

## TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: May 09<sup>th</sup>, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT: Curt Schonbrod, Bob Reed, John Gettman, Ray Streeter, Jack Brooks, Marlin Clark, Bekki Gardner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ed Werner and Gary Hercher

STAFF: Aaron Suko/PW Director, Bob Willhite/Operations and Jeanette Steinbach/Recorder

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood and Gus Meyer

***Item 1 Call meeting to order, review agenda:*** Meeting called to order at 3:05pm. Agenda reviewed.

***Item 2 Review and approve minutes of 03-14-05:*** Gus Meyer mentioned that item 5, line 4 should read cost instead of coast. Bob moved to accept minutes as corrected, Jack seconded, unanimously approved.

***Item 3 Proposed 2005-2006 Budget Report:*** Bob Willhite said that the budget committee approved the budget as submitted. It was noted that the bike path budget is increasing due to the mandated allocation. It was questioned whether monies could be used in one area. Bob Willhite believed it could. Aaron reported that the only timber harvest monies the Road Dept. receives is the one allocated for Trask River Road. Discussion about the other county department requests. O&C funds were not requested because the request was denied in 2004. The contingency was needed incase the legislation does not authorize the safety net funding, and the Treasurer added an additional amount to take into account that the Federal funds might arrive late. Budget year 2007-2008 the contingency should be lessened if the safety net issue has been resolved. Trask River Road budget could be overstated by \$200,000 because Oregon Dept. of Forestry is unclear about the harvest volume, and the expenditures have taken that into account. Curt asked if there was a rumor to the effect that sales would be shelved until the agreement had expired. Aaron noted that some monies have already been received. The fuel prices and asphalt prices have been adjusted to account for increases.

### ***Item 4 Road Department Repair Projects Report***

- ***Report on Rock Crushing Contract:*** Bob reported that crushing has been completed in South County Pit, and the North County Pit would be completed in about 1½ weeks. The rock will be stocked on site. 700 yards was taken to the South County Shop. This rock will be used for various maintenance tasks.
- ***Discussion regarding Gravel Road Maintenance:*** Aaron and Bob Willhite need to discuss which roads are appropriate for gravel. Aaron suggested tabling this item until the fall.

***Item 5 Status on Ongoing Projects:*** Aaron reported on the following projects.

- ***Sandlake Galloway Road:*** Website is up to date with 2 reports online for 2005. Rock wall is being stabilized. Spraying to be done in that area. No spray agreements to be honored.

- **OTIA III Bridge Replacements:**
  - **Johnson Bridge on Long Prairie Road, MP 3.18:** Design stage. Construction possibly summer '06. Bekki asked if the road could be closed. Aaron said that the Emergency vehicles access, and also closing the road would not reduce the cost significantly.
  - **Sorenson Bridge on Blaine Road, MP 2.48:** Design stage. Construction possibly summer 2006.
  - **East Creek Bridge on Moon Creek Road, MP 0.35:** Out to bid.
  - **Bewley Creek Bridge on Bewley Creek Road, MP 1.43:** Permitting process, right-of-way agreements and a permanent easement are being worked on. Bid Advertising June 1. Detour route to be set up.
  - **Killam Creek Bridge on South Prairie Road, MP 2.00:** Permitting process, right-of-way agreements and a permanent easement are being worked on. Bid Advertising June 1. Temporary bridge to be set up.
  - **Josi Bridge on Kansas Creek Road, MP 0.03:** Permitting process, right-of-way agreements and a permanent easement are being worked on. Bid Advertising June 1.
- **Anderson Road Culvert Replacement, MP 0.88:** Still in design. Permitting process to begin soon. Road Dept. crew could do this project.
- **Long Prairie/Hwy 101 Project:** Design stage. Bid at the end of summer. No water issue and also traffic would be significantly less.
- **Blaine II:** Federally funded. Right-of-way acquisition started. Plan for summer 2006.
- **Wilson River Loop at Hwy 6:** This is an ODOT project being done for safety reasons. Four alternatives which would all involve an overpass; one is the present alignment, two of them are just slightly offset and the fourth crossing is over at Schild Road. The Tillamook Refinement Plan proposed the Schild plan because it would have the best connectivity for a bypass route. All alternatives have an impact on the commercially zoned lands. John Gettman thought that Schild Road could be a wetland. Aaron said that probably the tailend is a wetland.
- **Latimer Road at Hwy 101:** This is an ODOT funded project. ODOT is working on a specific design to include turn lanes and traffic signals. Residences nearby probably would be bought out. Watermain to be extended from Latimer and a grant is being sought. Visitors to the TCCA exit or enter off of Latimer Road. RV entrance would also be developed off of Latimer.

