



Roads Advisory Committee (RAC)

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BENTON COUNTY ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) February 19, 2019

Avery Large Conference Room

360 SW Avery Ave., Corvallis, Oregon

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm by Chuck Kratch.

Members Present: Dennis Jordan, Chuck Kratch and George Long

Members Absent: Kenny Reynolds

Guests: John Huestis, ODOT; Martin Harding, Keith Hastings, Rick Robinson and John Wood

Staff Present: Kathy Goss (Recorder), George Looney, Gary Stockhoff and Jim Stouder

I. Public Input: John Wood

- Railroad Crossing at SW Reservoir and West Hills Rd (by Consumers Power): it is getting worse. Jim agreed and said no money had been budgeted, but it could be ground down.
- Need a turning lane at 53rd and Reservoir – when will that be done? **ACTION ITEM:** Will request Laurel Byer (County Engineer) to follow up on this.

II. Approval of September 18, 2018 Minutes: Dennis moved to accept the September Minutes; George seconded. Motion carried.

III. Approval of November 20, 2018 Minutes: Dennis moved to accept the November Minutes; George seconded. Motion carried.

IV. ODOT Region 2 (Willamette Valley and North Coast) Update: John Huestis, is the new Area 4 Manager. He has been with ODOT for 4 years; previously working in Area 2. His focus is on the Engineering and Construction side of issues rather than Maintenance. He brought a set of handouts to answer the questions Chuck Kratch, Chair sent to him.

- Van Buren Bridge has been outsourced to a consulting firm – Oregon Bridge Engineering Company (OBEC). ODOT doesn't not have a desire to keep the old bridge, but have not found anyone else who is interested in it. The existing bridge will be kept in place while the new bridge is under construction. Construction is planned to begin in 2022 with a two year construction period.
- Highway 34 Center Dividers and Columbus Intersection Projects: These have all been completed.
- US-20 from Philomath to Albany:
 - Philomath Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project: Will include pavement reconstruction and curb, gutter, sidewalk, pedestrian crossing and bikeway upgrades. The project is a mix of ODOT and City Urban Renewal funding.

- US 20: Safety Upgrades – Albany to Corvallis: Looking at 2021 because of environmental concerns, moving septic tanks, etc.
- Corvallis to Albany Trail – Scenic Drive to Springhill: Construction is scheduled for 2020.
- Pioneer Mount to Eddyville Project: In the monitoring phase which is a five year requirement.
- US 20 – Sheep Creek Slides: Two projects are in the design phase to address the slides.
- I-5 Improvements from Albany to Salem:
 - Viewcrest Drive: Two auxiliary lanes between Santiam and Knox Butte interchanges, a new southbound on-ramp at Knox Butte and an extension of the northbound on-ramp at Knox Butte. Currently, no construction funding is available but ODOT is exploring possibilities.
 - Kuebler Blvd. to Delaney Road Widening: Adding another lane in both directions on I-5.
 - Delaney Rd. to Albany: Widening to three lanes in each direction to Hwy. 34
- Millersburg Truck to Rail Facility: Going before the Commissioners on Thursday, Feb. 21st.
- ADT's for US 20 (Corvallis to Albany): The data is included in the handouts.
- US 20 Accident History: Charts are included in the handouts.
- US 20 Bridge crossing the Willamette River between Millersburg and North Albany: An analysis showed an insufficient benefit in travel times as compared to the cost.
- US 20 Springhill Drive Intersection (super-elevation grade removal, possible additional left turn lane, redirection of current heavy truck traffic): See handout
- US 20 Maintenance Costs (ODOT vs FHWA): All costs within the last 10 years were paid out of state funded maintenance, no federal money was used.
- Hwy 99W - Planned Projects from Monmouth to Monroe:
 - Monmouth to Elliott Road Paving (Phase 2) from Mountain View Creek Bridge to Elks Drive
 - Corvallis Stormwater System (see handout)
 - Mary's River – Crystal Lake Multi-use Path routing bikes and pedestrians off 99W
- Region 2 – Positive Effects of Gas Tax Increase (HB 2017): See handout

V. New Business

- Engineering and Survey Monthly Activity Report: Gary Stockhoff reviewed the report.
 - Two proposals were received last week for the Hubbard Bridge.
 - The TSP was approved today by the BOC.
 - STIF Money: Benton County received \$600,000 for the first year.
 - Dial-a-Bus may be moving from the Sunset building this year.
- Road Dept. Work Program Update: Jim had to leave early, so will give an update next month.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Chuck would like Jim to send him an email providing a summary of what has been done the last three months. He would also like to see Jim's plan for this summer.
- Rick said Knife River has gone up in price \$1 - \$2 per ton of rock; so has Green & White. He is very concerned about Knife River running out of rock and moving to another location.
- Financial Update: George Looney
 - A preliminary budget has been submitted. The first conversation with Finance will be tomorrow.
 - General Revenue will be increasing by \$5 million; requisitions are increasing by \$10 million.
 - Road Dept. is asking for \$500,000 to be used for multi-use path maintenance rather than the \$750,000 received in the past. Road funds can't be used for multi-use paths.
 - A question was asked about the 1% gas tax. It is for paths that are on the road right-of-way; not off-road paths.
 - The Roads Dept. has added 2 FTEs for the next budget period. Jim likes to bring someone in during the winter and have them trained by summertime.
 - Jim will return to work for two months this summer after he retires.

- Proposed Projects are:
 - Skunk Creek Culvert
 - Starr Creek
 - Springhill Overlay (over \$600,000)
 - 15th St. in Philomath
 - AAMPO Project on Springhill
 - Bull Ridge Bridge Replacement
 - Overlay on 53rd Street
- Laurel Byer's staffing is currently down by two Engineering Associates and one Survey Tech.
- Chuck is disappointed the RAC Committee didn't receive a copy of the preliminary budget. Gary apologized and said he was unaware it was done in the past.
- Other: Update on New Committee
 - Will probably combine Roads Advisory and Bicycle Advisory to the new "Transportation and Mobility Committee.
 - Vance Croney, County Counsel will be creating new by-laws for all the committees.
 - A new Purpose Statement will also be created. Gary will need help from RAC with this.
 - Terms will be the same – three years.
 - Will probably be quarterly meetings rather than monthly.
 - John Wood was on the RAC committee for 10 years, and said it would be impossible to get things done on a quarterly basis and combining committees.

VI. Next Meeting: March 19th – Discuss Purpose Statement

VII. Adjournment at 4:59 pm.