

**TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CRAC)**

DATE: October 15, 2001

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

STAFF: Aaron Suko/PW Director, Pat Oakes/Engineering Project Supervisor, Bob Willhite/Operations Superintendent and Jeanette Steinbach/Recorder

GUESTS: Janet Trueblood/AFSCME 2734 President, Norm Myers/Appraiser

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood

**Item 1 Call meeting to order, review agenda:** Meeting called to order by Bob Reed at 3:05pm. No changes to the agenda.

**Item 2 Review minutes of 09-17-01:** Jack motioned to accept minutes as written, Gloria Gass seconded, unanimously approved.

**Item 3 Road Department Status:** Bob Willhite stated that the crews are working on some drainage projects and patching while the weather is still good. Weed spraying is currently being done. Bob mentioned that an employee in District 1 would be retiring at the end of November, and a replacement would be sought. Aaron mentioned he would proceed with promoting from within depending upon the level of skill and experience available and then recruit at a lower level depending what is needed. He reiterated that at this time there are 31 employees at the Road Department and in terms of the authorized budget the Road Department is up to strength. Bob Reed asked how bridge inspections were conducted. Pat said that there is a Bi-annual program through ODOT. All the bridges are inspected whether they are on or off the system by the same contractor ODOT's hires. The inspection results generate the prioritization list, which then can be used to apply for federal monies. The bridges that need special conditions or receive complaints are checked every year or as needed.

**Item 4 Oregon Transportation Investment Act Modernization project**

**Application from Tillamook County:** Overview of program given at last meeting. Prioritization of bridge renovation and pavement preservation, modernization projects are to be discussed at the ACT meeting in Seaside October 17, 2001. The types of projects that are competing in this area include to local bridges that have load limits posted and are in a condition coding that would indicate that they need work. The two bridges that come under this category are Blaser Bridge and Earl Bridge. These are to be evaluated by ODOT bridge section, League of Cities and Association of Counties and they will do the prioritization. The idea is to have a list of projects ready by February 2002 to compete for the \$400M transportation package. The preservation project list was limited to load limited local roads or roads that are part of the state highway system that service local areas. The local ODOT office put in for Hwy 131 and Hwy 130 (Little Nestucca Hwy). Hwy 131 rated higher on the list of priorities prepared by the North West Area Commission on Transportation. The Oregon Transportation Commission

is the agency, which will ultimately approve the priority lists. The two modernization projects submitted would build a grade-separated interchange at the intersection of Wilson River Loop and Highway 6 and construct additional lanes at the intersection of Highway 101 and Long Prairie Road. Pat Oakes noted that with HBRR projects the county match is gone up from 10% to 20%.

#### **Item 5 Project Discussion:**

**Cascade Trace Bridge:** Pat Oakes explained that Cascade Trace is subdivision off of Slab Creek Road. The bridge qualified for the HBRR program because it is a railcar sitting on log abutments with no load rating possible. The consultant is OTAK who is working with the county to develop plans. Bid letting scheduled for spring 2002.

**Sandlake-Galloway:** Road Right of way certification has been submitted to Federal Highway Administration for right of way acquired in Phase 1. Bid letting scheduled winter 2001. Phase 2 acquisition continues.

**Sandlake Road Slide:** Pat said he received notification from ODOT that the preliminary engineering cost share had not been paid by the county. He was not aware of this cost which is the reason that it was not budgeted. The county owes approximately \$34,000. Pat is not sure at this point where to obtain the monies to pay this amount, in all probability it would have to come out of the contingency fund.

**Slab Creek Road upgrade:** Aaron said that out of 36 projects that were submitted for the federal forest dollars, fifteen were dropped off including Slab Creek Road. The project had a low traffic volume and a low percentage of forest products carrying trucks, which probably was the decisive factor in it being dropped. Aaron said that we would need to find another grant source if that road is to be improved.

**Community Paving Projects: Alder Street, Oceanside:** Aaron said that BOC signed the agreement for the community paving project. The road department started the design process, which would modify the intersection of Cape Meares Loop Road and Alder Street. The earthwork and paving is dependent on the weather.

**Beach Crest Drive, Neskowin:** Aaron said that the road department has a request to provide an estimate to a group who is requesting a community-paving project.

**6. Presentation of Road Vacation Policy (mini slides attachment in file for the record):** Pat handed out the hard copy of the presentation. He explained and illustrated with the use of slides the road vacation process. Members received clarification from Pat on some of the addressed points. Based on Larry Kaiser's question on an issue of trees on the right-of-way, Pat said the trees belong to the adjacent property owners. Norm Myers said that some platted areas are not buildable or do not have utility access and could be considered for vacation. Before vacating a road some issues that need to be considered are - natural elements i.e. sand overtaking some of the road, drainage issues, utility easements, adjacent property owners concerns. Pat

said he has done two this year, but some years it has been as much as six.

**7. Public Comment:** Bob Willhite responded to Dora Norwood that the crew would be on Trask River Road to fix some of the potholes. Bob Reed asked if the quarterly budget meeting had been scheduled yet. Aaron said at this time there has not been a date set for a meeting. The accounting office is a bit behind with the reconciliation reports, which is what would be needed for a budget meeting. Janet Trueblood indicated that the budget meeting would be held next month. Bob Reed suggested a presentation to the committee on the status of the road department budget.

**8. Next meeting, date and agenda** Due to the holidays in November it was agreed by the members to have the next meeting December 3, 2001. Agenda to include budget update and a storm report.

**9. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm