



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES
April 19, 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>	Bill Ewers	<u>Staff:</u>	Greg Clemmons
	Denny Hruby		Shelley Oylear
	John Malnerich		Victoria Saager
	Jim McCulloch		Dave Schamp
	Gary Virgin		Stacia Sheelar
	Doug Riedweg		Stacy Shetler
	Mike Chombeau		Gary Stockhoff

<u>Absent:</u>	Eldon Jossi	<u>Guests</u>	Cal Nakao
	Lars Wahlstrom		Matt Pihl
			Dave Vanasche

Welcome

Bill Ewers called the meeting to order. Jim McCulloch motioned to approve the March minutes and Doug Riedweg seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Dave Schamp thanked everyone for attending the Volunteer Recognition Event.

GUEST COMMENTS

None

ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES UPDATE

Traffic Engineer, Stacy Shetler, was introduced and shared information on the flashing yellow arrow. A link to information regarding the flashing arrow is:
<http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/TrafficSafety/DrivingSafety/flashing-yellow-arrows>

The flashing yellow signals are being updated to avoid conflicts with walk signals. The signal communication system on Murray Blvd. is being updated; Cornell Road adaptive signal system was installed last year; Tualatin-Sherwood, Teton to I-5 also installed adaptive signal system (15% improvement in traffic flow, minimized queues – less back up); Evergreen and 25th project will keep Evergreen open during construction; Overlays in various cities - installing video detection prior to construction; Expanding signal system on Tualatin-Sherwood from Teton to Hwy 99; Cornelius Pass will be closed this summer and

so will Johnson School Road (Bridge from Cornelius Pass will be reused on Johnson School).

The committee asked Stacy to please address the issues at the intersection of T.V. Hwy and 209th any chance he gets with ODOT. Intersection is dangerous and needs to be fixed per committee.

BICYCLE EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Shelley Oylear, Bike and Pedestrian Coordinator, attended the Active Transportation Summit in Salem and met her counterparts at many other agencies and organizations and discussed biking in the rural area. Shelley shared a handout showing a draft strategic plan concept to address safety and conflicts between rural road users and cyclists. She welcomes input from the committee about the concept.

Mike Chombeau said this is a great idea. Denny Hruby voiced his concern about farm equipment and horses having the right-of-way, but motorists don't know it, users don't know the rules of the road, bicyclists should have to be educated, groups of bicyclists that don't yield right-of-way is a common issue. Shelley sees this as a way to open the lines of communication with bicyclist organizations. Matt Pihl shared it's important for everyone to understand the other users' position and appreciating the needs of others to use the roadways.

Shelley does not have funding for this plan, but appreciates any support the committee may offer. Shelley will be looking for grants and other ways to fund this project.

Dave Schamp mentioned that RROMAC could champion a project like this if they so desired. Jim McCulloch moved to form a subcommittee and the motion was seconded. Doug Riedweg motioned that RROMAC be an advocate for this program and all were in favor. The committee then agreed to add the topic to the agenda each month rather than form a subcommittee.

BUDGET UPDATE

Dave Schamp gave a brief revenue update. HB 2001 in 2009 increased vehicle registration fees and gas tax and was projected to raise road funds and sustain the system for five to seven years; every forecast since has fallen short, even when forecasts were adjusted down, still falling short; less fuel consumption = less revenue in the Road Fund and this is the primary source of revenue for road maintenance funding. Dave was asked to cut the Operations Division budget request by 10% (11 positions, materials and supplies). This is a statewide issue and will cut into overlay items. The reality is it will not change any time soon. There is no new revenue on the horizon; so retooling our organization, changing our business model and looking at service level priorities are important. Gary Virgin mentioned that the bridges that are in dire need of work were not mentioned. Dave Schamp said the county's budget presentation identified \$10 million in deferred maintenance, including bridges; more detail next month.

MINOR BETTERMENT COMMITTEE

Mike Chombeau and Jim McCulloch have volunteered to participate on the Minor Betterment Committee this year.

RROMAC VACANCIES

Dave Schamp shared he met with the Board at the work session and they are recommending that Matt Pihl be reappointed; Tom Duyck be appointed as an Alternate as well as Dave Sweeney.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dave Schamp shared that Greg Clemmons is retiring after 23 years with the County. He has been an integral part of RROMAC since its inception in 1994. Greg commented he has enjoyed the great communication, discussions and collaboration over the years and really enjoyed being a part of the committee.

Victoria shared the Work Program is now online for your review and comment.

NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

Target Service Levels
Bicycle and Pedestrian Review
Road Fund Revenue Forecasts
Work Program Review