

**TILLAMOOK COUNTY CITIZEN'S ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (C.R.A.C.)**

DATE: November 03, 1999

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Reed, Norm Myers, Ray Streeter, Marlin Clark, Bill Howard, Bob Rieke, Rich Gitschlag, Mary Cramer

STAFF: Jon Oshel, Pat Oakes, Tim Josi, and Jeanette Steinbach/Recorder

GUESTS: Janet Trueblood

PUBLIC: Dora Norwood, Dowell Winblad

**ITEM 1 REVIEW AGENDA:** Meeting called to order at 10:05am. No changes to the Agenda.

**ITEM 2 MINUTES:** September 27, 1999 minutes approved as written.

**ITEM 3 ELECTION DEBRIEFING - TIM JOSI:** Voter turnout at this time is 49% and the road levy did get voted down. He added that this should be looked at as an "opportunity" for the county and the road department. Options available to the road department are dipping into the county's contingency fund, layoff people, not replace equipment and watch the roads go bad or treat the department as a business. Tim handed out a case study in Brea's entrepreneurial leadership when they were facing financial constraints. It was agreed that a consultant needed to be hired to look at the road department to identify the unit cost for efficiency purposes. Tim Josi in response to Bob Reed's question said funding for the consultant fee would be put forward to the Budget Committee for their recommendations. Discussion ensued as to how to improve the road department and what it will entail to make it a profitable enterprise and if this department is successful than the other departments can learn from their experience. Jon said he was very supportive of the idea. He further stated that it would be nice to make a profit but breaking even would mean that the crew would be available for storm control. Getting the unit cost would make us more efficient.

Discussion as to why the road levy failed. Incorrect information in the letters to the editor, voters simply couldn't afford another tax, public receiving their property tax statement and assessor's large increase in property value were the reasons shared.

Dora Norwood questioned the honesty of the road department. Mary Cramer said that the road department is truthful and honest and their integrity is not the question. She added that the road department deserves their support.

**ITEM 4 PAVING PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT ISSUES - JON OSHEL:** The handout given is a 5-year paving program. The issue is how to prioritize and make it scientific using the PCI as a part of the decision making. The functional classification of the roads needs to be looked at to see if any of the classifications need to be changed. Suggestions were made that Fawcett Creek Road become a Collector because of the pit at the end of the road and truck traffic, Brooten Road from PC to 101 to change to an Arterial because it is continual route, Whiskey Creek Road to Sandlake Road change to an Arterial

because it is a continual route. Jon said that an average daily traffic would be done on these roads.

**Preventative vs Repair Paving:** The PMS does generate a list showing which are the most feasible roads to do - a thick or thin overlay based on current conditions. The issue is fixing the roads early for \$100,000/mile instead of \$150,000/mile or fixing a road that needs \$150,000/mile so it does not need \$400,000/mile repair in a few years.

**PAVING ON LOCAL ROADS:** Present policy is to put revenue on arterials and collectors which mean the local roads do not get paved. Jon asked if this is acceptable to the CRAC or should the policy change. Dora asked if she could patch the potholes in front of her house and what would the cost be. Jon said he could not come up with a figure without any facts. Jon added that there is a community-paving program, which has to have all participants voluntarily agree to share 50% of the costs to pave the road. A copy of the policy was requested and will be sent to the members with the agenda notice.

**ACCIDENT REPORTS:** Nancy Emerson of Traffic Safety is trying to come with a better method to get accident reports to us. We need to determine how to use the reports once we get them for safety issues and paving programs.

**PAVEMENT WIDTH:** Jon said that Bob is to coming up with an inventory where "rutting" is occurring on the roads which will tie in with the accident reports. Traffic counts length, but not specific type of vehicle on our roads. Jon said that he is planning on presenting the issue of length restrictions on roads.

**PROJECTS WITHIN EACH DISTRICT:** Issue is whether we use available funds for one road or several roads.

In conclusion that together with Average Daily Traffic counts, Bob Willhite's reports on thin patching and rutting and finally the PCI list that identifies the criteria on roads needing paving will assist us in making a decision. Jon added that this computer-generated list should be tempered with some commonsense.

**ITEM 5 ROAD CONDITIONS UPDATE - JON OSHEL:** TDM Slide repair has been completed. The FHA awarded \$15,000 to repair the road caused by construction truck damage to repair the slide. Still doing chuckhole repairs. Jon indicated that 200 tons of cold mix was purchased to be used for chuckhole repairs.

**ITEM 6 PUBLIC INPUT:** Dora said that she would come up with suggestions on how to correct the road situation and asked if the members could come with ideas too.

**ITEM 7 ADJOURN:** Next meeting to be held December 06, 1999 at 3:00pm. Meeting adjourned at 11:45pm.