



**RROMAC MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 16, 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.**

Members: James Burns  
Robert Ewers  
Denny Hruby  
Ken Moyle  
Matt Pihl  
Doug Riedweg  
Dave Vanasche  
Gary Virgin  
Lars Wahlstrom

Staff: Greg Clemmons  
Victoria Saager  
Dave Schamp  
Stacia Sheelar  
Gary Stockhoff  
Tom Tushner  
Todd Watkins

Absent: Eldon Jossi  
Wendy Mortensen  
John Malnerich  
Dave Vanasche

Guests: Corporal Markos

**Welcome**

Matt Pihl called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Gary Virgin motioned to approve the minutes of the August meeting and Bill Ewers seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**TRAFFIC UPDATE**

Tom Tushner handed out the new Safety Priority Index System (SPIS) list. Tom also introduced Corporal Markos from the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Corporal Markos provided a handout on Quick Motor Vehicle Facts. Several intersections on the SPIS list were discussed. Corp. Markos shared that fatalities are down due to better vehicles and better roads. The roundabouts in Verboort have not decreased the number of accidents, but they are less severe and the traffic flows much better. Pedestrian accidents have increased throughout the state. If you would like to file a traffic complaint, get extra patrol or a reader board you can use the following link: [www.co.washington.or.us/Sheriff/FightingCrime/Patrols/online-traffic-complaint-form](http://www.co.washington.or.us/Sheriff/FightingCrime/Patrols/online-traffic-complaint-form)

Victoria Saager also shared a new Traffic Safety website to increase public awareness. [www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TrafficSafety/index](http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TrafficSafety/index)

## **CPM UPDATE**

The last ARRA project has been awarded for video detection. We are also assisting Beaverton with projects using the remainder of the funding.

Susbauer railroad crossing should be open next week.

The discussion included a request for consistency in the school zones and speed signs being eliminated between school zone signs. This is a Traffic Engineering issue so Tom Tushner will bring back information at the October meeting.

## **FUNDING SUBCOMMITTEE**

The funding subcommittee shared notes from their meeting (see attached). They would like to identify specific rural road improvements to go with the funding request and would also like to know how best to form the request to get the best reception by the BCC. The committee met with Gary Stockhoff and he advised them to go ahead and request specific projects and don't worry about the amount right now.

The question was raised capital vs. maintenance and Gary advised to let staff decide where the money comes from. Dave Schamp advised the committee to keep things moving, be aggressive and get endorsements from CPO's.

## **GRAVEL ROAD UPGRADES**

Chalmers Lane has been completed. The Cappaen Road LID is complete. Hansen Road residents agreed at a meeting that an LID would be too costly to pursue. Hahn/Davidson road LID is moving forward.

Greg recently submitted a paper to the Low Volume Roads Conference titled, 'Funding Strategies for Low Volume Road Improvements'.

Greg also shared that the average cost to maintain a gravel road is \$3200 per mile/year and the cost to maintain a chip sealed road is \$5000 per mile/year. Hard surfaced roads are more expensive to maintain after the first ten years than a gravel road.

Ken Moyle asked staff to follow up on the condition of McDaniel Road. He advised the chip seal is in bad condition.

Jacktown Road north and Pumpkin Ridge are next on the priority list. RROMAC will form a subcommittee to review the candidates and report back at the October meeting.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Bill Ewers complimented the County staff on the Burkhalter Road chip seal. Todd Watkins shared all hard surfaced roads have been evaluated for PCI and entered into our pavement management system.

There has been a striping paint shortage, but the County was able to hire a contractor to come in and stripe for us during the night along with our own county crews. The contractor has been able to do 160 miles of road in one week. County crews are still striping.

Farmington Road is being paved by ODOT from 198<sup>th</sup> to Kinnaman, but the County is paying for it.

Ken Moyle has suggested different name plates be used at RROMAC meetings to differentiate between staff and the committee. He also feels that guests should be included at the table.

Lars Wahlstrom motioned to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Gary Virgin. All were in favor.

## **NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA**

Gravel road upgrade money – Maintenance vs. Gravel Road Upgrades

Hard Surface update – Todd Watkins

Paint Shortage Discussion