

## **TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*DATE:* June 11, 2007

*MEMBERS PRESENT:* Chairperson Curt Schonbrod, John Gettman, Gary Hercher, Gary Hanenkrat, Gus Meyer, Bob Garrigues, Stephen Macartney

*MEMBERS ABSENT:* Jerry Dove, Darcy Jones

*STAFF:* Liane Welch, Director and Gaile Harris, Recorder

*PUBLIC:* Dora Norwood

*GUESTS:* Paul Levesque, Tim Josi, Mark Labhart, Chuck Hurliman

**Item 1.** Meeting called to order at 3:10 pm. Agenda items changed were the Sustainable Funding would move to #5, Transportation System Plan Update moved to #3 and the Revised Budget Review moved to item #4

**Item 2.** Minutes for May 14, 2007 meeting approved as corrected. The correction being that Gary Hercher was listed as being an absent member and a present member. Gary Hercher was in attendance at this meeting.

**Item 3.** Transportation System Plan Update for STIP process by Liane Welch  
Members had a month to read over the Transportation Priorities List, which was handed out at the May 14, 2007, and mailed to those absent members.  
Curt stated they would focus only on the County projects. Many of which he felt were unrealistic. Gary would like to see those projects removed. Gus stated that we can't take them out, only update. Liane informed them that some projects might not be important but they should be on the list or they wouldn't get funded. Also, we need to be adding projects not currently on the Priorities list. Discussion went to the County Bridge conditions. Liane would like to see all the Bridge projects on this list. Chuck Hurliman commented that we could talk with the Federal Highway Administration Forest Road Replacement and we may not have to go through the STIP process for Bridge replacement

Liane then asked the group which projects not on the list that should be added. Gus Meyer said that Olson (Olsen) Road, from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to Hwy 6, should be widened and Resort Drive in Pacific City needs to be rehabilitated. Bob Garrigues added Cape Meares Loop Road, the gravel section should not be paved, but look for an alternative route, not so susceptible to slope stability issues. Curt Schonbrod stated that Latimer/Sollie Smith/Wilson River Loop to Hwy 6 (except for the new overpass section) showing signs of cracks/dips and rough areas. John Gettman suggested Kilchis River Road intersection with Alderbrook Road all the way to the County Park is narrow and in poor condition. Liane will be adding these items to the Priorities List and now needs to have them prioritized. John also suggested the culvert at Doughty Road where Vaughn Creek is flowing down the road. Liane stated that this can't wait for this process and will

be put on the Road Department list of things that need to be done now. Group discussion would like to see Latimer Road from Hwy 6 to Hwy 101 moved up on the priority list. And Hwy 101 in Pleasant Valley between Yellow Fir Road and Green Timber Road needs a rebuild. Chuck Hurliman stated the reason for the roads poor condition is because it was built with no base. Liane will now give these recommendations to Community Development. June 20<sup>th</sup> Liane will present to the Board of Commissioner's an updated STIP list by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Liane asked the members to either call or e-mail her with any other suggestions for the list between now and the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Item 4. Revised Budget Review by Liane Welch**

Liane passed out a copy of a Re-submitted Road Department Budget with Safety Net Funds. Changes are as follows: Health Insurance is up to 20% instead of 10%. The full level of funding is \$1,808,558.00 for a one year extension. FEMA reimbursement of \$146,000 from November 2006 flood. Chip seal project of \$50,000 has been eliminated as well as \$25,000.00 for a sustainable funding consultant. \$100,000.00 is included as the County's share of the costs to repair the Fawcett Creek culvert on South Prairie Road which was damaged from the November 2006 flood. \$18,000.00 added for Seasonal Flaggers. \$20,000 added for yellow and white painted lines. \$30,000.00 added for geotechnical engineering services for evaluation of Evergreen, Tony Creek and Savage Roads which have slope stability problems. \$25,000.00 added for asphalt. \$17,000.00 added for aggregate. \$5,000.00 added for culverts. \$400,000.00 was moved to the contingency line item for the County to have the flexibility to complete other projects. Office staff that will not be re-placed is the Operations Superintendent, one Maintenance Leadworker and one Maintenance Journeyman. The full-time clerical position will be replaced as part-time. Liane said that most of the money will be into savings. Approximately \$325,000.00 to #350,000.00 will put toward asphalt for paving. An updated list of proposed road overlays of approximately 8.27 miles was handed out. Liane then passed out a copy of the EIS Pavement Management Report and briefly went through the Ten Year Expenditure levels.

**Item 5. Sustainable Funding Strategy Process by Tim Josi, Mark Labhart, Chuck Hurliman and Paul Levesque**

Paul Levesque quickly went over the tax rate terms of Measure 5 and Measure 47 which puts a cap on property taxes. He discussed a local option tax levy that goes for a period of 5 years. A bond measure which has to go to the voters for approval is for a one time expenditure and needs to be paid back. Paul discussed Permanent tax rates and a Local Option tax. Currently the County now has three Road Districts. These are not funded. They have the same boundaries as the School Districts. The incorporated cities are not included, but the dollars are shared by 50%. The three Road districts have no source of funding. Paul went on to discuss a 3<sup>rd</sup> option of a County Service District. Currently the County has 2, Solid Waste and the 4-H Extension. If a County Service District were formed, the 3 Road Districts are automatically dissolved and it would then go to the voters to decide on a permanent tax rate or a local option tax. Tim Josi agreed that a County Service District is the best option. After much discussion as to what the money would go for and how much should go before the,

*Chuck* voters. Tim Josi stated that the amount asked for doesn't need to be decided now, instead asks the group if the County Commissioners should form a County Service District for Roads. If yes, then what direction should we go for funding. Curt feels the best option is a County Service District dissolving the current 3 Road Districts. John Gettman made the motion to recommend to the Commissioners to create a County Service District for roads. The motion was seconded and passed. John Gettman made the motion to recommend to the Commissioners to seek a permanent tax base. The motion was seconded and passed. Gus would like to see the numbers before the final decision and would also like to see the deferred maintenance.

**Item 6.** Public Comments:

Dora Norwood asked for further explanation regarding the PCI average for the County from the Executive Summary handout.

**Item 7.** Next meeting scheduled for Monday, July 16, 2007, 3:00pm at the Commissioner's Conference Room.

**Item 8.** Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

*Transcribed by Gaile Harris*