



WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

RROMAC MEETING MINUTES October 18, 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
John Malnerich
Jim McCulloch
Gary Virgin
Lars Wahlstrom

Staff: Keith Lewis
Shelley Oylear
Victoria Saager
Dave Schamp
Stacia Sheelar
Stacy Shetler
Gary Stockhoff
Todd Watkins

Absent: Tom Duyck
Denny Hruby
Eldon Jossi
Matt Pihl
Doug Riedweg
Dave Sweeney

Guests

Welcome

Bill Ewers called the meeting to order. We were unable to approve the minutes at the beginning because we did not have a quorum.

Guest Comments

None

Engineering and Construction Services Update

Gary Stockhoff says jobs are getting paved while the weather is good. Cornelius Pass should be open by Christmas; Bethany is just starting – starting on the west side, two season job; Boones Ferry Road widening will advertise this Spring as will Scholls Ferry Road; there have been a couple of projects pop up unexpectedly for MSTIP; Groveland Drive realignment to the north and west of the Brookwood interchange is still on track; Springville and 185th is at 30% engineering and is not funded yet; 124th in South County is moving forward. Minor Betterment projects for next Spring are adding quite a bit of work. Working in conjunction with Operations to add buffered bike lanes to Evergreen between 25th and Brookwood. There was an accident at Roy Rogers and Scholls Sherwood a month

ago – possible funding from MSTIP3d so the area is being reviewed. Military curves on Scholls Ferry are also being reviewed.

Jim McCulloch asked when Johnson School will be done and Gary agreed to bring an update to the next meeting. Lars Wahlstrom thanked Gary for attending the CPO meeting.

Minutes

Another member joined the meeting creating a quorum. Mike Chombeau motioned to approve the September minutes and the motion was seconded by Gary Virgin. All were in favor.

Jim McCulloch thanked the county for paving Nursery Rd. Mike Chombeau also shared Pumpkin Ridge and Moreland look good as well.

Paving List Review

Todd Watkins distributed a list of paving candidates (attached). The pavement condition of arterials and collectors are rated every other year; local roads are rated every four years (25% every year). The cost is approximately \$30k per year for ratings. This adds value and helps us target where the work needs to be done.

Scoggins Valley Road needs a lot of work. We didn't do work when it was planned, because of the plans to raise the dam. Now that is not happening and we need to play catch up to get the road repairs done. Work will be done in phases over a three year period.

Jim McCulloch asked about the criteria used for rating roads and Todd shared it is uniform within the region and other counties and local agencies.

In the urban area Bany and Jamieson roads will be done next year; work on rural roads will include full depth reclamation on Wren Rd. just like Jackson School. Golf Course Rd. and Tongue Lane are being included on the County wide bike system scenic routes. John Malnerich shared there will be increasing truck traffic on Tongue Lane over the next six years due to another Intel project (hauling dirt).

The shoulders on Golf Course Rd. are being resurfaced with asphalt instead of rock to improve safety and provide more room for bicycles. Mike Chombeau would like to see a cost comparison between widening a road vs. adding bike lanes. Shelley Oylear shared the Rural Road Safety Strategy may provide the cost comparison.

Mike Chombeau shared a citizen has recently filled potholes on Rock Creek Road.

Minor Betterment List Review

Public comment for the Minor Betterment projects ends on October 22. The committee meets again on October 24. You can refer to the Minor Betterments web page for updated information at <http://bit.ly/MBcommittee>

The top projects are listed and the committee has a budget of \$500k for 2013-2014. URMDAC may also be selecting candidates from this list and recommending the Board approve \$2.7 million in projects which will spend down the current URMD contingency fund leaving a balance of \$5 million. Using consultants for these projects will create additional expenses (10-15% increase), but there are so many projects; county staff will not be able to do all of the work in-house. We have delayed the Barnes Rd. Minor Betterment project because there are too many issues, one of which is right-of-way availability.

Gary Virgin asked if someone has really researched these areas and made sure they are the best candidates. Staff did confirm that has been done. Gary also recommended if there are already sidewalks on one side; use the money somewhere else instead of doing both sides.

Gary Virgin also congratulated the county staff on the process and seeing all the public comments was “glorious”. Jim McCulloch asked if the citizens whose projects were not selected would be notified. Post cards were sent to those selected to let them know work would be done in their area, but not every candidate proposer was notified if they were not selected. Victoria will follow up.

Rural Road Safety Scope

Shelley Oylear handed out a stakeholders list (attached). She asked the committee to review the list and see if there are any organizations she might also include. Recommendations were made to contact motorcycle groups, CCI/CPOs, Parks including State Parks, Dump Trucks Association, etc. It was also suggested she talk with the rural deputies and mail carriers to get their input. Shelley asked the committee to email her if they think of any others.

Shelley has applied for a Transportation Enhancement Bike/Ped Grant and was not successful in securing the funding.

Lars suggested tapping political representatives at federal and state level. Shelley shared there are two public meetings coming up on scenic bikeways.

Miscellaneous

Citizen complained about no posted speed on Meek Rd. Eventually vehicle access to Brookwood will be closed off according to Gary Stockhoff.

Lars asked if there is a DVD/CD about financing roads. Victoria shared there is a link on the County website explaining the different types of funding available

<http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TransportationFunding/index.cfm>

Another link the committee requested was the link to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) standards

http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/state_info/oregon/or.htm

Lars Wahlstrom requested an updated roster of the staff contacts (attached).

Next Month's Agenda

PCI Report – Dave Schultz

Traffic Operations Center Tour – Stacy Shetler

Minor Betterment Status – Victoria

Future Meeting Suggestions

Budget Presentation – Dave Schamp

Trail Planning Information – Shelley Oylear