



RROMAC MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2008

Members:

Hal Ballard
James Burns
Robert Ewers
Lanny Garland
Eldon Jossi
Wendy Mortensen
Ken Moyle
Matt Pihl
Gary Virgin
Lars Wahlstrom

Staff:

Dave Schamp
Greg Clemmons
Keith Lewis
Victoria Saager
Stacia Sheelar
Joe Younkins
Tom Tushner
Greg Miller

Absent:

Keith Fishback
Dave Vanasche

Guests:

John Clausen
Howard Powell
Ingrid Powell
Denny Hruby

Welcome

Bill Ewers called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m. Wendy Mortensen motioned to approve the February minutes and Jim Burns seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Gravel Road Upgrades

Greg Clemmons reviewed the 8.68 miles of gravel road upgrades to be done this summer. Riedweg and Moreland roads are being done through the gravel road upgrade program, Summit Avenue will be an LID (Local Improvement District), and Dick Road is being done with a co-op where the neighbors pay the difference between the chip seal and paving costs. Sell and Turk roads are scheduled to be done with funding from a Community Development Block Grant, and 212th Place will be a test area for a two-shot chip seal, paid for by the property owners.

Chip Sealing

Prior to the meeting, a citizen approached Greg Clemmons regarding a short section (580') of very poor condition chip seal that has been in place for more than 20 years. It needs to be reverted and the citizen agrees. He asked if he could write a check for the cost of a new chip seal. Greg investigated and using the average cost of \$6.00 per sq. yd. (considering all of last year's projects). However, when just the very small projects (less than 1000 to 2000 feet) were looked at, Greg found that those costs are approximately \$12 to \$20 per sq. yd. He asked RROMAC what they felt we should charge the citizen. Gary Virgin motioned that the resident be charged the full expected cost. Ken Moyle seconded the motion. All were in favor.

MSTIP 4

Greg Miller reported that a recent survey shows the voters are not supportive of an additional tax to fund transportation projects. The plan is to spend the next year educating the public on transportation needs and how transportation is funded.

It was suggested that we partner with another organization and list specific projects. Gary Virgin suggested that the county be very specific on how we have benefited from prior MSTIP projects when educating the public. Hal Ballard suggested open houses, CPO meetings, civic organizations, clubs, etc. Ken Moyle suggested a larger event for educating (i.e., Transportation Forum). Greg also discussed the plan to increase the Transportation Impact Fee (TIF) that new development pays. Lanny Garland said that most people don't have a clue how the transportation system funding works. Education is important.

CPM Update

Joe Younkins shared a map of all capital projects for 2008. Banks/Sellers road – Banks Planning Commission approved 5-0. Gas station owner appealed to the City Council and they will meet in two weeks.

Gary Virgin applauded Joe's efforts in revisiting the Banks/Sellers road project.

Miscellaneous

Dave Schamp reviewed decreasing revenues from gas tax and increasing costs. He noted that most contracts now include escalation clauses.

Property owners from Boyd Road asked about eliminating the dust issue on their road. Greg Clemmons and the RROMAC group explained that dust abatement/treatment is available, and the LID and Co-op processes are options to upgrade their road.

Hal Ballard shared his feelings on bike boxes. He is not in favor of them.

Wendy Mortensen noted that roadside littering is an increasing problem.

The Volunteer Recognition event invitations were handed out to committee members. The event will be held on April 17.

Wendy Mortensen motioned to adjourn and Lanny Garland seconded the motion.

Next Month

CPM Update
Traffic Engineering Update
Gravel Road Upgrades
Criminal Mischief Discussion