



# URMD

## URBAN ROAD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

### Urban Road Maintenance District Advisory Committee

May 18, 2016 • 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Walnut Street Center

1400 SW Walnut Street • Second Floor Training Room 1 • MS 51

Hillsboro, OR 97123-5625

## MINUTES

**Members Present:** Ruth Deal, Ray Eck, Bonnie Hadley, Anthony Mills, Martha Moyer, Larry Virgin

**Absent:** Tim Connelly

**County Staff Present:** Melissa De Lyser, Ron Del Rosario, Tracy Fox, Steve Franks, Mike Mills, Stephen Roberts, Victoria Saager, Dave Schamp, Andrew Singelakis

**Guests:** Gary Ross, Board Chair Andy Duyck

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### Welcome and Approval of Minutes

Bonnie called the meeting to order and introductions of committee members, staff, and guests were made.

Anthony Mills made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Gary Virgin, and all but one committee member were in favor. The April minutes were approved as submitted. Ray Eck abstained due to not being in attendance at the April meeting.

Chair Duyck shared that the Washington County Board of Commissioners is looking at either creating a ballot measure or enacting a revenue package for transportation funding. If the state does pass a package it would be best to sunset the County's package so we do not replicate the state's, and it would also be an insurance policy to protect our current investment in our roads. If URMDAC is interested in that plan and thinks that is something that they would like the Board to do, they are urged to get together with business groups, the chambers of commerce and others and come to the Board and express that sentiment in order to get the ball rolling. There was general conversation about current tax measures that have been supported by voters.

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Chair Duyck expressed again that the Board wants to hear from the community about how they feel about this issue, also that we would want to have a direction in the next month or two. Chair Duyck again expressed if URMDAC would like to be part of this discussion to please do so.

Dave mentioned that the Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors (OACES) has been discussing an adjustment to the allocation formula for transportation revenues. Andrew Singelakis responded it would not change the 50/30/20 split. Right now 50% goes to ODOT, 30% to counties, and 20% to cities. What is being proposed is redistributing part of the county allocation for poorer counties. Chair Duyck advised the model is for a base minimum for poorer counties; 18 counties will contribute. Of the models, the one favored will have far less impact than what we had initially anticipated.

Anthony Mills urged the Commissioners to enact funding measures without voters' involvement. Ray Eck noted that the topic was discussed at CCI and that group is supportive; he urged the Board to take action. Larry Virgin noted he would expect the vehicle registration fee to fail at the ballot and asked the Board to go ahead and do it. Marty Moyer suggested that Gain Share revenues should be used for road maintenance.

After hearing other topics on the agenda, the Committee returned to this topic to take action. Larry Virgin made a motion to update URMDAC's 2013 recommendation letter and resubmit it to the Board of Commissioners asking for an up to \$43 vehicle registration fee. Anthony Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

It was suggested that information about weight restricted bridges be included as an attachment to the letter. It was also suggested that road safety be included in messaging to the public, that the financial impact be stated as a cost per month (less than a cup of coffee per month), and that this message be shared with CPOs and business associations.

### Traffic Calming – Mike Mills

Mike provided [updates on traffic calming projects](#). Ecole Avenue was discussed in detail as an example of a neighborhood safety campaign that had challenges. Although speed cushions were recommended, the neighborhood preferred speed display signs. However, there were challenges with the locations selected for the signs. Alden Street residents also did not support speed cushions, but there were issues with speed display sign locations on this street as well. Mike prefers to place the signs in locations that property owners support. Gaining sufficient ballot responses has also been a challenge.

Mike recently had his first project involving parking infiltration. The County's only parking by permit zone was created in 1985 as a result of issues with Aloha High School students parking in nearby neighborhoods. Recently due to Nike construction and the reduction of area parking lots, Nike employees started parking on nearby neighborhood streets, reportedly blocking mailboxes and driveways, parking on corners, and moving garbage cans so trash was not getting picked up. A community meeting was held to discuss potential parking by permit zones. The meeting included City of Beaverton since some of the streets are under city jurisdiction. Mike explained the process required to form the parking permit zone, but so far no one has requested that the

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initiative move forward. Mike thinks they may be waiting to see if completion of Nike's parking structures will resolve the issue.

