



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2010

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: Robert Ewers
Denny Hruby
Wendy Mortensen
Ken Moyle
Matt Pihl
Doug Riedweg
Gary Virgin
Lars Wahlstrom

Staff: Greg Clemmons
Keith Lewis
Victoria Saager
Dave Schamp
Stacia Sheelar
Gary Stockhoff
Tom Tushner
Todd Watkins

Absent: James Burns
Eldon Jossi
John Malnerich
Dave Vanasche

Guests: Dave Schultz, Washington County

Welcome

Matt Pihl called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. The November minutes were reviewed. Wendy Mortensen motioned to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Bill Ewers. All were in favor.

Stacia updated the committee on a change in position. At the November meeting Gary Virgin asked to become an alternate member in order to allow Matt Pihl to become a regular member and continue as the Committee Chair. This was approved by the office of the County Administrator and will be effective immediately.

CPM UPDATE

Gary Stockhoff discussed alternatives for the Scholls Ferry/River road intersection. Alternative #1 - a signal at the T-intersection, moved east for better sight distance. Alternative #2 - a roundabout, uses less farm land (half acre), improves sight distance, no stopping, better throughput, less severe accidents, less maintenance, gas line issues covered, property owners on board; 14,000 ADT even three-way split, evening is the highest, very similar to Cornelius-Schefflin roundabout; signed for bicycle traffic and for trucks, farm equipment, concrete instead of asphalt, easier maintenance; keeps traffic moving; open house in January, bid March/April, constructed next season; a lot of work done without impacting traffic mostly; estimated \$2

million should be less; discussion regarding small remaining (less than an acre) farm land, county can't make it a separate tax lot, understanding county buys easement, doesn't own.

Glencoe Road Bridge over McKay Creek is a two season job, shift bridge to the west, raise bridge above flood plain (8 feet), wider for farm equipment, stream restoration, bid in Spring, start in 2011, finish in 2012. Cost is approximately \$5 million. This is the last piece of Cornelius Schefflin; bridge was built about 20 years ago, it's not seismic and may need to be replaced.

TRAFFIC UPDATE

Tom Tushner reported on ITS – Intelligent Transportation System project on Tualatin-Sherwood – adaptive signal system to better coordinate signals.

Night road logs have started. This is how we make sure our signs are retro-reflective and discover any maintenance issues that need to be addressed in order to comply with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

FUNDING SUBCOMMITTEE

Dave Schamp discussed House Bill 2001 funding and the budgeting process. The new gas tax (\$.06/gallon increase) goes into effect on January 1, 1011. Next year's budgeted revenue increases, but the cost of doing business continues to go up. We will get \$4.7 million which is less than what we expected and it will continue to decrease. Gravel road upgrades and bike/ped issues are front and center. A contractor rated all of our pavement conditions and the overall PCI (pavement condition index) is lower than expected.

First maintenance cycle for MSTIP projects is coming up. There will be funding issues to be addressed at that time. A gravel road component should be included in MSTIP 4.

GRAVEL ROAD UPGRADE POLICY

RROMAC asked county staff to draft a department policy that addresses funding of the Gravel Road Upgrade program. Draft changes were reviewed by RROMAC and Greg Clemmons will update the policy to reflect RROMAC's discussion prior to the next meeting.

Lars Wahlstrom motioned that RROMAC recommend a minimum of 1.5% allocation of the Operations Road Fund budget be used for gravel road upgrades. Ken Moyle seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Matt Pihl recommended the Funding Subcommittee continue until this is finalized.

MISCELLANEOUS

An LID for Hahn/Davidson roads will go to the Board on January 25. There may be some push back from some of the residents. Roads to be chip sealed through the Gravel Road Upgrade program next season are Jacktown and Old Pumpkin Ridge.

Lars Wahlstrom motioned to form a subcommittee to work on a proposal to improve the LID process. The motion was not seconded and therefore failed.

Dave Vanasche asked Dave Schamp to mention that Jeff Merkley's office needs to hear about the impacts that environmental requirements have on the work we do.

Remaining agenda items were tabled until next month.

Victoria shared that URMDAC met last night and were given a short URMD 101 presentation. The meeting was well attended and went very well.

NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

Scenic Bikeway Information
Local Improvement District History
Budget Update
GRU Policy Update
Utility Wire Heights
Road Ratings and Overlay Program