



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 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:

Jim McCulloch
Gary Virgin
Dave Sweeney
Matt Pihl
Jake Miller
John Malnerich
Denny Hruby
Bill Ewers
Mike Chombeau
Allen Amabisca
Lars Wahlstrom

Staff:

Victoria Saager
Dave Schamp
Todd Watkins
Kofi Nelson-Owusu
Steve Franks
Stephen Roberts
Roberta Garcia
Gary Stockhoff
Kofi Nelson-Owusu

Absent:

Doug Riedweg
Andy Duyck

Guests:

Don Odermott
Nathan Grimef

Welcome

Jim McCulloch called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Guest Comments

No guest comments

Hillsboro Airport New Runway

Terry Burk was not in attendance for the Hillsboro Airport New Runway item. Mr. Nathan Grimes presented alone.

The airport was privately owned in 1928 and there have been lots of development around the airport since, farmland and dairy farms mainly surrounded the airport.

Every 20 years there is a master plan review and pattern shows near capacity (2008) in the area of operations with the flight school and local use. FAA measures capacity by airtime. Past use of the airport has been as a common hobby and even a commute to work was common place. Due to manufacturing liability aircrafts are not replaced causing significant aging of current stock.

In 2005 there was a Hillsboro Airport Master Plan and Compatibility Study conducted that that looked at the compatibility of the airport with surrounding land uses.

Construction of the proposed runway (Runway 12L/30R) would be parallel to the old runway, spanning 3600 feet long and 60 feet wide (main runway is 6600 ft.), with its own frequency and own tower. Engagement of local businesses is occurring to address the impact of the proposed parallel runway. Roads around the area are not impacted, except for Evergreen to the north to achieve the 1,000 separation (safety zone). FAA itself needs to make an announcement.

Right now worst case scenario for having the runway operational is April 30 and best scenario would be March. May have more operations and just looking at anticipated growth rate, growth usually at 1.3 % but in 2001 the clock was reset due to economy beginning to grow, now at 35,000 operations a year.

- Helicopter company (50 staff possible) on site between 268th and 264th
- May be a slight increase in traffic on 264th with Helicopter company use
- OCHCO development, Phil Knights hanger
- Airware corporate flight aircraft
- 48 business jet hanger, up from 41
- Increase capacity
- Have new exits
- 2008 environmental impact study
- Legal challenges to impact study
- 2012 supplemental assessment study – operational study, if we build it how many will come? An estimated 11,000 more per year (225,000 per year average).
- Road impacts- Evergreen realignment on north side
- New runway built, lights going in but not operational yet, expected to be operational near April 30
- Helicopter building moving to NE location
- Flight school remaining in current site

Jim McCulloch asks if general aviation is being pushed out and is corporate increase a plan. Mr. Grimes detailed that there is a need to increase corporate use, it's good for business. There is no intent to push out GA (general aviation). There have been other issues that have pushed the GA out, mostly fuel costs and hanger companies costs may be having some impact. We want GA to use this airport. The idea is to allow for services that take pressure of major commercial airports. You don't see large aircraft or cargo planes as there are limitations to the runways. The new runway has shorter safety zone and can only accommodate smaller planes. The large dirt pile on the property will be used to bridge McKay Creek (the culvert near the north end), this will be done down the line years from now. Committee members were interested to find out what is the largest aircraft that the airport can accommodate. Mr. Grimes described that on occasion 737 land on a 'now and then basis'. Gulfstream G650 are some of the greatest and Embraer 145 are equivalent in size.

City of Hillsboro 209th and TV Highway – Don Odermott

Don Odermott- City of Hillsboro Planning Development Manager
presentation

The city recognizes that 209th and TV Highway is the one real deficiency the city has. They are working with ODOT to reduce the cost, this is a bandaid solution. Future plan possibly in 2020 may have an investment that will widen road to a five lane. The city has done some testing and spoke to developers and economists. There currently have been discussions of deficiency roads and plan of roundabouts. Some of the key areas are Rock Creek Bridge and completion of the five lanes on Cornelius Pass. They have 92, 93 projects with 255 million projected. The city has a 40 year plan, and review of cost for concrete and pavement use, concrete as a preference.

Don Odermott presented on South Hillsboro and stated that the City of Hillsboro amended its Comprehensive Plan (HB 40708). The city is in hearings right now on annexation agreements, the rules that developers need to abide by. South Hillsboro believed to be a development of 11,000 homes (R7 and R8).

The committee appreciates that there will not be development across the railroads until there is a solution to 209th. Gary Virgin applauded that the Planning Commission for requiring 209th and TV Highway fix. Gary suggested there be no development that exits onto Rosedale until Rosedale is improved. Gary would like to see a left turn lane in the plan.

Lars Walstrom comments that the county has already completed the Bridge on 209th. But, you also need to fix the intersection and the lighting problem. Hillsboro has not done anything to fix it.