Mike noted that his program has two radar speed display trailers and the Sheriff's Office has three including one shared with Beaverton School District.

### URMD Funding of Urban Collector Maintenance – Larry Virgin

Larry reviewed how URMD funds can be used: for general road maintenance on neighborhood streets and for safety improvements on County roads in the District. URMD funds cannot be used for general maintenance of Arterials and Collectors. He noted that everyone uses Urban Arterials, but Urban Collectors are used mainly by local neighborhood residents. He argued that utilizing some URMD funds for maintenance of Urban Collectors is justified due to them serving the neighborhoods. There was \$616,000 in the 2016-17 maintenance budget for overlay paving of Urban Collectors. Larry proposed that URMD could set aside a percentage or capped amount that could be used from URMD funds to assist in costs.

Andrew Singelakis suggested that this suggestion be tabled until the Board decides whether to take action on the vehicle registration fee proposal.

### Safety Improvement Projects Update – Ron del Rosario

Ron provided an update on the status of [URMD Safety Improvement projects](#).

In response to a question about marked crosswalks, Victoria explained that Washington County has no funding to analyze and install crosswalks at mid-block locations or uncontrolled intersections (with no traffic signal or all-way stop). However, we do have a process which allows others to fund them. The County's [Mid-Block Crossing](#) policy allows an applicant to take responsibility for analysis, design, and, if approved, construction. Applicants are typically park and trail providers, businesses, or homeowners associations. A decision was made previously that URMD would follow this policy.

Ron shared the link to the design and construction web page for the [2015-16 Small Road Improvements](#). There was discussion of the [90th Avenue project online open house](#).

A new interactive map which displays identified small road improvement candidates was shared. Candidates for improvement are color coded. The map includes a link to propose a new candidate. The map will be launched with the announcement of the July 15 deadline for proposing new candidates to be included in the upcoming round of project selection.

## MSTIP3e 150% List – Stephen Roberts

Stephen explained that the Board selects projects for funding through the [Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program](#) (MSTIP) on a five-year cycle. The MSTIP 3e 150% candidate list was narrowed down from a much longer list of potential projects. The public is invited to comment on the candidates through the [online open house](#) or at three physical open houses in Hillsboro, Beaverton, and Forest Grove. So far 834 comments have been submitted online. We expect to summarize the public comments and present them to the Board in May. We are working toward Board adoption of a project list in September.

Anthony Mills suggested that the online comment opportunity provide options to pick from rather than a comments box only. For example, checkboxes for whether you support this project: yes/no in order to facilitate feedback and invite more comments.

Ray Eck asked about the intersection of 209th Avenue and Tualatin Valley Highway. Stephen responded that project is funded through the [High Growth Cost Share](#) program. The County will pay two-thirds and City of Hillsboro will cover the rest. It will probably be constructed in 2019. ODOT approval will be required for this project. Scholls Ferry Road at Nimbus Avenue was suggested as a model to use for that intersection.

## Guest Comments

None.

## Miscellaneous

URMDAC received a [letter from the Homes Association of Cedar Hills](#), asking that URMD Safety Improvement projects fund pedestrian crossings. A response was sent to the HOA, explaining that the County and URMD do not fund crosswalks, but that the County's Mid-Block Crossing policy allows others to do so. There was discussion about whether Gain Share revenue could be used to fund crosswalks, but it was noted that Gain Share revenue has been reduced significantly. Gain Share is expected to provide about \$2 million per year over the next ten years. There was discussion about crosswalk issues and possible community partners to provide funding for crosswalks.

URMDAC received a [letter from CPO 4B](#), thanking the committee for their work and asking for more of their good works specifically on Beef Bend and Bull Mountain roads.

Victoria shared a graph that will be presented to the URMD Budget Committee tomorrow, projecting the [URMD fund balance](#). The graph projects that URMD will have money for safety improvements for another five years.

Copies of the [2014-15 URMD Annual Report](#) were distributed. The draft report was reviewed at the April meeting.

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Agenda topics for June meeting:

- Update on Safety Improvement project costs.
- Upcoming Safety Improvement project selection process.
- Transportation funding (ongoing discussion).
- Update on bridge maintenance.

Meeting adjourned

**Next meeting:** June 15, 2016, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.