The Urban Road Maintenance District (URMD) is the funding mechanism for maintenance of urban local roads outside of cities. URMD was created by the Board of County Commissioners and approved by voters in urban unincorporated Washington County in 1987. URMD is a county service district, formed under ORS Chapter 451. When URMD was formed, urban local roads had deteriorated due to lack of funding for preventive maintenance. The intent was to fund maintenance to prevent further deterioration, protect the traveling public, enhance property values and promote economic development.

**WHAT IS URMD’S PURPOSE?**

URMD's primary mission is to provide preventive road maintenance services for public roads within URMD boundaries, except roads designated as arterials or collectors, in the Washington County Transportation Plan. When URMD was originally formed, it provided only for maintenance of neighborhood streets within the district. In 2011, URMD services were expanded to include construction of safety improvements. All county roads in the district – urban locals, neighborhood routes, collectors and arterials – are eligible for small-scale projects that address safety or connectivity issues. Most projects have been pedestrian paths or sidewalks.

**HOW ARE DECISIONS MADE ABOUT URMD?**

The Urban Road Maintenance District Advisory Committee (URMDAC) is a County committee of citizen volunteers who live within the district. The committee advises the Board of Commissioners and staff on issues related to services provided by URMD. URMDAC reviews and makes recommendations regarding service levels, annual road maintenance programs and safety improvements and assists in evaluating the cost effectiveness and efficiency of URMD.
Since 1994, the URMD average Pavement Condition Index (PCI) has improved significantly, from 60 (with 23 percent of roads rated in poor or very poor condition), to 81.7 (with less than 1 percent in poor or very condition). A PCI of 100 represents a new road.

**URMD MILES BY PAVEMENT CONDITION**

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

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URMD MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Neighborhood Streets Program

URMD promotes safety and neighborhood livability by allocating $250,000 to the Neighborhood Streets Program (NSP). NSP coordinates traffic-calming activities on local neighborhood roads, which improves safety and maintains livability in urban unincorporated neighborhoods.

The two-phase program is a partnership between neighbors and Washington County that addresses speeding, cut-through traffic and parking problems through traffic-calming measures. As growth and development continues, the interest in the NSP has increased.

The goals of the NSP are to preserve and improve neighborhood livability by:
- discouraging undesirable driver behavior
- improving the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers
- involving area neighbors in solving traffic problems and
- making efficient use of tax dollars by prioritizing requests

REQUESTING URMD SERVICES

OR reporting problems on URMD roads

Call: 503-846-ROAD (846-7623)
Email: lutops@co.washington.or.us
Web: Fill out our online form to request a service or report a road-related problem: www.co.washington.or.us/roadservice
Write: URMD, Operations & Maintenance Division, 1400 SW Walnut Street MS 51, Hillsboro, OR 97123-5625

To report a hazardous road condition outside of normal business hours: call the Washington County non-emergency response number: 503-629-0111

Responding to Service Requests: URMD also funds responses to service requests by district residents such as requests for:
- Vegetation trimming, where vegetation blocks visibility or encroaches onto the roadway
- Removing hazards in the right of way
- Picking up trash and debris
- Looking into drainage and sidewalk condition issues

In FY 2015-16, staff responded to 318 requests for service.

DID YOU KNOW?

In its first four years, URMD’s Safety Improvement Program has funded 25 projects totaling more than $9 million.

NSP services include meeting with residents at neighborhood meetings, developing neighborhood safety campaigns and traffic calming plans, installing speed display boards and monitoring results, setting up radar trailers and providing informative lawn signs, door hangers and bumper stickers to residents.

HOW CAN I PROPOSE A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT?

To submit a proposal (which must address a safety or connectivity issue on a County road) visit www.URMDSafety.com and review the Small Road Improvement Candidates map by clicking the hyperlink on the page to see if a candidate has already been identified at a specific location.

Then, to propose a new candidate, submit an online Small Road Improvement Proposal Form, call 503-846-ROAD (846-7623) or email lutops@co.washington.or.us.

Proposals will be considered for funding by the URMD Safety Improvement Program and other County programs, depending on the proposal’s eligibility and funding availability. (Currently, URMD funding is the only regular funding available for safety improvement projects, and only proposals within the district are eligible for URMD funding.)