



# WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

## RROMAC MEETING MINUTES November 21, 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.**

Members: Mike Chombeau  
Bill Ewers  
John Malnerich  
Jim McCulloch  
Jake Miller  
Doug Riedweg  
Dave Sweeney  
Gary Virgin  
Lars Wahlstrom

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

Absent: Denny Hruby  
Eldon Jossi  
Matt Pihl

Guests: Colin Cooper, City of Hillsboro

### Welcome

Lars Wahlstrom called the meeting to order. Jim McCulloch made a motion to approve the October minutes. Bill Ewers seconded the motion and all were in favor.

### Guest Comments

Colin Cooper, Planning Director from the City of Hillsboro, commented on the Intel D1X schedule and said as construction winds down there will be less truck traffic, but the increase in jobs will create more employee traffic. The good news is Intel is very big on telecommuting and staggered scheduling which both help reduce the volume of traffic in and out of the site. Colin indicated he was in attendance to listen and did bring some information on South Hillsboro. He would like to hear RROMAC's concerns about the project. He also shared the city's current focus areas are Tanasbourne, Orenco, South Hillsboro and Amberglen. You can learn more about South Hillsboro by going to the City of Hillsboro webpage at the following link <http://www.hillsboro-oregon.gov/index.aspx>

Gary Virgin encouraged Colin to focus on the area south of Rosedale, because in his opinion, once South Hillsboro is done this area will become the issue. Colin said they are aware of the potential issues and currently have a 20 year plan referred to as the Westside Transportation Study which can also be found on the City of Hillsboro webpage. Gary expressed his concerns about Cornelius Pass extending south into the rural area, past the

UGB. Colin assured Gary the city is communicating and coordinating with Metro and other neighboring cities as well as Washington County.

Doug Riedweg questioned the density requirements for the new areas and Colin said the requirements are 15 dwellings per acre.

Lars Wahlstrom encouraged Colin to communicate with the neighboring cities. He has great confidence in Washington County, but not Metro. Colin said the communication between Hillsboro and Washington County is very good.

### **Engineering and Construction Services Update**

Gary Stockhoff updated the committee on the current Engineering and Construction Services projects. The bid opened for signals at Roy Rogers/Scholls Sherwood and Tile Flat/Schools Ferry work should begin in mid-January. The estimate was \$1.6m and the bid came in at \$1.5m. Kerr Contractors was the apparent low bidder. Gary Virgin expressed concern for the historic home located on the corner of Tile Flat and Scholls Ferry. He asked if the project could be shifted. Gary S. said he would check into the situation and get back to the committee.

There was an open house last week for Jackson School, Meek and Scotch Church roads. There will be a roundabout put in to reduce crash severity and have less impact on the farmland. This will go out for bid in August/September 2014; a lot of work will be done off right-of-way. An open house to widen Baseline from Brookwood to Cornelius Pass was held this week. Intel, County, and City all have money in this one. Cornelius Pass widening may happen if grants are available, but nothing would happen until December 2014. Gary V. asked if widening Cornelius Pass was warranted and Gary S. said yes, even after construction traffic is gone it's warranted; also ODOT is looking at adding a lane to Hwy 26 from 185<sup>th</sup> Ave. to Brookwood.

Gary discussed the NW Area Commission on Transportation and said ODOT is asking for a wish list if additional funding becomes available (i.e. OTIA, HB2001, JTA). The County will provide a wish list. The "wish list" would not go to the legislature until 2015.

John Malnerich asked why ODOT doesn't just widen Hwy 26 all the way out to North Plains and get it done. Gary said they are considering widening from Brookwood to Helvetia, but only with county funding.

The signals are now on at Bethany, North Bethany will be coming on soon and Boones Ferry is in the process.

Doug Riedweg asked if the truck speeds on West Union, near the elementary school, were related to the Glencoe Rd. project. Gary said he will talk to the contractor about the speeds. Stacy Shetler said the school can actually request the yellow flashers be turned on for after hours events and it can be remotely.

Roy Rogers is getting three signals and associated widening – temporary signals on span wires. John Malnerich asked why the county doesn't put up cameras to cite violators and Gary shared the county is not allowed to do that, only cities can and the vendors generate the citations and then take a cut; we put up video detection for signal operation only.

Gary V. complimented the county on the Boones Ferry Rd. project and said it was a significant improvement and was very well done. Gary S. said there were a few property owner issues, but it turned out very nice.

### **Operations and Maintenance Update**

Hagg Lake slide repair work has been completed. Coordination with ODOT was excellent and only took five or less employees to complete the work.

Grading gravel roads for winter maintenance; currently have five vacancies on the maintenance crews. A big thank you to Jim McCulloch and Matt Pihl for helping us with the recent recruitments for LEO, BMW II and HEO.

The draft overlay list for next year is done and will be available for review at the January meeting.

Dave recently met with another chip seal oil vendor. We use expensive oil and pay a premium for high quality product and we are a small player right now. The product is also difficult to get at times. The less expensive oil is manufactured in Portland, we are a larger player and the availability is much better. We will likely test the new oil on one project this coming year.

Doug Riedweg asked about the study of the Scoggins Valley Dam and what the plans were going forward. Dave said that local agencies have been talking about raising the dam for many years. The dam would need to be reconstructed for seismic reasons; water levels will raise some at the time, but don't expect a big impact to the roads at this point.

Todd Watkins reviewed the draft plan for West Union separated pathway. This would be a multiuse facility from Helvetia to North Plains, would connect two urban areas, and is an actively used bike route on the county bike plan. The estimate was \$3.2m to actually build the facility. There would be several challenges to build this in an already developed corridor. Final reports should be available in the next few weeks. Options include a fully separated pathway, shoulder widening and spot improvements.

### **Miscellaneous**

Dave provided a memo to RROMAC with information on the recent Glencoe Rd. shoulder maintenance project (Attached). Mike Chombeau said the area is very good for bikes and even though he would like to see a separated pathway the wider shoulder feels very safe to ride.

John Malnerich suggested the county throw out all the other bike plans and do this type of shoulder maintenance in more areas.

The minor betterment project on River Rd. at Rosedale is moving forward and there is one rural candidate on Verboort Rd. between Visitation and Porter roads for the upcoming year. Lars thanked Jim McCulloch and Doug Riedweg for participating on the Minor Betterment Committee.

Gary Virgin asked Andrew Singelakis to ensure any money received from the potential Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) is used for Operations and Maintenance only, not to build new roads. Andrew assured the committee the funds would be earmarked for maintenance only. The ordinance being adopted specifically outlines the funds would be used for maintenance only. Lars recommended the County start publicizing the VRF immediately and get media coverage. Andrew indicated there is a public relations firm working on the outreach piece.

The Board adopted a length limit on Jackson Quarry Rd. due to several accidents involving damage to the guardrail. The length limit is now 30'.

The committee decided there will not be a meeting in December due to the holidays. The next meeting will be January 16, 2014

#### **January Agenda**

- Surface Treatment List – Todd Watkins
- West Union Draft Plan Update
- Election of Chair/Vice Chair

#### **February Agenda**

- ODOT Helvetia Project Update