Mr. Odermott reported that this is an ODOT intersection and not a city light. The county has had to take their own funding to fix areas like this, the city cares and is trying to solve the problems before doing this development.

Engineering and Constuction Services Update – Gary Sockhoff

Gary Stockhoff described current projects

- Baseline widening
- Cornelius Pass work in early February
- Getting ready to work on Farmington Road
- Round about
- 124th
- David Hill extension
- Hwy 26th Widening 185th and Cornelius Pass, in 2016
- Helvation beams will not be finished till the summer of 2016
- South Hillsboro, South Cooper Mountain and South Terrace
- Transportation funding plan for NW corner of Scholls Ferry Road, new school planning sessions and details are still being worked out (Stacy and his group involved)
- Nike- continuing to work on roads around the company
- Shaping up to be a good year

Dave Sweeney asked if LUT is looking at River Road as a project in the future.

Gary described River Road as not currently on the list but may be possible as a MISTIP project, maybe a roundabout (10 years) in the future.

Operations and Maintenance Update – Dave Schamp

- Dave reported on last week's winter that did not come. Many schools closed. Washington County was prepared.
- Arbitration with teamsters regarding how assignments are done have been concluded and the new plan allows shift assignment changes.
- Working on road grading, budget and work program
- Porter Road Bridge (bridge 1296) as part of the work program runs parallels to Hwy 47, a rural local road, lowest priority in the prioritization matrix. The bridge eventually needs to be removed, reconstructed or dead ended. Some choices would be to close the bridge, maintaining the bridge and use as a bike/pedestrian trail only, reconstruct the bridge (750 million) or leave it as it is. A letter went out letting interested parties know that this issue is going to the board and eliciting input. There is an estimated traffic count of approximately 1100, use per day. As the word got out there has been a large reaction and push back. LUT's recommendation will be to maintain it as a bike and pedestrian use.

Gary Virgin asked for information on what is the major problem with the bridge.

Todd Watkins gave a presentation that described the location and conditions of Porter Bridge. Todd describes the bridge as having the back walls, the pile and the bulk of the structure rotted. The road above the bridge needs work with a PCI of 36.

The outcome of the inquiry to interested parties is to find out what impact it will have. The Porter Road is going to the Board of County Commissioners on December 9th.

Denny Hruby inquired about weight limit and truckers using the bridge at night. Todd Watkins described the prioritizing matrix as not distinguish between the roads that have vehicle traffic and those that have bike and pedestrian traffic.

Gary Virgin inquired if the bridge was closed to vehicle traffic, how much longer would the bridge be usable.

Dave Schamp estimated it would extend the life of the bridge use from seven to ten years.

Grading permit conditions and enforcement – Kofi Nelson-Owusu

Kofi Nelson-Owusu (title) from Land Use & Transportation, Building division, described the process for acquiring a permit and what types of permits are issued.

Kofi noted the divisions interest is to look at each proposal for work, focusing on more than the size of a hose that will be needed in a grading permit, slope, or if you are disturbing an area. The idea is to protect the citizens by insuring that neighbors can safely do the work.

Jim McCulloch asked if Kofi goes back later to see what has been done. Kofi asserted that if it's an engineering contract, Building Services will go and inspect.

The committee described concern of land slide issues at the dirt deposit adjacent to Farmington Road, large quarry. Kofi stated that this is not in the scope of the Building Services Division and would be within the jurisdiction of DEQ and Dogami. The committee has not seen a lot of response from Dogami in this respect. Kofi described another site that had a similar situation and it impacted a property owner, Building Services was able to assist and collaborated with Dogami in a joint meeting.

Gary Virgin encouraged Kofi and Building Services involvement to address concern of Dogami exhibited lack of involvement. Steve Franks suggested the committee be provided with a contact number for DEQ to voice concerns. Kofi will provide the committee with the information suggested.

Miscellaneous

RROMAC representative for rural tourism study – Steven Franks

Steve Franks spoke about a rural Washington County tourism study authorized by the Board in July that the County is conducting with the help of a consultant. He asked RROMAC to consider selecting a RROMAC member to serve on a work group for the study, to provide input on road and rural residential issues. The study is intended to clarify opportunities for agricultural interests to promote their farm products and services and for tourists and the greater community to enjoy and support local agriculture, while understanding that protecting the county's farmlands is paramount. The study will include interviews with a variety of stakeholders representing a diverse range of rural interests, look at tourism/agriculture conflicts and best management practices, and also research current regulations and upcoming legislation.

Allen Amabisca volunteered to serve as RROMAC's representative on the work group, noting he had previously served on a County technical advisory group related to rural tourism. RROMAC members agreed that Allen would serve as the RROMAC representative.

Adjournment

Agenda for January

BCC update on Porter Road - Dave Schamp

VRF Budget and work program - Stephen Roberts

Code Enforcement – Various Departments (Sheriffs, Health Department, LUT/Tom)

Council Creek Regional Trails Update – Shelley Oylear

Grading Permit & Requirements – Terry Lawler