



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES
December 20, 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.

<u>Members:</u>	Mike Chombeau	<u>Staff:</u>	Steve Franks
	Tom Duyck		Shelley Oylear
	Robert Ewers		Victoria Saager
	Eldon Jossi		Dave Schamp
	John Malnerich		Stacia Sheelar
	Jim McCulloch		Stacy Shetler
	Matt Pihl		Gary Stockhoff
	Dave Sweeney		Todd Watkins
	Gary Virgin		
	Lars Wahlstrom	<u>Guests</u>	James Burns
<u>Absent</u>	Denny Hruby		
	Doug Riedweg		

Welcome

Bill Ewers called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Jim McCulloch motioned to approve the November minutes, Gary Virgin seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Guest Comments

None

Engineering and Construction Services Update

Gary Stockhoff reported on current projects. The Bethany project is going well; there was a sinkhole on Bronson last night in the project area; two lanes on the Cornelius Pass Bridge project will open December 31; Boones Ferry project will go to bid February or March; widening Scholls Ferry; Old Hwy 47 bridge has been approved by ODOT; 2014 engineering work has started for 10th Ave. in Cornelius, 50% plans for Springville/185th project, signal at Scholls Sherwood/Roy Rogers, Farmington widening in Beaverton, Jackson School realignment between Meek and Old Scotch Church (signal possible), Groveland Dr. realignment, and the Glencoe interchange (lots of prep work).

Gary Virgin asked Gary Stockhoff if there was any activity in the thinking process for the Westside Bypass. Gary Stockhoff said yes Hillsboro is pushing for the next legislative session.

John Malnerich asked staff to check on a pavement issue on Hwy 26 west bound, inside lane before 185th Ave. where water sits on the road. Victoria said she will follow up.

Jim Burns, former RROMAC member, asked staff to review a raised manhole cover on Evergreen Rd. Staff agreed to follow up.

Gary Stockhoff also shared a roundabout is being considered for Roy Rogers at Scholls Sherwood; Roy Rogers could potentially be widened to five lanes

Trail Planning Update – Shelley Oylear

Shelley Oylear provided a handout with information about potential bike/ped trails throughout the County (available on the webpage).

There was also discussion about a trail linking Hagg Lake to McMinnville. Yamhill is taking the lead on this, but they are still looking for a funding source and would need to purchase right-of-way from the railroad.

Mid-block trail crossings are funded by THPRD. Shelley was asked if a trail crosses private property does the County purchase the right-of-way to relieve the property owner of any liability? She said it depends if it's a purchase or an easement.

Shelley was also asked what the standard width is for trails and she said some are open for discussion, but we need to accommodate all the different users, different speeds, etc. Motorized vehicles would not be allowed and there are currently no standards established for a 10' paved path. The committee asked who maintains these trails once they are built. Shelley said not County Road Fund. They would likely be maintained by parks; County issue is land use and where these intersect with roadways; there may be a levy to fund the maintenance. The question was raised if anyone plans for restroom facilities along these trails and Shelley said yes some amenities are identified.

Jim McCulloch said the Banks/Vernonia Trail is very overgrown because the state doesn't allow power equipment to be used along the trail so the volunteers they used to have don't do the maintenance anymore.

There is a meeting on January 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Forest Grove Community Auditorium to discuss the Tualatin Valley Scenic Bikeway Designation.

Gary Virgin shared his concerns for property owners who will have trails going through their property and the potential liability this creates for the property owner.

Transportation Funding

Dave Schamp shared the Transportation System Maintenance Funding Overview presentation made at the Board work session on December 11 (available on the webpage).

There has been some discussion about using MSTIP funds to pay for maintenance as well. Gary Virgin suggested MSTIP money continue to only be used for projects or the County will lose voters confidence. Dave Schamp said we have to be prepared either way.

Lars Wahlstrom complimented Dave and County staff on the budget presentation and thought it was very well done.

Minor Betterment Committee Status

The Minor Betterment Committees recommendations for safety improvement projects are available on the Minor Betterment Committee webpage at [MBP Project Selection Committee](#) .

Winter Storm Planning

Keith Lewis shared with the group the County is tracking the National Weather Service updates and we are trying to limit the application of sand and use Magnesium Chloride more often when possible. Matt Pihl asked why we are moving away from sanding and Keith said it is mostly due to drainage conflicts within the urban area.

The Night Crew started on December 10 and works from 6:30 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday.

For more information on plow and ice routes, the Winter Road Operations Plan and other weather related information, please refer to the County webpage at www.wc-roads.com

Miscellaneous

Bill Ewers reminded the committee all members need to attend the meetings or notify Stacia prior to the meeting they will not be attending. If you miss more than three meetings, unexcused, you will be removed from the committee.

John Malnerich reminded everyone there are a lot of trucks hauling from the Intel site and this will only increase in the coming weeks. John also invited anyone interested to come out and see his operation at West Side Rock. Dave Schamp said Intel is doing a great job communicating with County staff and being very cautious.

Todd Watkins shared the Weighmaster has also been active in checking trucks that could be overloaded, tag axles down, etc.

Stacia asked if the minutes could be shared electronically instead of mailed out and the committee agreed that would be fine going forward.

There was a brief discussion about holding a joint meeting between URMDAC and RROMAC in possibly May or June.

Landscape maintenance cost was discussed and Gary Virgin suggested the County invest in some Crossbow and get rid of the problem. The City of Cornelius has removed the vegetation in their medians and it looks great. Eldon Jossi also expressed his concern about utility companies chopping off the tops of trees and thereby encouraging sideways growth.

Next Month's Agenda

ODOT
Elect Chair and Vice Chair