**Item 6 Coordination with ODOT:**

- **Latimer Road, Wilson River Loop E-W and N-S for State Jurisdiction:** Aaron asked the members if they supported ODOT taking over these roads, and if they did he would present it to the Board of Commissioners. Bob Reed felt that ODOT would like the County to take over Hwy 131. Hwy 131 was just recently improved. Sollie Smith Bridge could need fixing and the County may not have the funds to replace it. The Refinement plan looked at the downtown area and alternatives to get the trucks out of downtown, but that is not the focus. Discussion to continue after the City's downtown plan has been finalized. John motioned that Aaron should approach the Board of Commissioners and ask for their involvement to support this quest with ODOT. Jack seconded, unanimously approved. Bekki indicated that if the City had its plan approved, getting support from BOC would stand a better chance.
- **Hwy 101 at Alderbrook Loop Road Safety Improvements:** Aaron received an email from the ODOT Astoria Manager that the No Passing zone would be extended. Ray Streeter shared his concern about the hazard he perceives are at that intersection.

**Item 7 Farm Forest Advisory Committee:** Aaron explained that the Farm and Forest Committee is appointed by the BOC and reports to them. Aaron mentioned some of the difficulty in implementing policies on Oversize Manure vehicles. The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, 5 members showed up and the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, 2 members showed up. These policies were mailed with the agenda. If a consensus is reached then Aaron could approach BOC with CRAC's support.

Field Approach policy could fall under the road approach ordinance. Utilities are a different category and are usually in the right-of-way (row). Fences and landscaping should be moved back and not on the row. ODOT has a policy that is strictly adhered to according to the two Farm and Forest committee members present at the last meeting. If a fence needs to be replaced they then should be moved back 12'. 12' is for the Mower to operate efficiently. Aaron would like to have a policy in place. The hazard situation on Bewley Creek puts the tank on the row. The BOC made a decision to remove the tank but it was appealed. An owner in North County just replaced a fence on the row and it is on the shoulder. Gettman remarked that an ordinance would allow enforcement action. Aaron stated that if this was digested into an ordinance it would require 2 public hearings and then input would be collected. If this were passed, it would be used as a last resort. AASHTO states 7-10' for the class of road and speeds; the higher volume road would need more room. This would pertain to all public right of ways. This issue to be discussed further at the next meeting. Aaron said a written ordinance would be a step in the right direction so that it might enlist voluntary compliance.

**Item 8 Policy change for the No Mow Program:** Aaron suggested the program be eliminated. If an area were kept mowed, the mower operator would drive on by, and if it isn't, the operator would mow it. Gettman moved to give authority to stop the No Mow policy, Ray Streeter seconded, unanimously approved.

**Item 9 Public Comments:** Dora asked if an overpass is an option on Wilson River Loop/Hwy 6. Aaron said that it is an option. Gus remarked that the striping reflectors are not as good as they were last year. Aaron said this it was a different contractor. The glass beads determine the reflectivity. Aaron to check on this.

**Item 10 Discussion about next meeting date and agenda items:** The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2005.

**Item 11 Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.