



Rural Roads Operations and Maintenance Advisory Committee Meeting

August 11, 2016, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Walnut Street Center

1400 SW Walnut Street, MS 51, Second Floor Training Room 1
Hillsboro, OR 97123-5625

MINUTES

Members Present: Denny Hruby, Michael Jamieson, John Malnerich, Daniel Morgan, Matt Pihl, Doug Riedweg, Dave Sweeney, Gary Virgin, Lars Wahlstrom

Absent: Allen Amabisca, Bill Ewers

County Staff Present: Steve Franks, Keith Lewis, Jennifer McCollum, Stephen Roberts, Victoria Saager, Gary Stockhoff, Todd Watkins

Guests: Chair Duyck, Destanee Smay

Welcome, Introductions, and Approval of Minutes

Lars called the meeting to order. Dave Sweeney made a motion to approve the June minutes. Michael Jamieson seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as written. All were in favor.

Guest Comments

None.

Destanee Smay, Washington County Communications Intern took photographs of the committee.

Engineering and Construction Services Update – Gary Stockhoff

There is a lot going on in Washington County right now.

- Advertised the [roundabout at Jackson School Road/Meek Road](#). Construction should start around December. This project should clean up that intersection.
- [10th Avenue in Cornelius](#) had some challenges with the railroad and ODOT permitting but those issues have been addressed. Next month the project should go out for bid.
- [124th Avenue](#) / waterline project going through the quarry is in progress.
- [Cornelius Pass Road](#) had a few signals moved. The west side is complete and final paving will happen soon. Working on getting the double onramp to Hwy 26 open. There were some issues with PGE and moving utilities.
- [Brookwood Parkway](#) survived the Air Show weekend challenge and opening of Top Golf. They are working with County to obtain access on Brookwood.

- [Walnut Street in Tigard](#) is in process.
- [Gales Creek](#) and [Porter Road](#) bridges are underway.
- [Springhill Road bridge](#) is in final design phase.
- [Timber Road](#) and Rock Creek bridges are both in design phase.
- High growth projects continue including South Hillsboro (SOHI), River Terrace, and South Cooper Mountain.
- TVWD/ Water Consortium waterline project needs to be completed and online by 2026.
- Attending a diagnostic meeting with ODOT Rail and the railroad regarding the TV Hwy/209th Avenue and TV Hwy/234th Avenue/Century intersections. It is anticipated it will take four years to get the permits and approvals but this project will be getting underway.
- MSTIP3e update: Going to WCCC committee on September 12. Hoping to go to the Board on October 4.

Doug Riedweg asked about a future roundabout project at River Road and Farmington Road. Gary stated it is being considered but will be decided by the Board.

Lars asked if 229th Avenue railroad crossing would be closed. Gary said a couple of private crossings would also be closed.

Operations and Maintenance Update – Todd Watkins for Dave Schamp

Since Dave Schamp is out of the office, Todd Watkins presented the update for the Operations and Maintenance Division.

The Division is busy right now. The big story this season is the [chip seal program](#) that is underway. The program was off to a great start and then the chip spreader had a mechanical breakdown and all work came to a temporary halt. Once the chip spreader was up and running again, the weather changed and we actually had some rain delays. Due to these factors, the chip seal program is a little behind schedule but will be caught up soon. After the chip sealing is complete, crews will follow up with a fog seal.

Several culvert projects are happening this summer.

- Currently the culvert on [Mountaindale Road](#) is being replaced. The biggest issue has been coordinating work with the utilities. They are busy also, and their ability to get their work done has slowed us down a bit but we are still making progress. This culvert is being replaced by County crews.
- [Timber Road culvert](#) should be complete by August 12. This is the culvert that washed out in the December 2015 storms. It is being replaced by a contractor.

