



WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

RROMAC MEETING MINUTES October 16, 2014

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:

Doug Riedweg
Jim McCulloch
Jake Miller
Matt Pihl
Dave Sweeney
Allen Amabisca
Mike Chombeau

Staff:

Joe Younkins
Shelley Oylear
Dave Schamp
Stephen Roberts
Steve Franks
Roberta Garcia

Absent:

John Malnerich
Gary Virgin
Lars Wahlstrom
Bill Ewers
Denny Hruby

Guests:

None

Welcome

Doug Riedweg called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Jim McCulloch recommended changes to the September 18, 2014 minutes to reflect three changes; Jim McCulloch called the September 18, 2014 committee meeting to order; language change under the heading of 'Fern Hill Wetlands Project Update' to describe that the committee was invited to tour the site and to reflect additional attendance of Doug Riedweg, Dave Sweeney and Victoria Saager; Gary Virgin presented the Minor Betterment report.

Doug Riedweg motioned to amend the September 18, 2014 minutes with Jim McCulloch's recommendations. Jim McCulloch seconds the motion. All were in favor and modifications to the September 18, 2014 minutes will be adopted at the next committee meeting.

Guest Comments

None

Update on Regional Bike Trails – Shelley Oylear

[Regional Trails and Greenways map](#)

[Washington County TSP Listed Trails \(2014\)](#)

[Council Creek Regional Trail Master Plan open house invitation](#)

- Banks-Vernonia - Currently doing counts to see how popular the trail is. Jim McCulloch described the trail getting lots of use by both bicyclist and horses.
- Beaver Creek Trail - near 170th not developed.
- Burlington Northern Rail Trail – trail is north from Banks and there is a vision for the trail in the future but has not moved forward.
- Council Creek Regional Trail- Shelley Oylear described the trail’s location and master plan as important to the rural areas. The third open house by Metro will be November 5, 2014. This will be on a Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. This project is moving forward. Shelly notes there will also be spot improvements and widening as a separate project. Steve Franks clarified with Shelley Oylear if there will be a separate trail and scenic route, east side trails. Shelley Oylear describes that it would be much like the existing trail going to Salem, 99 going to Corvallis to Monmouth and ending in Rickreall.
- Hillsboro to Banks trail- These types of trail allow for the expansion into Hillsboro.

Matt Pihl encourages trail users be to be included in the upkeep and provision of services (garbage and restrooms). Jim McCulloch is encouraged that development of these trails will have more people traffic in the area and negative use will be eliminated. Committee suggests a ‘Pick it Up’ signs as a solution to garbage being left on the trail– and advocates for trails to keep bikes off road systems, noting there should be more education to the committee in regards to the complexities of the issue. Committee members wonder if there should be advocacy of specific trails.

Matt Pihl asks if all the trails offer a separation from the road. Shelley Oylear states there is a separation from the road and that Saccar is the only section where road would be used rather than trails.

Matt Pihl proposes that the RROMAC members voice be heard at the November 5, 2014 Open House, endorsing the Council Creek Trail. Committee members agree.

Doug motioned to approve that members make a statement of support and involvement at the November 5, 2014 event. Dave Schamp will draft a statement consistent with the motion and route for committee member signatures. Matt seconds the motion and committee members unanimously voted in agreement.

Committee agrees that they should support all options that keep bikes off roads, but does not support condemnation, willing sellers only.

Concern about what is an easement and clarifications of easements are for the use of companies needing to gain access to roads under power lines (PGE), an easement is not a right of ways through farmland.

Mike suggests to Shelley Oylear that there be a contact person, on the list she presented, in case of citizenship interest. Shelley Oylear will follow up with Victoria to post the information on the RROMAC webpage.

Engineering and Construction Services Update – Joe Younkens

[Projects Bid in FY 2014-2015](#)
[2015 Capital Projects Construction Map](#)

Projects for 2015 are coming together with outside agencies collaborating with some funding. There is a doubling or tripling of projects projected for the upcoming year. As a response there will be night work. Joe Younkins will provide a map Eric Furby is working on to the committee once it is completed.

