



# WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

## RROMAC MEETING MINUTES June 19, 2014

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.

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| <u>Members:</u> | Bill Ewers           | <u>Staff:</u> | Steve Franks      |
|                 | Denny Hruby          |               | Anne Kelly        |
|                 | John Malnerich       |               | Keith Lewis       |
|                 | Jim McCulloch        |               | Janelle Lockbeam  |
|                 | Doug Riedweg (Chair) |               | Shelley Oylear    |
|                 | Dave Sweeney         |               | Dave Schamp       |
|                 | Gary Virgin          |               | Andrew Singelakis |
|                 | Lars Wahlstrom       |               | Gary Stockhoff    |
|                 |                      |               | Todd Watkins      |

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| <u>Absent:</u> | Allen Amabisca | <u>Guests:</u> | Dan Morgan |
|                | Mike Chombeau  |                |            |
|                | Jake Miller    |                |            |
|                | Matt Pihl      |                |            |

### Welcome

Doug Riedweg called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Gary Virgin motioned to approve the May minutes. Jim McCulloch seconded the motion and all were in favor.

### Engineering and Construction Services Update

Gary Stockhoff updated the committee on current ECS projects:

- Oleson Road Bridge project will start soon.
- Scholls Ferry Road work is making progress. Some right-of-way was purchased for utility work.
- Working on the Scholls Ferry signal at Tile Flat Road; Roy Rogers Road signals will be temporary for a long time
- 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Cornelius will go out to bid late summer.
- Roundabout on Scotch Church Road.
- Baseline/231<sup>st</sup> Avenue.
- Cornelius Pass toward beginning of 2015.
- ODOT Region 2 is overseeing Highway 47 at Verboort Road and David Hill Road roundabouts; County will design. State and Federal funds exchange. Out to bid in the fall 2015.

- Jackson School widening and Brookwood at Baseline improvements are ready to bid.
- Cornell 2016.
- Gales Creek bridge replacement.
- Minor Betterment and URMD Gain Share.
- Walker Road has been pushed out because of a Nike schedule change.
- Met yesterday with Larry McKinley from Region 2 at the kick off for the Highway 47 roundabouts in Salem. ODOT has applied rumble strips in the interim. Will work with Sunny Chickering, ODOT Engineer for this project.
- Working with Operations for larger overlays.

### **Operations and Maintenance Update**

Dave Schamp gave an update on current activities at Operations and Maintenance.

- Finishing up on the work program this week.
- Focus on pavements; Glencoe road paving was recently completed and is now finishing Bany Road.
- Work program is going to the Board for review next week along with budget, will amend through the year as needed.
- Redirected crews from Drainage to Surface for dig outs and pavement repairs on Spring Hill, Kemper, and Hillside Roads in preparation for upcoming surface work.
- Pavement recommendation is to incorporate more crack sealing. Will purchase a new crack seal machine. It is a trailer mounted unit for purchase price of \$50 thousand.
- Working with the Parks at Hagg Lake to repair and maintain the roadway around Hagg Lake. Parks will help pay about 50 percent. They have identified their portion of the \$11 million. These funds will also repair slide areas. Agreement is for long-term cost share. The property surrounding the lake is federally owned.

### **Agri-Tourism**

Anne Kelly, Associate Planner, discussed the department's work on developing an ordinance on "Agri-Tourism" as authorized by Senate Bill 960, which enables the county to adopt standards permitting commercial events "related to and supportive of" and "incidental and subordinate to" AF-20 and EFU farm use. She summarized work with citizens, the Visitors' Association, Sheriff's Office, Health and Fire Department, traffic staff, and others, to draft standards addressing their varied concerns. The intent is to provide farmers additional ways to supplement farm-related income and to connect communities with local food sources - while clarifying parameters for events to limit impacts and simplify enforcement. The county may choose whether to adopt the bill in part, in full, or not at all, and may apply conditions beyond those established by the bill.

Question and answer discussion followed, regarding potential process complexity, event examples, fees/funding, staffing, noise and traffic management, enforcement, concerns and prospective benefits.

For further information, see the Washington County Agri-Tourism web page at <http://www.co.washington.or.us/agritourism>, or contact either of the following:

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### **Bicyclists in Rural Areas**

Shelley Oylear said that the first full season on the Scenic Bikeway is underway. Comments made have been that it is enjoyable and popular. Washington County Visitors Association (WCVA) has had complaints from property owners and is looking at options regarding bathrooms, parking, signage, support of businesses, and livability issues. There will be more to report in the future.

Gain Share project of \$1 million for spot safety improvements along the bikeway route for signage and up hill bike lane locations.

Chip Seal schedule outreach to bike interests. Scheduled events may alter routes with advance notice of chip seal plans. More input from bicycles such as sweep requests.

Stakeholder Group will come together this fall to form a Rail Road Safety Plan.

Council Creek Trail Master Plan is underway for a separate shared use trail. It will parallel county roads or railroad. State and Metro funding will be studied along with city help to fund construction. Ongoing maintenance funding has not yet been identified.

State Parks and Port of Tillamook are working together and moving forward on Salmon Berry Trail between Banks and Tillamook.

### **Miscellaneous**

Andrew Singelakis expressed his appreciation to those RROMAC members who testified at the Board Meeting in support of the Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF). The county's allocation of the \$30 VRF requested is for county road maintenance only and would be collected from motor vehicle registrations, not bicycles. It will go to the Board again July 1, 2014, and then to voters. The key will be good public education to the voters. Discussion followed regarding cost of work increasing faster than the revenue increases.

Victoria Saager presented a handout of how many grading requests were received at Operations and Maintenance annually from 2009 to present. Requests for grading have risen. We may have had more spring rain in 2012 because fewer requests were received that year and weather does affect grading work.

Dust Abatement for safety is coming up to stabilize gravel road surfaces in some areas. The media will be notified of our application and inform the public that applications can also be done by citizens. Doug Riedweg requested a media release to remind the public of farm equipment on the roadways.

Question was raised regarding fill placed in the Fern Hill wetlands at the Clean Water Services facility. Concern is that this will cause a higher water level for the roadway. Clean Water Services will be invited to attend the July meeting.

Gary Virgin appreciates the good job on the Boones Ferry project. Good solution to the main problems, design and execution was also good.

Meeting was adjourned.

### **Future Meeting Agenda Topics**

Fern Hill – CWS  
Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) update  
No August Meeting  
Minor Betterment update