



WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

RROMAC MEETING MINUTES January 16, 2014

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: Allen Amabisca
Mike Chombeau
Bill Ewers
Denny Hruby
Jim McCulloch
Jake Miller
Matt Pihl
Doug Riedweg
Dave Sweeney
Gary Virgin
Lars Wahlstrom

Staff: Theresa Cherniak
Steve Franks
Keith Lewis
Shelley Oylear
Michelle Pimentel
Victoria Saager
Dave Schamp
Stacia Sheelar
Stacey Shetler
Andrew Singelakis
Gary Stockhoff
Todd Watkins

Absent: John Malernich

Guests:

Welcome

Lars Wahlstrom called the meeting to order. Jim McCulloch made a motion to approve the November minutes. Matt Pihl seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Guest Comments

None

Engineering and Construction Services Update

Gary Stockhoff updated the committee on the current Engineering and Construction Services projects. The Scholls Ferry Rd. project is underway, poles have been ordered for the signals on Roy Rogers Rd, the first one will be at Scholls Sherwood, then Beef Bend and finally at Tile Flat.

This coming summer we will be working on 10th St. in Cornelius, Walker Rd. between 173rd and Murray, Oleson bridge (6-8 month road closure), Farmington from Murray to Hocken, and Baseline from Brookwood to 231st. Meek Rd., Scotch Church and Jackson School are being realigned. A roundabout will be installed. ECS is also working on a number of URMD Safety Improvement projects and the Gain Share projects. Next

summer they will be working on Brookwood, Cornelius Pass and Groveland to widen all three.

Lars Wahlstrom shared that Bethany Blvd. works very well now, it turned out nice. He said the LED lights should save electricity and maintenance costs.

Operations and Maintenance Update

Dave Schamp said there has not been much of a winter so far just some freezing fog, but there are some disturbances in the forecast.

The night crew has been working 6:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. and will continue through February 13, 2014. They have been able to prepare for the morning commute and been proactive getting deicer applied. Our crews have placed 12k gallons of deicer at \$4/gallon and it seems to be working well.

We have also had the night crew helping with night road logs. They drive around at night and check sign reflectivity, obstructions, needed repairs/clean up, etc. and then the day shift handles the repairs.

Matt Pihl asked if there are any signage standards or procedures that alert cross traffic what other drivers entering an intersection are doing. Stacy Shetler, Traffic Engineer, said yes, consistent MUTCD standards are followed unless there is some variation by jurisdiction.

Operations and Maintenance recently acquired a free, full size sweeper from Clean Water Services. CWS was unable to get much for it at auction so they have gifted it to us. The sweeper will be used for bike facilities in both rural and urban areas, roundabouts, and bridges.

Mike Chombeau asked how a citizen puts in a request for sweeping. Staff shared you can request a road-related service of any kind, by calling **503-846-ROAD** (846-7623), e-mail us at lutops@co.washington.or.us or submit an online service request form by going to the County website at www.co.washington.or.us, select Transportation and then select Request a Road Service.

Dave says Operations is in good shape developing the Annual Road Maintenance Program, working on the upcoming budget numbers and finishing up year end projections.

Washington County Transportation Study Draft

Andrew Singelakis, Director of LUT, discussed the Washington County Transportation Study and provided a handout of the draft study approach for public comment. (Presentation and handout attached.)

Committee members discussed the impact industries could have on transportation in the future. People don't choose to live where they work, they commute.

There is a web link for more information and public comment www.co.washington.or.us/WCTS or you can also contact LUT at 503-846-4530. Comments are due by January 28, 2014. Andrew agreed to keep the committee informed through the process.

Agri-tourism

Michelle Pimentel and Theresa Cherniak from Planning provided a summary of Senate Bill 960-A (Agri-tourism). (Handout attached.)

Theresa explained there are six counties who have adopted this so far and they are researching the possibility of Washington County adopting it as well. This Senate Bill would relate to different types of events like farm to fork dinners, weddings, zip line businesses, events typically held on “farming” properties. There have been two ad hoc committee meetings so far and they are looking for potential impacts or concerns from the RROMAC.

Allen Amabisca attended the meeting and shared the committee was concerned about enforcement and noise issues. What we currently have is not working well. Jim McCulloch said he was not aware of existing conflicts and asked for more information. The example of Hornings Hideout was given where they have several concerts and events throughout the year that create parking, traffic and noise issues for the surrounding properties. The Senate Bill excludes wineries, because legislation specific to wineries is already in place.

Doug Riedweg said the issue is when someone buys a piece of land and turns it into a pumpkin patch (increased traffic, noise, etc.). These are not farms. There are issues with properties going from farms to amusement parks or entertainment businesses.

Lars Wahlstrom questioned if you have a private blueberry stand, do you now need a port-a-potty. We don't need to overregulate! Jim said he agreed this is a solution looking for a problem.

Commercial use for Christmas trees, farm stands, private parks, bed and breakfasts, and U-picks are allowed.

Michelle asked, “Where is the happy medium?” People are currently holding unpermitted events and creating problems with traffic, parking, etc. Matt Pihl said corporate type farms are taking over. Existing farms cannot make it and are looking for ways to make money.

The committee said there needs to be an advisory group that includes farmers or unintended consequences will become a greater concern.

The Board of Commissioners will discuss this at their meeting on January 28, 2014.

Surface Treatment List

Todd Watkins distributed a list of FY 2014-2015 Road Fund overlay candidates. The budget target for this year is \$3.5 million and there will be some focus on the rural roads. The list could change slightly if development comes in or a capital project comes up. Todd is looking for feedback, comments, concerns, etc.

A question was raised about Farmington Rd. and Baker Rock paying for a portion of the cost due to the installation of a gas line. Todd assured the committee the cost would be less due to Baker Rock's estimated contribution.

Todd shared with the committee that several years ago the County made a commitment to inspect and rate the pavement condition of all the paved roads on a regular basis. There is a multiyear contract with a consultant to rate all major roads every two years, both rural and urban. Rating every two years will keep PCI (Pavement Condition Index) ratings up-to-date.

There is a new mix design that will work better for the roundabouts. The asphalt tears, so now roundabouts will be constructed in concrete going forward.

Miscellaneous

Todd Watkins presented information on the West Union Rd. Bikeway Design and Shelley Oylear handed out information on Rural Bikeway Design Options. (Presentation and handout attached.) Cost breakdown will be provided at the next meeting.

The committee was asked to elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair. Gary Virgin nominated Doug Riedweg for the Chair; Lars Wahlstrom seconded the nomination and the committee voted unanimously with all in favor to appoint Doug as the Chair.

Lars Wahlstrom nominated Jim McCulloch for Vice-Chair and Mike Chombeau seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Lars Wahlstrom thanked County staff for their professionalism and the committee and staff thanked Lars for his service as the Chair.

March Agenda

- ODOT Helvetia Project Update – David Kim
- West Union Rd. Bikeway Design – Todd Watkins
- Service Request Review – Victoria Saager