



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 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.

Members: Robert Ewers
Denny Hruby
Eldon Jossi
John Malnerich
Jim McCulloch
Matt Pihl
Dave Sweeney
Gary Virgin
Lars Wahlstrom

Staff: Steve Franks
Keith Lewis
Janelle Lockbeam
Shelley Oylear
Victoria Saager
Dave Schultz
Stacy Shetler
Gary Stockhoff

Guests

Absent Mike Chombeau
Tom Duyck
Doug Riedweg

Welcome

Bill Ewers called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Gary Virgin motioned to approve October minutes, Lars Wahlstrom second the motion. Minutes are approved.

Guest Comments

None

Engineering and Construction Services Update

Engineering and Construction Services Update - Gary reported on several projects that are just wrapping up. Paving on the Evergreen and Bull Mountain/Roshak projects were recently completed. The Cornelius Pass Bridge is still on schedule to re-open on December 31, 2012, but only to two lanes of traffic. The Johnson School Bridge is open, but final lift paving won't happen until next spring.

There was a question about the final paving on Evergreen and why we didn't wait until next spring to do that. It looks a little rough toward the Brookwood side, and are we going to do anything about it. Gary said it was really the preference of the project manager, and

that he would look into possible remedies for the rough pavement, or if anything was planned.

Gary also mentioned that outside of the project list for MSTIP 3d that an additional 14 new projects have been identified. Some of those are the Minor Betterment projects for Operations, as well as the Groveland Drive Realignment for ODOT, the Jackson School/Meek/Scotch Church Road Intersection, and investigate widening Brookwood (Hwy. 26 to Evergreen), and Cornelius Pass (Hwy. 26 to Cornell) to seven lanes in the next few years.

He also mentioned the current Glencoe Interchange project being underway and going smoothly, and that the Brookwood/Helvetia Interchange project is still scheduled for bid next July. A question came up about any new roads being done, and Gary explained the 124th Avenue project between Tualatin-Sherwood and Tonquin Roads. It is a new 2-lane interim project being constructed in 2014 or 2015.

Tour of Traffic Operations Center

Stacy Shetler gave a tour of the Traffic Operations Center (TOC). This center has screens to view intersections with traffic signals that use video detection. This enables traffic engineering staff to monitor traffic signals for their operation and adjust signal timing. The images can be looked at without taking time to dispatch staff.

Stacy can access the system via computer laptop that allows him to make adjustments away from the TOC. The system can send a message or test to notify Stacy of a problem.

Adaptive signal systems are installed along two corridors – Cornell Road and Tualatin-Sherwood Road. The systems suggest best signal timing to improve traffic flow.

The TOC can be used during emergencies such as weather events. Screens are up to get eyes and ears to everyone else. A Ham Radio Station is set up next to the TOC and ready to use.

Pavement Condition Index Report

Dave Schultz distributed a Pavement Condition Index (PCI) summary that compares 2010 and 2012 by functional road classification. Current data and projected information was collected and recorded recently. The PCI's are dropping due to budget challenges for road maintenance.

Victoria noted the map displaying each road's PCI will be available online with the annual report.

The county has a contract with a contractor to gather data for the PCI ratings. Major roads are inspected and rated every two years and every four years for local roads.

Minor Betterment Committee Status

Public comments were taken and recommendations were made. The Committee met in late October, over 400 comments were considered. URMDAC will consider safety projects identified through Minor Betterments on November 28.

Candidate packets are available online for more project information and photos. Each project is unique and their requirements differ.

With the limited staff resources, the Engineering and Construction Services Division is helping out by managing consultants for design.

One rural project is currently funded – adding a left turn lane on southbound River Road onto Rosedale Road will be constructed next spring. Victoria encourages people to look for more rural recommendations in their daily travels. Shelley Oylear also encourages comments and would like more geographic suggestions.

Miscellaneous

Bill Ewers voiced his concern regarding a home being taken for the ODOT proposal at Helvetia Road. Gary Stockhoff explained that the project proposal includes a cloverleaf to accommodate southbound traffic similar to the westbound exit at Cornelius Pass Road. Roads that will be relocated are Jacobson, Groveland and Meek roads.

Shelley Oylear showed a copy of a recently released book written by RROMAC member Jim McCulloch and congratulated him.

John Malnerich shared Intel will be starting a new dig soon. They assure the excavated dirt will go to quarries and debris will be taken to Hillsboro Landfill.

Next Month's Agenda

Minor Betterment Status (URMDAC recommendations) – Victoria Saager
Trail Planning Updates – Shelley Oylear
Status of Road Maintenance Funding – Dave Schamp
Winter Storm Planning Update – Keith Lewis

Future Meeting

ODOT Winter Response (Astoria office staff)