



**RROMAC MEETING MINUTES**

**May 15, 2008**

Members:

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

Staff:

Dave Schamp  
Greg Clemmons  
Keith Lewis  
Victoria Saager  
Todd Watkins  
Dave Schultz  
Tom Tushner

Absent:

Eldon Jossi  
Dave Vanasche

Guests:

Denny Hruby  
Ken Buelt

**Welcome**

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

Bill Ewers introduced Ruthie Rinert and Cherie Prochaska from the Washington County Visitor's Association along with Aaron Gimba from the Oregon Sports Authority. The group presented a preliminary plan to hold an Ironman competition in Washington County in September 2009. The goal is to bring sporting events to Oregon and revenue to Washington County businesses. They are in the process of preparing the bid and are seeking support from RROMAC. RROMAC agreed to support the endeavor and also asked them to present the idea to the Washington County Farm Bureau for their support. This event will include some lane closures and some road closures on a Saturday. Dave Schamp asked them to return to RROMAC with their approved plans and they have agreed to do so.

**Gravel Road Upgrades**

Gravel road upgrades are moving forward. We are rocking roads and getting them ready. Lanny Garland discussed the difficulty they have had getting salary information from the residents of Sell and Turk roads.

We are working to remove weight limits on several roads. Pihl and Woollen roads will be looked at first and then others (i.e. Logie Trail, etc.). We will remove limits on roads that can tolerate the loads.

Guest, Ken Buelt presented his concerns about reverting a section of Milne Road due to heavy dust issues. Mr. Buelt requested additional time to try and get some help with the cost of chip

sealing from his neighbors and possibly the mill in North Plains. Greg Clemmons agreed to contact the mill.

### **Traffic Update**

Tom Tushner updated the group on several issues from last month's meeting - two signals were transferred to Hillsboro with flashing yellow turn signals; Mt. Home and Seiffert roads are fixed; ODOT rail will not remove signs until rails are removed even if the rails are no longer in use. Traffic counts tracking traffic volumes and speeds are used for road project planning. Mounting multiple signs on one post creates problems with wind loading, posts would need to be too tall, too much information for the drivers to consume; and increases sign thefts for metal.

### **CPM Update**

Joe Younkins discussed the Martin/Cornelius Schefflin project. Work will begin this summer. The crews will work six, ten hour days in order to get the work done in 90 days. Emergency vehicles will be allowed through as well as school buses, local residents and agriculture equipment. Work will begin after July 4. Hwy 47 will be used as a detour route.

Questions were asked about the Scholls Ferry Bridge opening. The bridge will open when the water level drops. The old bridge will not come out until at least July.

### **Bicycle Issues**

The group discussed RROMAC's role in educating the public on bicycle safety. The group discussed licensing for bicyclists. Hal will pursue getting the County identified as "bicyclist friendly"; boaters have "Boaters Education Cards". Hal offered to draft a statement for RROMAC relating to the need for education.

### **Miscellaneous**

Dave Schultz, Maintenance Planning Manager, discussed work program handouts. Todd Watkins, Sr. Engineer, discussed weight limiting South Road Bridge due to scour. Barrows Road Bridge will be closed.

Keith Fishback motioned to adjourn the meeting and Wendy Mortensen seconded the motion.

### **Next Month**

CPM Update  
Traffic Engineering Update  
Gravel Road Upgrades  
Roadside Litter