



WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

RROMAC MEETING MINUTES May 17, 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: Mike Chombeau
Tom Duyck
Robert Ewers
Denny Hruby
Eldon Jossi
Jim McCulloch
Matt Pihl
Dave Sweeney
Gary Virgin

Absent: John Malnerich
Doug Riedweg
Lars Wahlstrom

Staff: Shelley Oylear
Victoria Saager
Dave Schamp
Stacia Sheelar
Stacy Shetler
Gary Stockhoff
Todd Watkins

Guests Chris Billman – Cox Road
David Kim – ODOT
Bob Ebeling - ODOT

Welcome

Bill Ewers called the meeting to order. Jim McCulloch motioned to approve the April minutes, the motion was seconded and all were in favor.

GUEST COMMENTS

Chris Billman from Cox Road expressed his concerns about the maintenance being performed on the road. He would like the County to leave the road alone and not grade it. He says the road is fine the way it is and all the County does is create dust and he pays for dust control and the County trucks destroy it.

ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES UPDATE

Gary Stockhoff updated the group on their current projects. Final paving is complete on 185th Ave., River Road/Scholls Ferry roundabout should be open by June 11; Glencoe Road Bridge is now open, ODOT bids for the Glencoe interchange were \$12.6 million, Bethany will go out to bid soon, Boones Ferry bids will be later this year, Evergreen and Cornelius Pass bids were opened and were both \$1 million under estimates, working on Johnson School Bridge, Old Cornelius Pass Bridge, and the Meacham Bridge.

MSTIP 3d – Projects include Martin Road, 10th Ave. in Cornelius, Farmington in Beaverton, Walker 158th to 173rd, and Tualatin Sherwood.

The Brookwood/Helvetia interchange will realign Groveland Drive. There is lots of work getting done thanks to good weather.

BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ISSUES

Last month Shelley Oylear presented a concept for a rural road safety strategy. At the June meeting Shelley will have more. It is currently grant season and Shelley is still in the beginning stages of figuring out how much money is needed. There are some available funds from the Federal and State level. The Federal money has many strings attached and is more expensive to meet the requirements.

MISCELLANEOUS

ODOT UPDATE

David Kim and Bob Ebeling from ODOT provided updates on their projects. A project was planned years ago for a new interchange at Staley's Junction. A team has been designing it; in the meantime interim improvements appear to be adequate, but the state park expansion is not happening and increased traffic volumes have not materialized.

Bids opened for Gales Creek and TV Hwy paving projects; at the 209th and TV Hwy intersection there are some safety concerns and ODOT is reviewing the possibility of phasing the signal; 185th and Cornell should be wrapped up by July 4; Hwy 8 (TV Hwy) from 331st to Quince St. paving contract has been awarded and the work should be complete by the end of summer; will wait on the Hillsboro section due to utility work in the near future; and bids are coming in close to the estimates.

The question was asked if they know how the Eagle Elsner contract for Hwy 219 has worked out and the answer was they have completed a one year study, it does cost more, but the quality and service have been great. It's really too soon to tell how it will work out long term.

The committee also asked why there are no bus pullouts on TV Hwy in Cornelius and Forest Grove. David said they are working with Tri-Met to identify locations and discuss.

David has committed to attending the RROMAC meeting every other month and bringing maintenance staff along for questions.

BUDGET UPDATE

Dave Schamp provided an update on the budget. Gas tax revenues continue to fall short of state forecasts as consumers are buying less gas and operating more fuel efficient vehicles. Revenues are not what they were projected to be. Gary Virgin stressed that people who are demanding roadway landscaping services should realize we can't afford to maintain these

areas. We continue to build problems like this into the design of road improvement projects and then it costs the County forever to maintain.

TARGET SERVICE LEVELS

Todd Watkins handed out information on Target Service Levels and is looking for feedback on the document. If you have feedback you can email him at todd_watkins@co.washington.or.us or give him a call at 503-846-7650.

NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

Target Service Levels
Bike and Pedestrian Issues