

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CRAC)

DATE: May 13, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bob Reed (arrived at 3:55pm), Vice-Chair Curt Schonbrod, Bill Howard, Marlin Clark, Ray Robinson, Ray Streeter, Larry Kiser and Jack Brooks.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gloria Gass

STAFF: Aaron Suko/PW Director, Pat Oakes/Engineering Project Supervisor, Bob Willhite/Operations Superintendent, Commissioner Paul Hanneman (portion of the meeting) and Jeanette Steinbach/Recorder

GUESTS: Janet Trueblood/AFSCME 2734 President

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood

1. **Call meeting to order, review agenda:** Curt Schonbrod called the meeting to order at 3:03pm. Agenda reviewed. Commissioner Paul Hanneman asked to address the members.
2. **Review minutes of 03-25-02:** Jack Brook motioned to accept the minutes as written, Ray Robinson seconded, unanimously approved.

Paul Hanneman addressed the members with suggestions of funding alternatives.

a. State Law does not prohibit an assessment by ton or volume for trucks travelling on county roads. He thought that this source was discussed before by this committee and at the BOC meetings. He called Columbia County on Jack Brooks suggestion who have a charge for fill material going in and out of the county. Per advisement from the members Paul said that he would check with Bill Sargent on the legalities of charging a per mile tax. He cautioned that the administration cost should not outweigh the revenue potential.

b. Another potential would be a road levy in May 2003 or November 2003 if it were agreeable with the committee and all the commissioners. He pointed out that if the members think that this levy would not pass, it would not be worth pursuing.

It was suggested by Marlin that the timber companies should pay a share for the wear and tear of the road. Paul said that the members should ponder this because the revenue received from the timber would be reduced.

3. **Road Department Status:** Bob W. said that the crew has been brushing and hot patching.
 - | **Shoulder Maintenance Effort:** North and County Districts scheduled to prepare shoulders for paving this week.
 - | **Priorities for Chip Seal Program:** Aaron said that he would

address this issue further in the budget portion of the meeting.

- | **Priorities for Asphalt Overlay Program:** Aaron handed out the road overlay list of roads that was prepared with the foreman's input. Aaron said that 5.325 miles of road are included in the program.
- | **Alder Street - Improvements & Paving, Oceanside:** Aaron indicated that Alder Street is now ready for asphalt overlay by a private contract. Birch St. is being prepared for sub-base, which would be a 16' paved section.
- | **Community Paving Projects:**

Beach Crest Drive, Neskowin: No further contact after mailing spreadsheet of cost to interested party.

Stephen Avenue, Pacific City: Pat Oakes stated that he plans on meeting with the property owner this week to work out the details of some revisions to the project. This road would be a pilot for the chip seal project.

1. Project Discussion

- | **Cascade Trace Bridge:** Ross Brothers was awarded the bid.
- | **Sandlake-Galloway Road:** There was a protest on the bid, which according to Federal Law delays the project by 100 days. This may change the construction schedule.
- | **Blaser Bridge:** Pat stated that this is an OTIA funded project. 24 RFP's have been mailed out for consultants bid closes 05-24-02 at 3pm. Pat said that the selection committee would include Aaron Suko, Steve Eto of ODOT and himself Aaron invited CRAC members to appoint a representative to be a part of the selection should they want to do so. The members declined stating that Aaron, Pat and Steve would be representative of the best interests of the county.

Curt asked about the Trask River Slide Stabilization project. Pat said they were issues with the consultants, but they hope to have a conclusion by this fall. The county is bearing the match money share of 10% and they could be possibly be environmental requirements which could impact the cost of the project.

- | **Title II, Forest Service Projects:** Aaron said that although projects were not submitted this time, shoulder maintenance on Slab Creek Road, East Beaver Creek for gravel road rebuilding and Yenck road for widening and repaving were some of the roads that would qualify. Commissioner Hurliman initially brought this matter to us, but he also indicated that public jurisdictions rarely get the grants. He indicated that even though submission is not possible this time, the groundwork should be done in preparation for next year's submission.

