

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CRAC)

DATE: September 09, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bob Reed, 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, Commissioner Tim Josi and Jeanette Steinbach/Recorder

PUBLIC: Gus Meyer, TBWC/Representative, Joanne Jene, Oceanside Neighborhood Association - Chair Roads Committee and Dora Norwood

Item 1 Call meeting to order, review agenda: Meeting called to order at 3:02pm.

Item 2 Review minutes of 07-22-02: Jack Brooks motioned to accept the minutes as written, Marlin seconded, unanimously approved.

Item 3 Road Department Status, Steven Avenue: Bob W. informed the members that the culvert replacement on Burton Fraser Road and Old Netarts Road were completed. The crew would be working on shoulders, ditching and mowing.

Stephen Avenue three layer chip seal is complete. He remarked that the chip seal is not as durable as asphalt.

Item 4 Project Discussion: Cascade Trace Bridge - Pat said that the bridge is being replaced, with detour and closures being planned.

Sandlake-Galloway Road/OTIF Loan Balance - Weekly news releases on the construction are being done. The contractor has scheduled 30minute delays at the ½ hour.

OTIF Loan Balance: Pat said that there is a balance of \$560,000. Pat asked for comments and/or suggestions. The options are to pay the loan down, reduce payments or make the same payments with fewer years. Aaron would like a motion so that it would serve as a recommendation to the BOC. Curt motioned to recommend reducing the annual payment, and to use the remainder for the roads, which is a better investment; Larry Kaiser seconded, unanimously accepted. Jack Brooks wanted to know what monies would be used if a slide occurred. Aaron said that the contingency fund would be used and if it were a large-scale disaster, FEMA or another agency would help fund it.

Blaser Bridge - Construction to begin spring of 2003, this is a 100% funded OTIA project.

Pat relayed that two projects, Earl Bridge and a turn refuge lane on Long Prairie Road were submitted and accepted for OTIA 2 funding. Three bridges were submitted for HBRR funding - Josi Bridge (Kansas Creek Road near Hwy 6), Sorenson Bridge (Blaine Road) and Bewley Creek Bridge (MP3) and were not

accepted for funding.

Item 5 Further Discussion of the Road Department Funding Workshop Materials:

Aaron handed out revised pages 20, 21 as requested at the last meeting. He pointed out that in 1982 there were 50+ employees. Aaron stated that he checked with Tim Lutz, County Assessor, as to whether property tax could be deferred, he stated that it is collected when due one time per year. He added that another group is discussing the Entertainment Tax, but he has not been able to make contact with the representative. He had looked at that group's April meeting minutes, which indicated that this tax would establish user fees for the tourist trade. This would be used to support the infrastructure of the county and particularly those that fund and support the industry which would be roads together with the tourism, advertising, fire district and law enforcement. With regards to projected revenue they hoped to obtain \$700,000 to \$1M which would be obtained from campsites, charter services and hotel/motel tax. Aaron quoted a letter received from Mr. Stickel; "This brings us to a sensitive point - the Dairy industry. The amounts of cheese, liquid, butter, milk, frozen desserts and whey produced by the Creamery is common knowledge it also represents a very large base in terms of land and related business. Using production figures, I have received from the Cheese Factory adding 2 cents to every unit of product that they handle and generate could generate \$1.8M annually." There were five revenue sources proposed in the study. The gas tax was eliminated in the fair survey because the projections would be an additional .12cents/gallon in taxes, which would not be acceptable. Aaron noted that some of the people that completed the survey, wrote it in as a suggested revenue source with less support indicated for property tax or the property fee and more support for the heavy load and entertainment fee. There were 100 surveys completed. Aaron explained that this is not a scientific study, but it did provide an interesting observation of the attitudes of those who did complete the surveys.

Commissioner Josi mentioned that the City's of Manzanita, Garibaldi, Tillamook and Rockaway have road funding measures in the ballot. Tim handed out a draft of Resources per Mile of County Road spreadsheet prepared by Jon Oshel of AOC to all present. Tim has been working on budget analysis for general fund and non-general fund budgets. Tim is on the taskforce for the AOC Road Funding Committee. Consensus is hard to obtain from all counties. The main funding source is the state highway trust fund, which includes gas taxes and motor vehicle registration fees. Motor vehicle registration fees have remained unchanged since 1981 until last year, and those monies were then bonded to create OTIA 1 and OTIA 2. The majority of the monies went to the state highway with very little going to the cities and counties. The counties need to work together to come up with additional funding. Tim felt that the funding is not distributed evenly. Aaron indicated that the road fund reserves consisted of the unspent portion of the OTIF loan. Pat pointed out that a comparison should be done with comparable counties. Aaron asked the committee if there should be further development on the funding report so that a recommendation could be made to pursue additional revenue sources. Aaron would like to have a recommendation by February 2003 so preparatory work could be done if a fall ballot veto is required. Aaron indicated that the load tax would be costly to implement. A system would have to be set up. There are lots of suggestions to tax the creamery, gravel, logging industry

but all these taxes would not be popular with some and also could cause reduction of revenue to the schools.

Item 6 Road Department Fair Booth Review: Bob Reed appreciated the help from the members in manning the Fair Booth. He thanked Pat, Gayle, Aaron and Jeanette for all their help. He thought that the booth drew the attention of the public. Pat said that Sandy Carbaugh's help at the booth was appreciated as well.

Item 7 Community Paving Agreement (CPA) and Local Improvement District (LID) Policy Discussion and Decision: Bob Reed reminded the committee that this was initially discussed and initiated at June's meeting. Pat explained that this policy would be divided into two categories, one for procedures and one for costs. This is to avoid misinterpretations and to deal with budget constraints. Members discussed prior CPA's and LID's and their issues. Aaron stated that he supports the draft of the differences between a CPA and an LID. Aaron said that he is not as concerned about the 40/60 split, but he would like clarification on how projects are estimated, presented and accounted. He felt that the design and construction administration costs, in his opinion, should be borne by the county. He would like the citizens' participation in the construction cost to be based on a legitimate estimate. He is also sensitive to the discussion on the declining budget, which would affect this program. LID's because it is taxing source pay for all of the costs. Bob Reed felt that the LID and CPA policy should be kept separate. Pat would work on another draft to clarify this policy. A tighter policy would avoid any variables and define it better. The draft would be sent with next meeting's agenda. Aaron explained that with Alder Street, the citizen appealed to the BOC, and they agreed that the project should proceed with the monies collected. Aaron reiterated that future projects would need to have tighter control with better understanding prior to the initiating of said project.

Item 8 Public Comment: Gus Meyer introduced himself as a representative from the Tillamook Bay Watershed Council (TBWC). TBWC is interested in a joint venture with the Road Department to replace culverts on county roads to enable fish passage. This, he believes, would benefit TBWC and the Road Dept. He reviewed the grants with the members. Bob Reed asked if he had a list of potential projects. Gus said that the list is at a developmental stage, but would also include a prioritization schedule. Aaron said a communication barrier could be that the road department replaces culverts only when they fail. Bob Reed asked if a partnership is possible whereby the cost of the culvert, priority and participation is discussed when a culvert needs replacement. Gus indicated that a representative would be at the next meeting. He added that any issues with vegetation, fencing and or sedimentation issues could be a part of the assistance from TBWC.

Joanne Jene introduced herself. She is the Chair for the Oceanside Roads Committee. She appreciated having Bob W, Commissioner Josi, Aaron and Pat at prior Oceanside Committee meetings. She indicated her interest in the CPA and LID projects for the community. She informed the committee of an abandoned vehicle by the new water tank on top of Maxwell Mountain Road. She contacted the Sheriff's department with no response for 2 months. Bob Reed mentioned that this subject was brought up at prior meetings. Aaron said

that both CRAC and SWAC do not want to get involved in this process. Aaron understood that \$7,000 was obtained by the Sheriff's department in this budget year for this purpose. Commissioner Josi agreed to follow up with the Sheriff's office.

Dora Norwood relayed that the Road Department's grader bumped the gate on her Trask River property. She met with Aaron in mid-July with no recognition still that the road department damaged her gate. Aaron said that he went on site the next day and could not find any damage. He found no marks on the gate with no indication that the gate was changed from its previous condition. Bob W. and the foreman also could not find any damage. He thought that the gate was hung too low and that is why it is dragging. Dora said that there was gravel on her side of the road. The grader crossed over to her property. She had hoped to be there when Aaron had visited the site. Dora shared her unhappiness of the incident.

A citizen called Pat and asked him about the memorial signing policy. In 1998 the CRAC sent a non-endorsement policy to the BOC. The policy was not proceeded with because the party did not pursue it. Pat plans to bring the memorial signing policy again for review at the next meeting.

Item 9 Next meeting, date and agenda: The next meeting to be held October 14, 2002.

Item 10 Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 5:14pm