



WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

RROMAC MEETING MINUTES August 15, 2013

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: Bill Ewers
Jim McCulloch
Matt Pihl
Gary Virgin
Lars Wahlstrom

Staff: Steve Franks
Keith Lewis
Victoria Saager
Dave Schamp
Stacia Sheelar
Andrew Singelakis
Gary Stockhoff
Todd Watkins

Absent Mike Chombeau
Denny Hruby
Eldon Jossi
John Malnerich
Doug Riedweg
Dave Sweeney

Guests

Welcome

Lars Wahlstrom called the meeting to order. Bill Ewers moved to approve the June minutes and the motion was seconded by Matt Pihl. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Guest Comments

No comments.

Engineering and Construction Services Update

Gary Stockhoff provided updates on Engineering and Construction Services projects:

- He met with the City of Hillsboro to discuss an improvement at the intersection of TV Hwy and 209th (a protected left turn lane),
- Cornelius Pass extension into South Hillsboro across the railroad, ODOT issued a rail order draft back in April, open for comments, got a lot of comments. There are a lot of issues when you cross a railroad. Will continue this discussion with Hillsboro.
- Boones Ferry project is underway (closed on the weekend)

- Bethany is moving forward, walls are going up.
- Old Hwy 47 bridge work will begin.
- Street P15 – North Bethany has started – TVWD will have a closure for the water line.
- Minor Betterment projects are underway. Next years are being planned. Moving along right now, but we will be swamped going forward.
- 124th extension will get a new water pipe from Willamette to Hillsboro (two lane road to start, eventually five lanes)
- Walker – 173rd to Murray – looking at elevated bike lanes.
- Cornelius Pass – seven lanes planned.
- Brookwood – seven lanes
- Farmington – Hocken to Murray work coming up.
- Signal work at Roy Rogers coming up.
- Minor Betterment projects are busy right now.
- ODOT just opened bids for the Brookwood/Helvetia interchange (\$11.3 million)
- Working on Groveland Rd.

Gary will provide a schedule at next month's meeting and it will include projects and the year completed.

Scenic Bikeway and Rural Road Safety

Shelley Oylear shared information about the Scenic Bikeway and Rural Road Safety Program. These are shelf ready projects for areas that need widening. If we had a dedicated funding source, we would be ready to pick them off one at a time.

Shelley has been working with bike groups and other advocates to secure funding. Gary Virgin encouraged Shelley to prioritize the spreadsheet and use different tools that are available.

Jim McCulloch shared his concerns about the way the different types of bike lanes/paths are constructed and then they are very difficult to maintain.

Operations and Maintenance Budget and Update

Dave Schamp asked Keith Lewis to give an update on the status of the annual Road Maintenance Program. Keith shared the following:

- 23 miles of chip seal are complete except for striping
- Striping is 50% done on other roads
- Bridge repairs are complete on 205th Ave. and Nicol Rd.
- Drainage – Pavement, excavation and repairs are being done on Scholls Ferry
- Vegetation Work Program is 50% complete
- Glencoe Rd. shoulder maintenance project will start soon and last five to six weeks with lane closures.
- Scenic Bikeway signs are being installed and will be unveiled on September 16

Committee members shared other comments regarding maintenance as well. Jim McCulloch said the ODOT detour on Pongratz Rd. actually improved the dust for him. Lars said the striping done by the County so far has been very good. Keith said it's a different product and less expensive. Gary Virgin asked why Rosedale now has fog lines and didn't before. Keith assured Gary, it had fog lines before they were just likely faded.

Steve Franks said when he was onsite watching the chip seal crew work, it was very interesting to see first hand how coordination is so critical to the end product.

Separated Bike Paths

Todd Watkins shared that Operations hired Parametrix to look at a design for a truly separated bike facility for West Union Rd. Funding numbers should be available by the end of September. The question was asked if we differentiate between the commuters and the recreational cyclists. Todd said the information is commuter focused, but hear the need for recreational safety considerations as well.

Miscellaneous

Vehicle Registration Fee - Andrew Singelakis, Director of LUT, spoke with the committee about the proposed Vehicle Registration Fee. The revenue from this fee would be split between the county and the cities (60%/40%) and the county's portion would be directed towards road maintenance. Andrew said it is likely the Board would ask for \$22/year, instead of the possible \$43/year, and would not require a public vote. The Washington County Coordinating Committee (WCCC) will provide their formal recommendation at their September 9 meeting. Andrew said a recommendation from RROMAC would be appreciated and would be shared with the Board in late September and the Board would vote in October.

Gary Virgin expressed his opinion the County should get the most funding they can without a vote. Matt Pihl said he was an advocate of the fee, but wants to make sure the money is used for road maintenance. Jim McCulloch agreed with Matt as did Bill Ewers and Lars Wahlstrom. Lars suggested RROMAC make their recommendation at the next meeting. A letter will be drafted to show their support of the fee.

Andrew said a public poll was recently done showing road maintenance is a priority for the majority of the public. A survey done on [Westside Voices](#) also showed maintenance as a priority.

Hagg Lake Update – Staff met with the Board and they have authorized staff to spend \$350K-\$400K on temporary repairs around the lake. They also directed staff to work with the Facilities staff at the lake to find a long term funding solution to road maintenance within the park.

The County's strategy at this point is to make temporary repairs to two slide areas, one near Hankins Rd. and one near Boat Ramp C. There are a total of five slide areas that need

attention. Crews will machine patch the other three areas to smooth them out and they will replace some of the guardrail.

RROMAC Membership – Matt Pihl now holds a regular position and Jake Miller is an Alternate. Matt's term will expire at the end of the year.

CPO 10 meeting at Jackson Bottom tonight at 7:00 p.m. John Charles from the Cascade Policy Institute will be a guest.

Gary Stockhoff added he will draft a letter to show support for the 209th Ave. project being considered to improve intersection safety.

Lars adjourned the meeting.

September Agenda

- ODOT update
- Scenic Bikeway / Rural Road Safety
- RROMAC endorsement of vehicle registration fee
- RROMAC support for TV Hwy/209th Avenue intersection improvements