

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CRAC)

DATE: September 17, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bob Reed, Vice-Chair Curt Schonbrod, Marlin Clark, Ray Robinson, Ray Streeter, Larry Kiser, Gloria Gass and Jack Brooks.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Howard

STAFF: Aaron Suko/PW Director, Pat Oakes/Engineering Project Supervisor, Tim Josi, and County Commissioner

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood

Item 1 Call meeting to order, review agenda: Meeting called to order at 3:00pm.

Item 2 Review minutes of 7-16-01: Jack Brooks motioned to accept the minutes as written, Ray Robinson seconded, unanimously approved.

Item 3 Fair Booth Report: Pat said that thirty-five written comments were received and were addressed. Pat passed around the breakdown of the comments. Aaron thanked the CRAC members for volunteering their time to man the booths. Bob Reed said that one of the comments were "very good booth, lots of information, nothing like it in the Clackamas County Fair". He said it was rewarding to hear that our efforts had been recognized and appreciated.

Item 4 Tillamook County Traffic Safety Commission Status and Report: Bob said that the commission met September 11, 2001. Aaron reviewed current projects. The T.S. Commission did not schedule further meetings citing lack of a funding source. A workshop was held with the Commissioners where it was relayed to them that the O.D.O.T. funding would expire at the end of September. The Health Department is willing to take it over for a couple of months but another funding source needs to be sought. Aaron recalled that the CRAC members agreed it would be beyond their scope to take on T.S. Commission functions, i.e. education, training, law enforcement and the state, city, and county road issues that they deal with. Members discussed the future of the commission. There are a few grant sources that are only available to county's that has a T.S. Commission. Nancy Emerson in seeking continuance of T.S. is planning on writing asking for support from the different agencies.

Item 5 Road Department Status:

- a. Review of this summer's Paving Program:** Aaron distributed the 8,000 ton paving list that was recommended by the CRAC members earlier. He indicated that there are a few patch jobs that are still being done. Discussed the cost savings on having an asphalt plant or purchasing from local suppliers. Aaron said with the small manpower and the uncertainty of the paving program it would not have been feasible to keep on operating an asphalt plant. Marlin said that he appreciated Commissioner Josi's effort to obtain monies, but he advises that there should be a

contingency for emergencies. Aaron said there is a Budgeted contingency of \$122,830 and also with the carry over from the last Budget, an emergency situation could be dealt with, and bearing in mind that other projects would suffer. Marlin said that he was concerned that only 20% of the budget were being expanded on paving and other maintenance activities. He also is very concerned about having to hire consultants hired for the projects, which cost too much money. He suggested that the county look at other ways to supplement its income.

- b. Sanding Shed Completed:** Aaron reported that in partnership with ODOT a sanding shed was completed, and the material is now in the shed. ODOT purchased the sanding rock, and the materials for the shed. Tillamook County provided the site and built the shed. The sanding shed was required to control the rock moisture.

Item 6 Project Discussion:

