



# WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

## RROMAC MEETING MINUTES April 18, 2013

**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	<u>Staff:</u>	Steve Franks
	Denny Hruby		Victoria Saager
	Eldon Jossi		Dave Schamp
	John Malnerich		Stacia Sheelar
	Jim McCulloch		Stacy Shetler (John Fasana)
	Matt Pihl		Gary Stockhoff
	Doug Riedweg		Todd Watkins
	Gary Virgin		Steve L. Kelley
	Lars Wahlstrom		

<u>Absent</u>	Mike Chombeau	<u>Guests</u>	David Kim, ODOT
	Dave Sweeney		Jake Miller, Baker Rock

### Welcome

Lars Wahlstrom called the meeting to order. Everyone introduced themselves. Jim McCulloch moved to approve the March minutes. Minutes were approved unanimously.

### Guest Comments

No comments.

### Engineering and Construction Services Update

Gary Stockhoff provided an update on current and upcoming road improvement projects.

- Bethany beams have been set over Hwy 26; curb and gutter has been poured.
- Pre-construction meeting has been held for Boones Ferry Rd.
- Scholls Ferry between Teal and Roy Rogers is in design review.
- The corridor review on Roy Rogers Road has started.
- The engineering for the realignment of Jackson School Rd. from Meek to Old Scotch church has been started.
- The Old Hwy. 47 Bridge is out to bid.
- 124<sup>th</sup> Ave. from Tualatin Sherwood to Tonquin realignment being done to square up the intersection and adding an overpass to tie into Boones Ferry.

- Keeping up with Intel on Hillsboro projects. Intel has been conditioned to work on Cornelius Pass Rd., Hwy 26 to Cornell. This work will include separated bike lanes and will be seven lanes pending Metro approval.
- Brookwood interchange will go to bid in late July.
- 253<sup>rd</sup> Ave. from Evergreen to Meek will be extended by the City of Hillsboro.
- Brookwood will extend to Shute Rd. and to left turn lanes will be added.
- Jacobsen Rd. is being moved north later this fall.
- Groveland Dr. is being realigned. Three families were relocated from one residence. ODOT paid the families expenses and found them places to live.

Gary Virgin said he was told by ODOT and Hillsboro Planning, the City of Hillsboro agreed to pay for protected left turn lanes on 209<sup>th</sup> Ave. at TV Hwy.

### **Operations and Maintenance Update**

Dave Schamp provided an update on Operations and Maintenance:

- The budget is through three of four required steps. The presentation went well; no major changes thru the process; it is a flat budget; \$1 million more in revenue; but \$400k more in personnel costs; added \$300k to overlays; added landscaping contract for \$250k; need is \$1.2 million. Currently half of the landscaping in the right-of-way is maintained by an unknown third party; challenge is revenue is going up, but not at a rate that is able to help keep up with the needs. \$10 million in deferred maintenance will double over the next ten years.

We have increased the work window for contractors and it is helping the bottom line although it does affect convenience for the public and county staff. We have added micro surfacing to our treatments and will try it out and evaluate the outcome. Dave says, "It's like a slurry seal on steroids."

Multnomah County will close Cornelius Pass Rd. on Friday May 3, 10 and 17 for paving between Skyline and Hwy. 30.

We will go to the Board of Commissioners with an amendment to the Work Program on April 23. We do this every year to pick up the loose ends at the end of the fiscal year.

We will reduce the amount of dust oil done by the county from \$60k to \$20k. A lot of citizens will be upset, but with reduced funding, these roads are a lower priority.

### **Transportation Plan Update**

Steve L. Kelley reviewed the Transportation Plan Update and provided a handout that is available on the website. Steve is looking for feedback prior to April 19. This year they will continue to work on the ordinance text for Strategies and Framework; next year they will work on map changes. The Board will adopt the Plan in October and then amend the maps in October 2014. The date may change from 2035 to 2040 to be consistent with the Regional Plan.

## **ODOT Update**

David Kim provided a map of Washington County showing upcoming projects. The map is available on the website.

Hwy. 26 is being widened from 185<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Cornelius Pass. ODOT has partnered with the City of Hillsboro to make changes to the intersection at 209<sup>th</sup> and TV Hwy. using TIF (Transportation Impact Fees). ODOT is working to comingle funding with all agencies to broaden project focus. They are shifting their focus from freeways to more bike/ped and transit focus

There has been some discussion about closing a few of the onramps on Hwy. 217 to improve safety. This option was not well received and the lack of shoulder areas is concerning to many.

New advisory signs are being added to Hwy. 26 for speed and there will be a public education piece around these changes. The use of technology will hopefully add to the safety of the roadway by providing speed information and travel times.

David has agreed to attend RROMAC on a quarterly basis. Future topics of interest include Maintenance information, debriefing on the private contract for Hwy 219 maintenance, and Gary Virgin requested cross section of state standard for bike lanes so he can compare the state to the county.

## **Miscellaneous**

Victoria shared information about the upcoming Public Works Fair on May 18 being held in the Washington Square Mall just outside of Sears. She also reminded everyone about the Volunteer Recognition Event on April 24 at the Fairgrounds.

URMDAC formed a subcommittee to assess customer service and had an idea to provide an opportunity to inform the rural community that RROMAC is their conduit for rural road issues. There was some discussion of an open house including both committees.

Victoria asked for volunteers to serve on the Minor Betterment Committee. Doug Riedweg and Jim McCulloch volunteered.

## **April Agenda**

Customer Satisfaction w/URMDAC  
Estimated Road Damage from Truck Traffic  
Invite Commissioner and Chair Duyck

## **Future Agenda**

Chip Seal 101 Session – before, during, and after – why do we do it, what does it accomplish  
Andy Duyck – Funding (confirmed for June)