- Rock Creek work to include a pedestrian activated traffic signal.
- Farmington Road to be expanded to 5 lanes and will include bike lane and sidewalk improvements.
- 197th to Baseline, five lanes
- Cornelius Pass will have widening on the east side and will have bicycle track and sidewalk. Intel is a partner that will contribute 10 to 12 million to the project providing 2/3 of the cost.
- Brookwood widen to 7 lanes with buffered bike lanes also will be night work.
- Evergreen, the development of Technology Center has a lot of impact to local businesses. Creating a turn lane on Evergreen. Intel giving 3 million for the project.
- Groveland and Helvetia, north to Highway 26, west of ODOT Project, 300' culverts at Schaaf Rd., four way intersection.
- Cornelius Pass Road to Hwy 10, all the way to the south over two railroad tracks, ODOT doing signal work; Impacted would be to Plaid Pantry, on west side of couplet, currently working with Plaid Pantry owner.
- 124th south, 99 West to Tonquin water tanks being built with the Willamette/Roy Rogers Road. There will be a series of open house events on water line project. Washington County needs to do the clearing and may need to do extensive work as the water line will go right down the middle of the road. The road also will be located at the edge of a query.
- Basalt Creek to Tonkin Road
- Base Creek/Meek Road, roundabout project. Mike Chombeau asks if there could be a change in drainage design at the roundabouts; to keep bicyclist from having to go into traffic in order to avoid a possible flat tire. Joe Younkins explained that cyclist could merge into traffic lane just as they do in other streets as they move roundabout or there is also a multi-use path around the perimeter.
- 253rd, buffered bike lanes, two lanes
- Annual Slurry Seal bids and management going on. Joe Younkins estimates that projects will cost an estimated 100 million dollars but hoping to reduce cost and estimates that it will be a good year for bids.
- Highway 47 is in the horizon for the end of the year 2015, some concern by trucking constituents, working on solutions and coming to consensus in near future. ODOT needing to build by 2015.

Operations and Maintenance Update – Dave Schamp

Dave Schamp report this summer as productive, all projects done and a little more.

- 99.95% of the striping on roads done
- Transitioning into winter weather, grading now and getting lots of calls.
- Work program is laid out in advance, weather dependent and succession of roads.
- Ed Meewsen is our contact for grading schedule questions
- Dixie Road is a collector road and gets graded four times a year
- Working on getting new snow plows
- Adding two new super crew vehicles and putting plows on them, which if it works well we can easily add to inventory.
- Acquired a sweeper from Clean Water Services surplus

Dave Schamp noted that in 1978 there was an adoption of a road prioritization schedule and is concerned that if the Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) does not pass it will be a challenge to upkeep the county road inventory. The county will continue to use this prioritization schedule. Members of the committee were interested in knowing what would happen if the VRF does not pass. Stephen Roberts described the VRF as something that needs to happen, if not now soon. The VRF may come back to the ballot if not passed. One of the most common concerns from the public is distrust that the money collected by VRF will not be used for the roads and allocated somewhere else. If VRF does not pass, then vehicle replacement may not happen and may need to cut inventory of graders as necessary. Jim McCulloch asks if the board has the authority to pass VRF. Stephen Roberts stated that the board can but that it is highly unlikely that they would adopt it, if the public does not pass the ballot.

Fern Hill Follow-up – Dave Schamp

Dave Schamp and Andrew Singelakis met with CWS and had a good conversation about concerns. CWS understands the communication issues and it was a productive discussion. Looking at the hydraulics, it is an issue of elevation and permitting would not have changed the situation even if it had happened. Even with a design and permit it is highly unlikely that there would have been enough funding for construction. The project does not qualify for MSTIP, no Road Funds available and Gain Share is an unknown.

County Grading Permits [Development Forum](#)

Steve Franks invites members of this committee, staff and community to come and join the Land Use & Transportation, Development Forum. This is a great opportunity to learn about the permit process, network and provide valuable input. This event will occur on October 30, 2014 from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. at the Public Service Building Cafeteria.

Miscellaneous

None

November Agenda

City of Hillsboro - 209th & TV Highway

Port of Portland – Long term plan, on expansion of runways at airport

Council Creek Regional Trails Mater Plan Open House Update– Shelley Oylear
Grading Permit conditions and enforcement
Trends of number of registered vehicles – Stephen Roberts

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