

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

DATE: January 28, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bob Reed, Vice-Chair Curt Schonbrod, Bill Howard, Marlin Clark, Larry Kiser, and Gloria Gass

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ray Robinson, Jack Brooks and Ray Streeter

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

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood

1. **Call meeting to order, review agenda:** Meeting called to order at 3:05pm. No changes to the agenda.
2. **Review minutes of 12-03-01:** Bill Howard motioned to accept minutes as written, Marlin Clark seconded, unanimously approved.
3. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair:** Marlin motioned to have Bob Reed continue to be Chair and Curt Schonbrod, Vice Chair, Bill Howard seconded, unanimously approved.
4. **Road Department Status:** Aaron stated that he would like Bob to address the first items and Pat the remainder. Bob said that brushing and ditching are being accomplished. He mentioned that there have been four floods this winter, with the fourth having the most impact that resulted in some shoulders being washed out. This weekend the crews have been working to clear snow off the roads. Aaron said that there is a slide on Borba road that has not been repaired. Bayocean Road had a debris slide that has been cleared up. Cape Meares Loop is moving very slowly about 2-3 inches a week. Bob said that with all the floods and the freezing conditions the pavement is deteriorating further.
  1. **Resort Drive Shoulder Repair:** The project has been completed with six-foot shoulders. Aaron reminded the committee that this was a fifty-foot section at the edge of the road slide into the river.
  1. **Possetti Road:** Bob said that the third flood damaged the levee but and in the last flood another four-foot section of the levee slid out. As soon as the emergency permit process has been completed the levee would be repaired.
  1. **Alder Street - Improvements & Paving, Oceanside:** Bob said that the project is at a standstill. Aaron commented that the utility work still has to be completed before project can be resumed which would be entail establishing the road grade and paving.
  1. **Community Paving Projects:**

**Beach Crest Drive, Neskowin:** Pat said it is about 3 to 4 miles north of Neskowin. The residents want to pave 450' of which the citizen share is \$12,000 and county share is \$5,000.

**Stephen Avenue, Pacific City:** The cost for the citizens would be \$21,000 with the county's share being \$9,000. The

cost may change if the residents chose a different surface treatment option.

**Birch Street:** Will be accomplished as a continuation of the Alder Street project.

Gloria Gass asked how the process worked. Pat said that the Policy initially started with a 50% commitment by the county and CRAC modified the policy to state that 40% would be the county's cost for asphalt cost only. If it is in the window when preparing a budget then it is included in the process. An amount is set aside in the budget for CPA's. The BOC is briefed on all CPA projects. Bob Reed reminded the members that \$60,000 is allotted for this fiscal year. Gloria's concern was that roads with a limited amount of houses would take a share of county road funds. Pat said that the policy would have to be reviewed if there is a huge percentage of the funds going to CPA's.

## 5. Project Discussion

- | **Cascade Trace Bridge:** This is off Slab Creek Road. The project to let in the spring through ODOT.
- | **Sandlake Galloway Road:** Minor issues to be resolved on the last few R-O-W acquisitions. Federal Highway Administration is doing a final review of the bid documents, which will then be forwarded to their Legal office. The bid should be ready to be let by spring with the project to be completed in 1 to 1.5 years.
- | **Trask River Slide Stabilization:** This is the third consultant that has been involved with this project. The Federal Highway Administration is committed to completing this job after working out some jurisdictional issues with federal and state forest lands.
- | **Oregon Transportation Investment Act (OTIA) project status:** Aaron explained that this is the title that has been assigned to the house bill, which raised some vehicle registration fees for debt service to create bonding pool of \$400M for transportation preservation, modernization and bridge repair and replacement projects. The Blaser Bridge, submitted by the county, and improvements to Hwy 131 which was submitted by O.D.O.T. were projects approved for funding. The Blaser Bridge project should go to design after an intergovernmental agreement is signed with the Oregon Department of Transportation to handle the money and the reporting. The County would be responsible for the design contract, the bidding process and other contracts related to the project. Aaron suggested that if any of the members are interested in checking out ODOT projects in the Tillamook County area, an open house is planned for March 7 in conjunction with the ACT meeting and on February 7 in the Clatsop County Library.
- | **Pacific Heights Drainage, Larry Murray:** Aaron went through the history of PC Heights drainage issues. He reminded the committee that they had done an onsite visit in the summer of 2000. Aaron said that he met with Larry Murray who is having an accumulation of water under his house and through his garage wall, and feels that the county should be held responsible. He lives at the corner of Fisher and Lower Loop. This is an

old sub-division built in the 1960's with not much thought given to storm collection and distribution. Jon Oshel came up with a proposal that the county would pay 50% for storm drains and collection to route the water past Mr. Murray's property. Contact was made with property owners for easement rights, with only two positive answers, so the project was not initiated. Mr. Murray again this year approached the BOC for a solution to his problem. Aaron felt that part of the solution to Larry's problem would be for him to construct a foundation drain along his property to discharge water onto the street. In conversations with Murray and an onsite visit, Aaron feels that the ground is saturated which is forcing its way through the garage and under his house. BOC advised him not to put too much time into coming up with alternatives. Dora Norwood said that case law states that neighbors should not flood neighbor's property. Aaron said that Dora has a point. Aaron thinks that this may go to court, and is trying to gather all the facts dealing with this issue.

