



WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

RROMAC MEETING MINUTES May 16, 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>	Bill Ewers	<u>Staff:</u>	Steve Franks
	Denny Hruby		Keith Lewis
	John Malnerich		Dave Schamp
	Jim McCulloch		Stacia Sheelar
	Doug Riedweg		Stacy Shetler
	Dave Sweeney		Gary Stockhoff
	Lars Wahlstrom		Todd Watkins

<u>Absent</u>	Mike Chombeau	<u>Guests</u>	
	Eldon Jossi		
	Matt Pihl		
	Gary Virgin		

Welcome

Lars Wahlstrom called the meeting to order. Introductions were made. Jim McCulloch moved to approve the April minutes and the motion was seconded by John Malnerich. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Lars Wahlstrom thanked John Malnerich for inviting Jake Miller from Baker Rock to tour West Side Rock. Lars said it is heartwarming to see them working together for the good of everyone. Baker Rock is working to fix the issues on Clark Hill Rd. and he is very appreciative.

Guest Comments

No comments.

Engineering and Construction Services Update

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

- Boones Ferry Rd widening between Day and Norwood.
- Demolition of the old Bethany overcrossing will start soon.
- Coordination with Intel projects continues
- Realignment of Meek and Jackson School

- Water treatment plant in Wilsonville will be connected to Hillsboro – 6 foot diameter pipe from the Willamette River.
- Working on various coordination projects with the cities – including a Wal-Mart going in on Tualatin-Sherwood Rd. in Sherwood.
- Assisting with the Minor Betterment project and sharing internal resources.

Five employees are retiring over the next one to two months. Shifting staff around and hiring replacements for some of the positions.

The Traffic Section is working on:

- Roy Rogers corridor – signal work on Bull Mountain and Beef Bend roads. Reviewing Tile Flat and Scholls area.
- Cornelius Pass Rd. needs to have the signal timing reviewed with all of the Intel traffic backing things up.

Gary shared the County needs a grid system and we need some five lane roads to create this. We get a lot of push back on 5-7 lane roads, but these are critical segments that are necessary per Gary. Gary encouraged CPO's to invite the Hillsboro Planners to their meetings for more information.

Dave Sweeney said once the Transportation System Plan (TSP) is approved, can someone then stop the five lane idea and Gary Stockhoff said yes and Bethany is a perfect example. Gary also said you have to request larger roads, because you can't build them at all if they are not in the TSP, but you can always build less.

Operations and Maintenance Update

Dave Schamp shared the budget is moving along well so far and is going through as it was presented right now. Budget hearings are next Thursday. If you are interested, please attend on May 23 at 8:30 a.m. in the PSB Auditorium. This is an URMD presentation not Road Fund. Revenue forecasts are still not great.

The road crews changed to the 4-day, 10-hour schedule last week. Should be machine patching earlier than normal on Tonquin, Bacona and Fisher roads.

The Road Maintenance Program is on track. We have adjusted accordingly with the mild winter. We are facing some real challenges with the road maintenance around Hagg Lake. There was talk of raising the dam so we deferred maintenance of the roadway, because we didn't want to invest in something for it to then be under water. Now the chances are very low the dam will be raised and the road and other assets need attention. We are looking at options for short and long term maintenance scenarios. The area is prone to slides and several areas have already been repaired multiple times. There are five active slides around the lake currently based on a Geo Tech Engineer's review. With repairs needed for pavement, culverts, guardrail, etc. the repairs could be anywhere from \$6-10 million. The Feds want security on the dam so that is also being discussed. We just received the report

late last week so we are continuing to review our options. Dave Sweeney asked if the Bureau has any responsibility. Dave said no, the County is responsible for the roadway. Our Pavement Management System has been reviewed by an objective third party. One recommendation is to increase the amount of crack sealing we do along with micro surfacing and slurry seal. Management met with the Board on May 28 to discuss the gap between maintenance needs and resources available. Those Board meeting minutes are attached.

Customer Satisfaction Survey

Victoria was unable to attend the meeting today so this topic is being moved to an agenda later this summer.

Estimated Road Damage from Truck Traffic

Several people assume Intel has created damage on our roadways. Actually our roads have held up nicely and Intel is making good economic improvements to the area. Roads are aging/deteriorating at a faster rate due to increased traffic, but not a lot and this is not just from Intel, its traffic in general. The increased traffic is an indicator of a healthy economy, because of increased development and housing which is also on the uptick. A windshield survey was done and the numbers came out very close to the computer generated model on Pavement Condition Index numbers. Both Cornelius Pass and Tongue Lane were checked. County roads are actually performing very well. Intel has been methodical with their routes and very responsive to issues as they come up.

We are continuing to monitor the roads and will focus formal inspection efforts this summer with our contractor. Dave Schamp said a freeze thaw or a severe weather event could have created a lot of damage when coupled with the increase in traffic, but we were fortunate to have had a mild winter.

Miscellaneous

Thank you to Stacy Shetler for relocating the STOP sign on Nursery Rd. It works very well. Thank you to all of those who were able to attend our Volunteer Recognition Event. John Malnerich questioned why there are so many monuments on Johnson School Road. Dave Schamp will follow up with him as he believes this is survey work.

June Agenda

Chair Duyck and Commissioner Malinowski have been invited to the June meeting.
ECS Update
Budget Update
Customer Satisfaction Survey (URMDAC)

July Agenda

NO MEETING