1. Priority Matrix Discussion: Curt asked the members to review the funding priority matrix that was sent with the agenda. Pat said issues have come up recently that question the correctness of this matrix. With budget constraints and no potential revenue increases the priorities may need to be looked at again. LID's are subject to interpretation by the BOC that draws the question whether the matching fund projects in the matrix should state - governmental agencies funded have a higher priority with LID's a lower priority. The recent project, Alder Street is raising questions whether with the revenue shortage, this type of project should be done. Structural overlays should be higher priority than paving new roads, which are LID's. Bridge repairs are another issue that is up for discussion as well. A grant for federal funding has been submitted for Sorenson, Josi and Bewley Creek Bridges. The Chip Seal program also is an issue that would only impact new road surface and not preservation. These are issues that need to be reviewed again by the committee. There are political ramifications for not accepting monies for repair of the roads offered by the public especially when the Road Dept. is short of funds. Bob W. said that he is concerned that the monies are being used for LID's when other county roads are in need of overlay. Aaron said that the goal is to resurface about 14 miles/year of roads, which would allow the roads to be done once in 20 years. In 2001 it was 8 miles and 2002 it is budgeted as 5.5 miles, which continuously puts us behind. Marlin said previously when a levy was sought, it was based on overlaying certain roads in that area. Aaron said since this levy was defeated we are left with using the revenue where needed. If we want to go for another levy a decision would have to be made whether to structure the levy per district or other means. The reasoning behind the previous levy was to make it more palatable for those areas i.e. Pacific City, Manzanita and Oceanside areas that have a higher assessed property value and keep it in the area that generated the revenue. Jack Brooks said that the committee worked hard to get the levy passed and does not think any future levy's would succeed. Pat suggested that LID's are usually minor roads. He suggested that the policy should be restrictive in conjunction with the budget constraints. Curt asked the members if they wanted the Director, Aaron Suko to review the policy which they concurred he should.

2. 2002/2003 Budget Discussion: Aaron handed out a copy of the budget that was recommended for approval by the budget committee. An unfinanced needs, as attached, was also submitted to the committee, but no additional revenue was approved. He understood that the committee was not as involved as much this year because of the budget committee schedules. He indicated that a change since the CRAC's initial approval of the budget was the administrative support expense, which was reduced by \$70,000 that went into the overlay program. Aaron went through the budget documents with the members. Curt commented that it costs with salary and benefits approximately \$70,000 per year /employee for Shop personnel. Bob Reed said the policy states that the Community Paving Agreement (CPA) budget is \$60,000/year; Aaron and Pat said that it is in the expenditure item under asphalt. Aaron said that paving with STP funds is a buy back on the labor costs, which have already, been budgeted. Aaron said that in comparison with other departments the road department has the least amount of growth. Larry said that the Commissioner came in to look to us for other options for revenue when

this department has found means to reduce their expenditures. Aaron said that he reported to the budget committee that the budget does not provide funding for improvement of Laneda, storm drainage system of PC Heights, culvert replacement at MP 6.25 on the Trask River Road, Cape Meares Loop Slide, Railroad Crossing w/county roads. Aaron said that Warren, Latimer and 12th Street are some of the railroad crossings that are up for consideration due to safety issues. Bob Reed noticed that there is an increase of the contingency amount and questioned the need for it. Aaron said it would be used for emergency operations and match money projects that are not foreseen. Some of the revenues are also not received until the later part of the year, which calls for the contingency.

Larry questioned the overlay list especially for the North County area. He feels that other roads like Reed, Anderson are in worse condition than Miami River Road and North Fork. Bob said the input from the Foreman is based on the conditions and traffic counts of the roads.

Janet Trueblood pointed that most of the road employees have capped out on annual increases except for COLA. Aaron said that there are two budgeted temporary employees to assist primarily the Sign and Bridge Maintenance programs during the summer months.

- 3. Public Comment:** None at this time.
- 4. Next meeting, date and agenda:** The next meeting is at June 17, 2002 at 3:00pm. Next agenda to address CPA policy and potential sources of revenue.
- 5. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.