



WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

RROMAC MEETING MINUTES October 20, 2011

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>	Robert Ewers Denny Hruby Matt Pihl Jim Burns Wendy Mortensen Lars Wahlstrom Gary Virgin	<u>Staff:</u>	Greg Clemmons Keith Lewis Dave Schamp Janelle Lockbeam
<u>Absent:</u>	Doug Riedweg Dave Vanasche Eldon Jossi John Malnerich	<u>Guests</u>	David Kim, ODOT Kelvin Kohanes, ODOT Bob Eberling, ODOT Dave Sweeny, Stimson Lumber Cal Nakao, Winters Road

Welcome

Matt Pihl called the meeting to order. The September minutes were reviewed. Lars Wahlstrom motioned to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Bill Ewers. All were in favor.

ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES UPDATE

No one in attendance.

MINOR BETTERMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Lars Wahlstrom and Doug Riedweg attended the recent Minor Betterment Selection Committee meeting. The MBC used a similar methodology as the RROMAC Committee uses to select gravel road upgrades. Nearly 200 projects were reviewed and five of these projects have been selected. They are:

1. Walker Road pedestrian path
2. Barnes Road pedestrian path
3. Rock Creek Boulevard pedestrian path
4. 197th, Rock Road to Baseline pedestrian path
5. River Road widening

County staff did a good job helping the committee come up with these selections. Victoria helped with maps to help know where the projects are located.

RROMAC's work model helped with the matrix for Minor Betterment. Lars and Doug's credibility and experience was also helpful.

Dave Schamp said that the committee did a fantastic job coming up with these selections in a short amount of time.

ODOT REPRESENTATIVE INTRODUCTIONS

David Kim, Kelvin Kohanes and Bob Eberling from ODOT were introduced to RROMAC. David brought a map of future Maintenance District boundaries for ODOT. Revenue has declined significantly during recent years. As a result, services have been consolidated and a few rest areas will close, however, maintenance coverage will remain the same.

Gas tax revenue has dropped from \$350 million to \$250 million dollars annually with less gas consumption in recent years. It is now time to pay back bond money received (OTIA 1, 2, and 3). ODOT is looking at other ways to generate funds at a Federal level.

Matt Pihl questions efficient use of existing funds for projects. David Kim explained that there is internal protocol to interpret regulations. This process helps protect ODOT from legal challenges; ODOT is held accountable to the same laws as the public.

The Tualatin Valley Highway overlay project has been delayed because of an upcoming sewer project through Hillsboro.

Matt asked if a state highway can revert to county jurisdiction. David Kim told him Farmington Road was a state highway, but is now under county jurisdiction. Funding is an issue, but because the road has to be in good shape to hand over. A road cannot be given away because there is no funding, both agencies must agree.

David Kim gave an update on current and upcoming projects. Glencoe Road interchange is scheduled to begin Spring 2012; Brookwood Parkway is scheduled to begin 2013; Hwy 26 between Cornell Road and 185th Avenue is scheduled to be complete in 2012 although the outside lanes should be open November 2011.

David Kim would like to schedule an update with RROMAC every three or four months and will coordinate with Dave Schamp.

GRAVEL ROAD UPGRADES

Greg Clemmons is working on right-of-way issues relating to Jacktown Road gravel road upgrade. Jacktown and Evers roads are scheduled for upgrades next year.

Meacham Road bridge improvement is progressing and will hopefully be done next summer with funding through a FEMA grant.

Working with John Duval Consulting to find out why the chip seals three years ago have not held up as expected. Samples of the material, design and the process are being looked at and Greg hopes to have a report of his opinions within a month and will share the results with RROMAC.

Cement based CTB has been tried. Greg is very impressed with the product; the base is almost like concrete.

MISCELLANEOUS

Marion County is sponsoring a Chip Seal Summit in December. Staff from Washington County will attend.

A slide two miles up Scoggins Valley Road on the gravel portion continues to worsen. Jersey barriers will be placed in this area and contracted repairs may be done.

No LID's (Local Improvement District) are in the works for next year.

Dave Sweeny from Stimson Lumber was in attendance. The timber harvest is going well. Manufacturing is struggling; more layoffs recently at the mill.

Serious road repair is needed on Scoggins Valley Road. Repair had been put on the back burner because of the possibility of the dam rising. Now these issues need to be addressed. There will be more coordination regarding the roads that were done when the dam was originally built.

Denny Hruby attended the latest Farm Bureau Meeting. The fill site issue is heating up. Several people are very concerned. Matt Pihl said that Soil and Water Conservation District will write in on the applications and new criteria will be in place.

Lars Wahlstrom appreciated the input Commissioner Terry gave at the last meeting regarding placement of bike lanes and the desire of Metro to claim regional road maintenance.

Keith Lewis said winter weather predictions from world wide weather is a hard winter and Pacific weather is expected to be wet and cold.

Matt Pihl adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MONTH

John Duval chip seal report
CPM Update
Fill Site Discussion