



# Roads Advisory Committee (RAC)

## MINUTES

### BENTON COUNTY ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC) August 21, 2018

#### Avery Large Conference Room

360 SW Avery Ave., Corvallis, Oregon

Meeting called to order at 3:02 pm by Chuck Kratch.

**Members Present:** Ed Gerding, Keith Hastings, Chuck Kratch, George Long and John Luna

**Members Absent:** Ken Dryden (resigned), Kenny Reynolds and Rick Robinson

**Guests:** Lee Lazaro, Public Transportation Coordinator

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

- I. Approval of May 15, 2018 Minutes: EGerding moved to accept the May Minutes; CKratch seconded. Motion carried.
- II. Approval of June 26, 2018 Minutes: EGerding moved to accept the June Minutes; CKratch seconded. Motion carried.
- III. New Business
  - HB 2017: State Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) - Public Transit Program. Lee Lazaro shared a PowerPoint presentation which included:
    - It is being funded by the new employee tax revenues.
    - Purposes:
      - To finance investments and improvements in public transportation.
      - Intended to expand public transportation services in Oregon.
      - Flexible statewide funds are intended for all forms of transit.
    - Areas of Emphasis:
      - Improve transit service to low-income households
      - Improve frequency and reliability of service within and between communities
      - Improve coordination between transit providers
      - Provide student transit services for grades 9-12 (after school activities such as athletics, arts, field trips, etc.)
    - FY 2019 partial year estimates are as follows: \$674,000; FY 2020 - \$1,531,000; FY 2021 - \$1,732,000. This is dependent on funds collected by the employee tax.
    - There are three key tasks for Benton County:
      1. Appoint local STIF Advisory Committee (done)
      2. Develop a methodology for distribution of funds within the County; to be recommended by the STIF Advisory Committee and adopted by the Board of Commissioners.
      3. Develop the local STIF plan for submittal to ODOT; to also be recommended by the STIF Advisory Committee and adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

- Some unmet needs include Alsea and Monroe for shopping trips etc.
- Staff includes Lee and a part time assistant. Lee works for Corvallis Transit Program and the County contracts with the City for this service.
- Engineering Monthly Activity Report: LByer reviewed the report.
  - CKratch asked about the Infrastructure Wish List Projects. It was determined to put it in a holding pattern for now.
- Agency Reports: LByer said all the Agency meetings had been cancelled, so no updates are available.
- TSP Update: LByer skimmed through a PowerPoint presentation that has been shared at the recent Community Transportation Workshops. All the information is on-line if further details are needed.
  - The plan is currently in the "Evaluation" period and is moving toward the "Recommended and Adopt" period.
  - A handout entitled "Proposed Priority Projects" lists those that are currently identified in the TSP.
  - Survey comments are still on the website; LByer will send out a reminder before it closes.
- Road Report: JStouder reviewed some of the details in the 2018 Road Division Plan
  - Chip Seal: A new method was used this year to put a running surface on the road. Circle and Conifer were chip sealed and it went well. ODOT cancelled their chip seals because they bought their own chip spreader and are using a crew from Eastern Oregon.
  - Fog Seals: A new method was used this year to help stabilize the road until a chip seal can be done. Completed all projects in July, rather than spreading it out to September.
  - Starr Creek: It has been a challenge for Engineering. The BLM is involved, so are only doing half the road this year.
  - Striping Truck: Is currently being used in Lincoln County for about three weeks. There is a new undercarriage on the truck. The new crew has been doing a great job.
  - Alpine Cutoff: Was used as a test and training for painting; which went well. Went back and fog sealed it and then painted again. Received a few phone calls asking why it was painted first.
  - Dust control: County uses two products because it increases the competition between the contractors to provide better products. Earthbind worked great the first year, but Crop Production stepped up and provided a better Lignin product this year.
- Membership: Ken Dryden resigned. We will invite him to come back in the winter to make a presentation when he is not so busy. Dennis Jordan, a new member, will be here next month.

IV. Next Meeting: September 18, 2018 at 3:00 pm to discuss HB 2017 Road Funding

V. Roads Tour: October 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am – 2:30 pm. Part of the tour will include Priest Rd. which was ground up and fog sealed.

VI. Adjournment at 5:45 pm.