



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2012

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: Mike Chombeau
Robert Ewers
Denny Hruby
John Malnerich
Jim McCulloch
Matt Pihl
Doug Riedweg
Dave Sweeney
Gary Virgin
Lars Wahlstrom

Staff: Keith Lewis
Shelley Oylear
Victoria Saager
Dave Schamp
Stacia Sheelar
Stacy Shetler
Gary Stockhoff
Todd Watkins
Dyami Valentine
Steve L. Kelley
Clark Berry
Steve Szigethy

Absent: Tom Duyck
Eldon Jossi

Guests Cal Nakao
David Kim

Welcome

Bill Ewers called the meeting to order. Jim McCulloch motioned to approve the July minutes, the motion was seconded by Lars Wahlstrom and all were in favor.

Introductions were made.

Guest Comments

None

Engineering and Construction Services Update

Gary Stockhoff reports MSTIP 3d will include \$10 million for rural bridges: Gales Creek, Springhill, Cornelius Pass near Multnomah County, Timber and B Street. Current projects in design include Evergreen widening, Glencoe Bridge, Old Cornelius Pass bridge and the Rock Creek Trail crossing signal. Projects that are upcoming include Bethany Blvd. starting in October, Boones Ferry widening in November, Cornelius Pass will reopen by the end of the year, Johnson School Bridge is in progress. Projects for next year include Schools Ferry widening to five lanes, and Old Hwy 47 Bridge. The Glencoe and

Brookwood/Helvetia interchanges go out to bid next year and that includes the relocation of Groveland Dr. and the Jacobsen Rd. realignment

ODOT Update

David Kim from ODOT shared a handout (attached) with information on the Glencoe Road Interchange scheduled to begin next spring. They will be raising the ramps and there will be a detour in place. The 185th/Cornell interchange is mostly done. ODOT is revisiting landscaping on larger projects and doing less planting to decrease maintenance costs. TV Hwy from Forest Grove at Quince St. to 331st is complete. Minter Bridge to 331st is next and now includes City of Hillsboro utility work. Paving will be done in 2014. There will be a new additional turn lane added on Cornelius Pass south of Hwy 26.

ODOT is changing the way projects are funded due to decreasing revenues. In the past there were programs and now programs are being combined into one big pot of money. The four county area is forming an advisory committee to allocate the money (\$64 million over 3 years).

Landscaping along Hwy 26 in the median is being changed to more hardy plants that don't require mowing. Grindings from the road work are being deposited in the median as a cost savings. David said there will be more maintenance preservation in the future, no more big projects, there is no funding.

Bill Ewers complimented ODOT on the paving done on Hwy 219 south of Hillsboro.

Transportation Plan Update

Dyami Valentine and several other staff from the Planning Division shared information about the Transportation System Plan 2035 Update (attached). This plan is established to support transportation decisions through 2035 and should be complete by fall 2013. This covers policy and strategies to meet existing and future transportation needs and will identify safety issue, congestion, and maintenance. The focus is on major elements of the system and on updating system and policy provisions to achieve consistency with other jurisdictions and identify where significant changes have occurred in the past ten years. Some of the areas the public has expressed interest are reducing the number of single occupancy vehicles, adding bike lanes and pedestrian facilities, prioritizing of projects and funding, and transit integration. Clark Berry shared one of the changes this time around is the increased focus on bike and pedestrian facilities.

John Malnerich is on the Community Advisory Committee currently working on this plan. If you would like to be involved you can sign up for the mailing list at www.tsp2035.com, attend a community workshop or watch the County website for more information.

Other members of the Planning staff were available for comments and shared maps highlighting 2010 system demand patterns, functional class of the roadways, and the bike lane and sidewalk inventory.

Rural Road Safety Scope

Shelley Oylear handed out a draft scope summary of the Rural Roads Safety Strategic Plan (attached). The goal is to publish the action plan. The committee asked how you teach bicyclist to follow the rules of the road. (i.e. riding through road closures). Shelley said we need to notify the key organizations and focus on education and then there has to be enforcement. Shelley also shared we were unsuccessful in acquiring grant funding for the Rural Road Safety Study. Not sure where the funding will come from at this point.

Miscellaneous

Denny Hruby mentioned there is vegetation blocking the sight distance at Jacktown and Farmington. Staff will follow up.

Farmington Road gas line project is wrapping up. The contractor will resurface the road when they are done.

Hwy 219 is still maintained by Eagle Elsner. Striping is fading and needs to be checked. David Kim will have someone take a look at it.

Victoria shared the asset browser application staff is now using to map permits and service requests.

Victoria said Laurelwood Road now has a length restriction in place due to accidents.

Victoria shared the Minor Betterment candidate list is out for public comment today. URMDAC is also reviewing the list and selecting candidates to address next fiscal year.

Next Month's Agenda

Draft of Paving List – Todd Watkins

Minor Betterment List – Todd Watkins/Victoria Saager

Rural Road Safety Strategic Plan List of Resources – Shelley Oylear