



**RROMAC MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 19, 2010**

**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.**

<u>Members:</u>	James Burns	<u>Staff:</u>	Greg Clemmons
	Robert Ewers		Keith Lewis
	Denny Hraby		Victoria Saager
	Wendy Mortensen		Dave Schamp
	Ken Moyle		Stacia Sheelar
	Doug Riedweg		Gary Stockhoff
	Dave Vanasche		Tom Tushner
	Gary Virgin		
	Lars Wahlstrom		

<u>Absent:</u>	Eldon Jossi	<u>Guests:</u>	Cal Nakao
	John Malnerich		Richard Libby
	Matt Pihl		

**Welcome**

Ken Moyle called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Wendy Mortensen motioned to approve the minutes of the July meeting and Bill Ewers seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**TRAFFIC UPDATE**

Minter Bridge Road chevrons at the corner are getting knocked down even though only two crashed have been reported and the signs have been hit 12 times. Signing has been reviewed and some of the signs will be relocated and pole covers are being installed.

Striped on barricades were questioned by Matt. You are supposed to pass in the direction at the bottom – read top to bottom, per FHWA, but recent studies show that the public comprehension rate on stripe direction is not good.

2006-2008 SPIS data will be available at the next meeting. Recent traffic studies indicate that there has been an increase of 2.68% in traffic from the previous year on 80 different stations. The rates are still less than 2006 counts perhaps due to higher fuel costs and the economy.

Gary Virgin requested traffic counts on Clark Hill Road.

## **CPM UPDATE**

Winding down on the ARRA projects. Yellow flashing arrows are installed and feedback has been positive. Next on the list is the video detection project being done on 40-50 intersections. Old railroad crossing at Cornelius Pass and Evergreen is under ODOT jurisdiction. This would be a big project to buy right-of-way and re-do the “hump”; Banks/Vernonia Trail was also ODOT jurisdiction. Oregon Parks had to pay ODOT for right-of-way; Banks/Sellers project opens this week; trail project will be done at the end of October. Susbauer railroad is closed for two more weeks; gates will be added to the crossing.

## **RESOLUTION AND ORDER DISCUSSION**

Should RROMAC put new Resolution before the Board? Minor Betterment Resolution doesn't have to be only for gravel roads; 10% was based on population, now 8%. RROMAC asked Dave for suggestions. Dave Schamp distributed a draft for discussion; noting the Transportation Plan is due for an update in 2012 so timing is good for RROMAC to bring this up. Questions from Richard Libby, resident of Pumpkin Ridge Road, regarding the impacts of timber harvest and whether the timber companies pay extra. Dave Vanasche noted recent 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court decision regarding environmental permit for discharge required for logging roads. Greg shared a chart showing performance over time of roads that have been upgraded. They are holding up very well and he recommends money be directed to minor betterments (upgrades) not maintenance. Wendy suggests and Ken agrees RROMAC Subcommittee should be formed to work on this. It was motioned and seconded to form a subcommittee and all were in favor. A subcommittee was formed including Wendy Mortensen, Ken Moyle, Lars Wahlstrom and Bill Ewers. Wendy was elected to lead the group.

RROMAC thanked Dave Schamp for starting the draft process on RROMAC's behalf.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Dave Vanasche had questions regarding the railroad crossing at Susbauer and issues that may come up with farm equipment. Gary will follow up.

Dave Schamp updated the group on the repaving of Farmington Road. The County has agreed to fund \$500,000 to get the road paved 198<sup>th</sup> to Kinnaman which is an ODOT section.

Richard Libby requested stop signs be added to Brunswick Canyon and Pumpkin Ridge. Tom will submit a traffic request.

Dave Vanasche requested information about the last time that Dersham Road was resurfaced. Greg Clemmons will provide a maintenance history at the next meeting.