



Roads Advisory Committee (RAC)

MINUTES

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

Avery Large Conference Room

360 SW Avery Ave., Corvallis, Oregon

Meeting called to order at 3:04 pm by Chuck Kratch.

Members Present: Ed Gerding and Chuck Kratch

Members Absent: Keith Hastings, Dennis Jordan, George Long, John Luna, Kenny Reynolds and Rick Robinson

Guests: Mike Clark who lives on Oak Creek Rd.

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

I. Public Input:

- Mike has lived on Oak Creek Rd. (close to the first S curve) for about 1.5 years. He is a cyclist and is concerned about the speed limit. He thinks 50 mph is too high especially with additional people moving in up there.
- Cars are speeding through 53rd Street. It is difficult for him to come out of his driveway safely.
- Further up the road at another S curve, the speed limit changes to 35 mph. He would like the speed limit at the intersection to be changed to 35 mph.
- Laurel will review the last reading done for the intersection. She is willing to meet with ODOT to see if they will agree to change the speed limit. ODOT controls the speed limits for the state, counties and cities.
- Question: If the County changes the speed limit without ODOT's approval and someone receives a ticket, will it be thrown out. Answer: Yes
- Laurel said the County has done a study from Cardwell Hill to the end of Oak Creek and plan to ask ODOT for a reduced speed limit.
- Laurel will hopefully look into it within the next few months,
- **ACTION ITEM:** Kathy will create a Service Request for Laurel to review.

II. Approval of September 18, 2018 Minutes: Since a quorum wasn't present, will wait until next month to approve the minutes.

III. New Business

- Engineering Monthly Activity Report: Laurel Byer reviewed the report.
 - Starr Creek is all "buttoned up" for the winter.
 - Oak Creek Bridge: The project was put on hold when Fred Gomez left, but now Mike Johnson is working on it. Jim Stouder and Mike met with the property owner who was very receptive to widening the bridge.

- Federal Funds for Bridges: Jim took ODOT personnel on a tour. They scoped it at twice the cost of our projected cost. They came back and reduced it to 1.5%. The County will find out in March if the projects will be funded.
 - Bellfountain Rd. Culverts: Project was pushed out to 2020 or 2021 because of wetland delineations.
 - Safe Routes to School: Will hear from ODOT in Jan. or Feb. 2019.
- 2019 Potential Road Schedule: Jim Stouder
 - Chip seals will be done in Area 2. Shannon Dr., Kouns Dr. and Nebergall are all in about the same shape as Priest Road, so they are questionable.
 - Fog seals: Will do a section of Corvallis and Alpine. Trying to stabilize Diamond, Raintree and Sisters. Springhill is not on the schedule but it may be the variable that causes some of the other projects to be delayed.
 - Ed asked about the curves on Peterson from Ervin to Airport. Will there be prep this fall for stabilization next year? John Luna had requested repair to the curves. Laurel drew up a design and cost and gave it to John. Jim said one mile of Airport and Sexton will be the first two roads to be stabilized. Those roads will give Jim the information he wants because there are lots of variations on the road. Peterson Rd. might have been on a wish list, but not on the plan to do it. Ed said those concerned about Peterson will not be happy because so much attention is being given to Airport. The \$600,000 projected cost for the Peterson curves was not specifically set aside for Peterson. The money for the projects on this project work sheet is in the current budget.
 - There are no overlays on this project work sheet. Springhill's overlay will be AAMPO money.
- Agency Reports: Gary Stockhoff reported AAMPO and CAMPO are working through the transit money implementation. Philomath, Adair Village and Corvallis are eligible for funds that come to the County. They are also reviewing subjects to be discussed at next year's State Legislature.
- TSP Update: Laurel Byer
 - The draft TSP is on the website.
 - The Technical Advisory Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 27th at 9:00 am.
 - The work session with the Commissioners is on Dec. 4th in the morning and with the Planning Commission that evening.
 - Adoption will be at the February 5th meeting with the Commissioners.
 - Adair and Monroe also have TSPs.
- Financial Update: George Looney gave a handout for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018.
 - Operating Grants: The state highway money is starting to come in.
 - Personnel costs were lower because Gary wasn't hired as the Public Works Dir. until June.
 - Engineering: Revenues are down because personnel is down.
 - Road Maintenance: Less money came in for capital grants, so fewer supplies were purchased. Personnel is also down.
 - Bottom Line: The County has \$455,000 more than what we budgeted. This is due to being down in personnel and receiving additional money from HB 217.
 - Future projects of Gibson Hill, Springhill and Hubbard Bridge are big ticket items.
 - PERS: There will be changes made, possibly similar to a 401K plan, but it will be a long time into the future.

- Update on Review of Advisory Committees: Gary Stockhoff
 - Vance Croney, County Counsel will be talking with the Commissioners soon about his recommendations. They may wait until January when Pat Malone, the new Commissioner will be on board before they determine the outcome of Vance's recommendations.
 - For this Committee, those members with terms ending December 31, 2018 will not be renewed. Ed, Keith, Rick and John are the current members whose term ends this year.
 - County Counsel also determined a quorum for the RAC is who shows up, so not filling the vacancies now doesn't impact the ability to meet.
 - December's meeting will be a reception thanking the members who have served. It will be about an hour long and refreshments will be served. Outgoing members should be encouraged to continue attending the meetings.
 - Ed asked "Why not say "the Committee is dead" rather than the way they are doing it. The Commissioners have not asked the Committee for any recommendations in the past few years. The information they bring to the Committee is great. If the Board could be better at getting the information to everyone that would be great."
 - Gary said the Committee will probably expand to include other modes of transportation such as bicycles and transit, but the BOC will ultimately decide that.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Kathy will send out a poll with a couple of dates for the December meeting.

- Road Tour Feedback:
 - Chuck: Didn't feel gratified, but was given what he asked for; the tour looked more at future projects. There were lots of questions about the roundabout. He would like to see attendees change seats more often.
 - Ed: The tour showed the good things we have done and what is planned for the future. It is good to let them see why we need to improve the roads.
 - George: Would be very surprised if the Road Tour would go away because it gives the Commissioners an opportunity to see what has been done.
 - Jim: The tour has been done for a number of years, but continues to have at least 20 people attend.

- Future Meetings:
 - Average Daily Traffic (ADT) reports
 - Pavement Condition Index (PCI)
 - New ODOT Manager for February Meeting
 - David Dowrie from the Budget Committee

IV. Next Meeting: December 18, 2018

V. Adjournment at 5:04 pm.