

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (C.R.A.C.)

DATE: March 12, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bob Reed, Curt Schonbrod, Bill Howard, Marlin Clark, Larry Kiser, Jack Brooks, Ray Robinson

STAFF: Pat Oakes and Bob Willhite/Interim Management, Commissioners Tim Josi and Paul Hanneman,

ITEM 1 REVIEW AGENDA: Meeting called to order at 3:00pm. Bob Reed added Item 2a: Mark Gervasi, City Manager on the alternate truck route, Item 2b: Presentation by the Consultants on the Tillamook Transportation System Plan and Burden's Towing on Abandoned Vehicles.

ITEM 2 REVIEW MINUTES: Jack Brooks moved to accept the minutes of February 12, 2001 as written, Bill Howard seconded, unanimously approved.

ITEM 2a: Mark Gervasi stated that the city was awarded a \$1M grant through ODOT's Street Network fund to look at an alternate truck routes into the city limits for access into the Mill. The project needs to be completed by November 2002.

ITEM 2b: Larry Lewis of Triland Design Group and Howard Stein of CTS Engineers stated that this would be a county-wide transportation plan that would address transportation issues and identify projects over the next 20 years. It is a state mandated project that counties with a 2500+ population are required to prepare a transportation system plan. All transportation issues would be addressed. George Plummer said that the Department of Community Development took the lead on this project because it covers long-range planning issues covering all aspects of transportation not only roads. Likelihood of funding would be higher if this study is done. Larry and Howard stated that road alignment, passing lanes, identification of hazardous intersections were just some of the road issues that would be addressed on all county and state roads. The City is pursuing getting a grant to do a Transportation System Plan (TSP). Any suggestions would be welcomed.

ITEM 3 ROAD DEPARTMENT STATUS: Bob said that repairs are being done on BayOcean Dike Road and a portion of Foss Road that is being turned back to gravel. Pat said that the public meeting held March 10 on Cascade Trace Bridge project was very productive. Sandlake-Galloway right-of-way acquisitions have started, the consultant for the Miami-Foley Slide Repair completed the specs to allow traffic during the day and will let out for bid in April, the detour specs was paid by the Road Department. Pat also mentioned that rock use has gone up because of present road conditions which would be brought up in the budget discussion.

ITEM 4 PAVING PRIORITY LIST - PAT OAKES/BOB WILLHITE: Pat and Bob explained that the paving list is based on the available monies in the budget, which is 3600 tons. Also indicated is what would be achieved if extra money were available. This is based on the priority guidelines recommended by the County Roads Advisory Committee.

ITEM 5 BUDGET 2001-2002 - PAT OAKES: Pat said that although his intent was to present the budget to CRAC before being submitted to the Budget Committee, he could not because it was asked for prior to the meeting. He added that changes could be made and he indicated that no policy revisions were made except for cost increases. Pat went through the budget, explaining that the spreadsheets were formatted by the Treasurer's office. The excess monies that came from the change in staffing would go to the purchase of rock, which is approximately \$19,000. The two possible additional revenue sources that could unfold would be O&C Funds of \$288,000 if the BOC made the recommendation and a fuel gas tax which did not look promising. The congressional safety net funding of \$442,000 although it was recommended by the CRAC to put it towards overlay was used instead to balance the budget. Pat mentioned that the only flexible areas were contingency and paving, the other line items have no flexibility. Items that were affected in the budget includes:

- | Pavement Condition Index study not being done
- | Traffic Counters equipment not being purchased
- | Reduction of Paving
- | The contingency available is not enough to fund a catastrophe.

Bob Reed asked Commissioners Tim Josi and Paul Hanneman to give consideration to the Road Department's "Wish List" when additional monies are being allotted from the General Fund. The committee discussed items included in the "wish list".

Pat stated that he is not sure what the time lines for budget presentation would be but he expected it to be around the middle of April. Bob Reed advised members to be present at the Budget Committee presentation so that they can pitch for additional General Fund monies.

Bill Howard said that he would like to thank Pat Oakes and Bob Willhite for their work on the budget. Bob Reed seconded that.

Jack Brooks motioned to accept the budget with minor revisions and to switch \$19,000 from contingency to aggregate, Marlin seconded, unanimously approved.

Larry Kiser expressed his concern over the public outcry of less paving being budgeted. Larry suggested that the public be informed so that they could lobby for additional monies for paving. Pat said he is not sure that it is appropriate right now because the budget may not be accepted as written. He would check with the Commissioners to see if they would be receptive to a news release.

ITEM 6 STATUS OF SELECTION OF PW'S DIRECTOR: Commissioners Paul Hanneman and Tim Josi announced that Aaron Suko, a Civil Engineer who is currently employed by HLB accepted the position of Public Works Director beginning April 2, 2001. His resume is posted on HLB's website should anyone be interested.

ITEM 7 TRAFFIC SAFETY MEETING REPORT: The next Traffic Safety meeting is on March 13, 2001 at 12pm. The emergency call boxes project is ongoing,

flashing warning signs for Highway information the input is still in question, restrooms project tentatively to be positioned by the Jones Creek Campground.

ITEM 8 PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob suggested that any road issues that the committee members have should be addressed to the TSP Consultants. Burden's is not present to explain the abandoned vehicles issue so the item is postponed.

ITEM 9 NEXT MEETING, DATE AND AGENDA: The next meeting is scheduled for 3:00pm on April 09, 2001 at the BOC Conference Room.

ITEM 10 ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 5:02pm.