- | Aaron shared with the committee that Mr. Van Domelein has a situation off of Trask River Road. There is a natural drainage from the property above that comes on to his driveway. Mr. Van Domelein thinks that the county needs to come up with a solution.
- | **Street Standards @ Nedonna Beach, Larry Lauringer:** Aaron mentioned that Mr. Lauringer is negotiating with the City of Rockaway to put sewer lines in the older section. One of the conditions is to have the roads meet county road standards without being incorporated. Mr. Lauringer is scheduled to meet with Aaron and Pat for criteria.
- | **Rail crossing Improvements:** The Museum, ODOT Rail Safety and the City of Bay City have been working with the Rail crossing improvement to access the new Museum. ODOT wants the existing crossing at Warren Street either improved or closed. The new proposed entrance is off Alderbrook, and if Warren Street is not improved it will be used as an access. Aaron also mentioned that the RR crossing on Latimer may need to be addressed and 12<sup>th</sup> Street for visibility and safety in mind. Aaron said during the NW ACT meetings he has been trying to make them aware of the projects that Tillamook County needs to address. He added that Paul Hanneman is now the commissioner liaison to the NW ACT.

## 6. New Programs

- | **Forest Road Program:** Aaron handed out a list of roads that border State Forest Roads and are used for accessing timber harvests. Apparently there is an ORS that was initiated in the 1950's that forest areas should be economically managed and harvested, and products therefore transported to market only by use of certain public roads within the county. If the county cannot construct, improve, maintain so as to enable them to be safe and economical for use to harvest timber products, then a timber contractor who is willing to maintain a piece of road may be allowed to apply to be responsible for maintenance of that road. If other contractors needed to use the road then there is a mechanism that they could share costs. Aaron added that if the contractors wanted to access the road to log then they would have to maintain the road. Dora mentioned some drainage issues that involved a dam being compromised, and that cow manure from her property is going through Ed Grimes's property and onto CARE's property, which is draining

onto the river. Aaron asked for a recommendation from the CRAC to approach the State Forest. Larry Kiser made a motion to authorize Aaron to start discussions with Forestry in regards to the road listed in the handout; Marlin seconded, unanimously approved.

- | **Surface Treated Roads, Test Projects:** Aaron handed out a list of surface treated road test projects. He explained that since Commissioner Hurliman came into the office he has been interested in having the Road Department do Chip Seal AKA Bituminous Surface Treatment. This stabilizes the rock to provide a smoother-wearing surface on gravel road, which would cut down on maintenance. It would take 2-4 layers, intermingled with rock chips. It is cheaper per mile than pavement overlay, but does not have the same structural carrying capability. The list comprises each district with selected gravel roads with different traffic loads. Aaron would like CRAC's recommendation to this list, and if approved then work would need to be started to put the project out to bid for completion in the summer. The Road Department would still need to do preparation work prior to the contractor putting on the chip seal, which would minimize the cost of the treatment. Bob Reed said it may be a great alternative to the more expensive Asphalt pavement, and it would show the public that we are looking at different cost saving techniques. Bob W. said to fix potholes on a chip seal road it would have to be repaired with the same mixture or with cold patching material. Aaron said if this treatment was successful, then it would have to be a separate budget item for the next budget year. Aaron will check with Coos County since they have the same factors, that is, moisture, and dampness. Pat asked for clarification in regards to Stephan Avenue for the chip seal program. Aaron said this would be separate from the list. Bob Reed asked if there is a consensus from the members present for Aaron to go with the list of test projects for Surface Treated Roads. The members indicated consensus.

- | **Preliminary look at 2002/2003 Budget Preparation:** Aaron said that the budget officer is now Karen Richards who is also the Treasurer. The 2002-2003 budget will be an adjustment of the previous year's budget. Verification is still required from AOC to see what federal forest and state funding is available. There may be a small amount of STP funding for 02/03 and some OTIA monies may be available, but at this time there are no guarantees. The preliminary budget submission needs to be at the treasurer's office on 02-15-02.

The Future's Council is having a public meeting 01-31-02 at 7:00pm if anyone is interested to attend. Aaron is planning on attending a grant workshop February 21 and 22.

**7. Public Comment** Dora said that the snowplow broke down her gate, and she indicated that she would turn in a bill to the Road Department if the gate was beyond repair. She also mentioned that the pavement is breaking up on Fraser Road. This is the third time she has brought it to the Road Departments attention, and felt something needed to be done as soon as possible.

**8. Next meeting, date and agenda:** February 25, 2002 at 3:00pm/BOC Conf. Room

**9. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 5:02pm.