- a. Miami Foley Road Slide Repair:** This is an emergency relief project that was completed late August 2001.
- b. Cascade Trace Bridge:** The project is to be let out for bid in the spring. The county's match is 10% of the project, 10% is state and 80% is federal bridge project monies.
- c. Sandlake-Galloway Road:** Specifications to be completed in the fall. Bid and contract selection to be done in early spring. Right of way acquisitions have to be completed by the month of October, and if not, condemnation process would have to be started. Marty Peterson, the ODOT Right-of-Way agent has not done any condemnations in the 15 years she has worked for ODOT, she has been able to negotiate all purchases.
- d. Laneda Road Improvement Project:** No updates at this time. Additional revenue sources are still being researched. Aaron said that he hopes to draw up an intergovernmental agreement that outlines the scope of the project with the city, and also who would be responsible for portions of the project in terms of commitment. Larry Kiser said that the citizens assume that the county has to bring the road up to city standards i.e. pavement, drainage etc., and this could be an issue with secession from the county being discussed. Bob Reed stated that this committee is looking at all avenues to fund this project. Commissioner Josi said that if the Board could find a way to pay for this project, it would be done. Larry said that Aaron's willingness to come up with a solution is a positive move.
- e. Slab Creek Road upgrade:** Aaron said a project application was submitted to upgrade the road in conjunction with Lincoln County and the Forest Service who maintain portions of the road. This is a cooperative grant application effort.
- f. Project Submittal for the 2001 Oregon Transportation Investment Act (HB 2142):** This was generated by the passing of HB 2142 which is a bond fund that is expected to garner \$400M available for the next three biennium budget years. They are interested in getting a list of projects generated by early 2002 to the Area Commission on Transportation of load rated bridges, pavement preservation projects on district highways, and modernization projects that involve additional capacity. Two bridges have been submitted for approval - Blaser and Earl Bridges. A preliminary submission has been done for the modernization portion in conjunction with local city officials and ACTS members, which is the

intersection on Wilson River Loop and ORS6 and Long Prairie Road and Hwy 101.

g. Community Paving Projects:

Alder Street, Oceanside: This is a \$20,000 estimated Community Paving project. The road has to be widened in some upper areas and a re-configuration of the intersection where it meets the existing paved road. Alder Street resident Ed Gorzynski is dealing with the owners, and the Road Department has brushed the area and started design of the project. Tim Josi said that the representative confirmed that \$10,000 has been raised so far, and at the staff meeting this morning reiterated that with the understanding that the rest of the money be raised, the Road Department could proceed with the design work. Bob Reed reminded the committee that though the representative is coming up with 50% of the estimated cost which is commendable, the policy said that it would be a 40%-60% split with the county being responsible for 40%. Curt Schonbrod said that there was some discretionary language in the policy that allows this change.

Beach Crest Drive, Neskowin: This was a direct result from a question raised at the Fair. Aaron made contact with the party and the project is feasible as a Community Paving agreement project from the county road department's perspective.

Item 7 Discussion of Coastal Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation proposal to upgrade Hwy 101 from a National Scenic Byway status to an All American Road status: Aaron explained that it was an agenda item because the Coastal Policy Advisory Committee was seeking input as to whether ODOT should seek an All American Road status. Tim Josi mentioned that the Board is split at this time with the deciding vote not cast yet. The issue is that it may increase congestion, but the changing status would really not have an impact. Tim mentioned that Lincoln County supported this status change. Over the long haul, the higher status would allow better funding to improve the road.

Item 8 Presentation of Utility Work in the Right-of-Way Policy: Pat asked that the presentation be postponed due to lack of a cable to the projector and lack of time. Members agreed that it could be postponed.

Item 9 Public Comment: Netarts boat launch area he thinks the speed limit is too excessive at 40 MPH. Pat said that ODOT review speed zones, and this will be sent to them for review. Larry Kiser suggested that a better warning system is needed for the new stop signs placed on Ocean and Nehalem Roads. Aaron said stop ahead signs and stop bars have been placed at the new stop signs. The traffic counts done there show that Beulah Reed had the highest amount of traffic. The stop sign at Beulah Reed did not encourage any of the citizens to stop. Tim Josi said that a citizen, Doris Galt who was very persistent, approached them, and requested a stop sign on Ocean. Dora Norwood recommended filling the potholes on Trask River Road instead of doing additional paving on Trask River Road especially around Mr. Moody house. She indicated that the portion that was paved just before SC Paving was a very nice job. Aaron defined that a pothole is a surface break that is getting into the base. There are places where a thin overlay was done that are breaking up, but these only effects the layer and not the base. Curt

mentioned that there is a bump by Wilk's mill that causes the log truckers to use both lanes.

Item 10 Next meeting, date and agenda: The next meeting is October 15, 2001 at the BOC conference room.

Item 11 Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5pm