersection

Open House was held on March 2, 90% design plans were submitted on April 17, no water quality swales, using existing County credits, no right-of-way or easements needed, advertising on June 22, will bid on July 8, County Board approval is planned for July 8, possibly bid with Taylor (Gain Share project) for economy of scale and construction should start in August.

Quarterly Performance Report (Service Request turnaround)

Victoria provided a handout showing the [URMD Service Requests](#) from July to December 2014 separated by category. The handout indicated the average number of days it took to respond and the average number of days it took to complete the request.

The handout indicates vegetation requests are the bulk of the requests with drainage requests second. All of the right-of-way obstruction requests were portable basketball hoops.

The back of the handout shows the trends in Service Requests over the last several years which also indicate vegetation requests are much higher than any other category.

Dave indicated in the past County crews did all of the pre-work to trim vegetation ahead of contracted paving work. The County is now requiring the contractor to handle the pre-work as part of the paving contracts with really no additional cost. We have not recognized any increase in complaints or vegetation issues.

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

Victoria provided a handout identifying [URMD Performance Measures](#). One side of the handout included a proposed update to the IGA between Washington County and URMD, Appendix A. The other side was the original IGA Appendix A.

On the proposed update, Victoria has added an item regarding Safety Improvement projects and an item to provide a quarterly update on the Neighborhood Streets Program.

The section titled Implement cost efficient maintenance operations has been removed since this is part of the regular business for Operations and Maintenance.

Anthony Mills moved the committee adopt the proposed update to the Intergovernmental Agreement between Washington County, Oregon and Urban Road Maintenance District; Appendix “A”, Ray Eck seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Miscellaneous

Anthony Mills motioned to add time for guests to speak at the end of the committee meetings after hearing the meeting topics. Ray Eck seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Guest Comments

Gary Ross thanked Todd for his work and feels he brings added value to the meetings. Gary also agreed with the committee’s decision on McDaniel Road to move forward with the existing design. Gary agreed an open house will be good to talk with the neighborhood about the project.

Larry Virgin would like to see Engineering and Construction Services hold an Open House now to see if the property owners might buy into the project and actually donate the right-of-way.

May Agenda

Operations and Maintenance Budget presentation – Dave Schamp and Victoria Saager
Quarterly Service Request report for January through March – Victoria Saager

June Agenda

Safe Routes to Schools Update – Shelley Oylear