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- [Gordon Road culvert](#) will be next on the schedule. That particular area has some perennial flooding issues that are controlled by a deep culvert under the railroad embankment. This project will not make the flooding issues go away but the structure will be robust and able to carry vehicle loads without fear of collapsing. The culvert will be replaced because it is cracked and damaged. The elevation of Gordon Road will not change so flooding will likely still occur. The replacement culvert will be a box culvert and the work will be performed by County crews.
- [Dairy Creek culvert](#) will be replaced after Timber Road and a temporary bypass road will be built to keep the road open to traffic. This project will be completed by a contractor.
- Cochran Road bridge repairs will be starting soon. This work will strengthen the bridge but it will still likely require a weight limit for the “super solos.” However, traditional truck and trailers will be able to use the bridge.
- River Road is on the radar for overlay work but we have determined that the right-of-way is narrower than we were expecting so we are re-assessing what the scope of work will be with respect to the shoulder enhancements.
- Machine patching work will continue through September.
- Night striping started on August 1 and will finish this week. We have both contracted crews as well as County crews working on this task.
- The Cornelius Pass Road bridge is in the queue to be replaced through MSTIP. However, in the meantime, there were some concerns with load ratings on this particular bridge so the consultant did an in-depth analysis and found it is okay to wait to go through the regular replacement process.
- Another round of bridge load ratings will begin soon. There are 17 more bridges that will be analyzed and it is expected that out of that group, it is likely some more weight limits will be imposed. As we’ve mentioned before, the driving factor for many of the weight limits, on older structures, is the increased use of “super solo” trucks. For many of our bridges, that’s been the controlling factor with respect to the limits that have been imposed.
- Vegetation has been different this year than last year. Crews are still out with mowers and are behind on scheduled work because things just keep growing. Last year it was so hot the mowers had to be shut down early in the season, and this year vegetation is heavier due to the moderate temperatures and the rain.

Bridge load ratings are being re-rated by a contractor. Some bridge weight restriction requests will go to the Board for new load ratings. Another round of bridges (about 17) is going to be looked at by the contractors to determine their weight capacities. Each bridge rating is unique.

The [Hagg Lake project](#) is wrapping up for the season. The culvert projects are finished for the year, small slides have been addressed, and a French drain was installed on Scoggins Valley Road near the intersection with Stepien Road to capture water subsurface water draining off the hillside.

Follow up:

- Keith will check on a pavement issue on Dersham Road near the overpass for Michael Jamieson.
- Victoria is going to look into vegetation issue on Riedweg Road per Doug Riedweg's request.

Road Maintenance Funding Update – Chair Duyck for Andrew Singelakis

Chair Duyck provided an update to the committee on road funding.

Todd Watkins, Chair Duyck, and Stephen Roberts spoke to KPTV news station yesterday from Timber Road to discuss the deficiencies in bridges and funding shortfalls.

Letters were received by the Board of Commissioners from RROMAC, CCI, URMDAC, and several Chambers requesting the Board enact a vehicle registration fee (VRF). The ordinance will state the Board decided on an increase of \$30. This increase will bring in around \$8 million for road maintenance beginning in 2018. There is a kicker stating that if the legislature fails to pass a package that brings \$8 million to the County then the VRF will continue with no sunset clause. The increase of the VRF is contingent on how legislature acts.

Chair Duyck stated revenues have gone up, but revenue per vehicle has decreased.

The question was asked if the funds could be used for road and bridge maintenance and safety. The answer was yes. The example of the Timber Road culvert washout shows what happens when you are not able to fund maintenance that is necessary, ending up costing twice as much.

Miscellaneous

- Todd displayed pictures of the [Dairy Creek culvert](#) that is in need of replacement. He pointed out a crack in the culvert where water flows through which eventually will cause the culvert to fail. The new pipe is estimated to last 50 to 75 years.
- Lars shared a news article in the [Business Tribune](#) supporting RROMAC's efforts.
- Lars thanked Chair Duyck for his assistance with the VRF approval process.
- Committee discussed bicycle event permits and the need for bicyclists to follow the rules of the road. It was decided this is more of an enforcement issue than a road maintenance issue.
- [RROMAC recommendation to Board](#) is on the RROMAC website.
- Committee toured the water quality vault at Walnut Street Center.
- Chair Duyck thanked the committee for their support.

Future agendas

- **Set agenda for September meeting**
 - ✓ Dan Morgan would like to present bicycle tourism and the revenue that it brings to Oregon
 - ✓ Invite Mike Mills to discuss event permitting and associated rules, especially bicycle events
 - ✓ Rural tourism and its effects on transportation – invite Theresa Czerniak with Planning , and Executive Director of Visitor’s Association
 - ✓ Invite Jim McCauley – Legislative Lobbyist (future meeting)

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: September 8, 2016, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.