



Roads Advisory Committee (RAC)

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BENTON COUNTY ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) February 20, 2018

Avery Large Conference Room

360 SW Avery Ave., Corvallis, Oregon

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

Members Present: Ken Dryden, Ed Gerding, Keith Hastings, Chuck Kratch, George Long, Kenny Reynolds and Rick Robinson

Members Absent: John Luna

Guests: Frannie Brindle - ODOT, Anne Schuster – Commissioner, and Martin Harding

Staff Present: Laurel Byer, Kathy Goss (Recorder), Joe Kerby, George Looney and Jim Stouder

- I. Approval of January 16, 2017 Minutes: KHastings moved to accept the revised January Minutes; EGerding seconded. Motion carried.
- II. ODOT Region 2 Update: Frannie Brindle
 - Prior to the meeting, CKratch provided a list of requested updates and the current status of projects to Frannie. She addressed each of the concerns.
 - Replacement of Van Buren Bridge
 - Improvements on Hwy. 34 east and west of I-5
 - Improvements on Hwy. 20 from Philomath to Albany
 - Summary of the Eddyville Project
 - Cost and completion date of the slide area near Newport
 - Review of the slide area at Sheep Creek
 - Improvements from Albany to Salem on I-5
 - ODOT's plan regarding proposed Millersburg truck-to-rail plans
 - A short video of cable barriers on I-5
 - Report of accidents on Hwy. 20 between Corvallis and Albany
 - Future plans for the two bridges on Hwy. 20 in Albany
 - Discussion of Hwy. 20 and Springhill intersection
 - Explanation of how ODOT and the Federal Government share maintenance and improvement costs of Hwy. 20
 - Frannie provided handouts on the following:
 - Hwy. 20 Corvallis to Albany Safety Upgrades
 - Hwy. 20 Safety Study
 - Kuebler Blvd. to Delaney Road Widening on I-5
 - Frannie will request a staff member from ODOT's bridge department to attend a future meeting with updates.
- III. SW 53rd Overpass Status:

- CKratch and EGerding met with the Commissioners. This Committee is not in favor of spending that much money on one project when other roads need to be improved. CKratch asked each member to express their opinion. Consensus: they are in favor of the project but are not happy with the cost.
- Is it possible to do an at-grade crossing improvement? ODOT Rail does not want to do at-grade crossing improvements due to the high risk of accidents. It is very difficult to get an at-grade crossing approved. An application has to be filed and reviewed. Then, it is forwarded to the railroad. This is a time consuming process with little hope of receiving an approval.
- Frannie suggested inviting a staff member from ODOT Rail to be a speaker at a future meeting.
- Is it possible to realign Dunawi Creek? Only if the County is able to receive State and Federal approval.
- Would the rail company be willing to update their trestle? Not likely because Union Pacific owns the trestle but Western Pacific runs the trains.
- Will the ideas presented at this Committee meeting be useful to review with the overall design? LByer reminded the Committee that the TSP is currently working on projects including this one and their priority level.

IV. Election of 2018 Officers

- Motion: EGerding nominated CKratch to continue as Chair; KReynolds seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Old Business:

- 2018 RAC Plan: LByer suggested meeting with CKratch to review the 2017 Plan and update it.
- Recommend inviting Lee Lazaro in April or May to discuss the Amtrak regional transit service.
- Engineering Monthly Activity Report: LByer reviewed the report.
- Agency Reports: LByer reviewed the report.

VI. New Business:

- Update on Public Works Director: Currently Human Resources is doing an internal review of the candidates. Approximately 27 applications were received.
- Fred Gomez's position has been advertised and closes on February 25th.
- Avery Facility Status: Plan is to move into the new portion of the building at the end of March.

V. Next Meeting: **April 17, 2018 (no meeting in March).**

VI. Adjournment at 5:34 pm.