

# **Tillamook County Road Needs Survey**

During this last month Road Department staff has been working to develop input for a County Road Needs Survey. The Needs Survey was requested by the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) from all counties in the state so that it could paint a realistic picture to the State Legislature on the status of backlogged and underfunded road maintenance and capital projects throughout the state.

Along with providing current expenditures for various ongoing maintenance, the Road Department was asked to provide an estimate or plan for additional funding needed to accomplish backlogged maintenance and capital improvements during the next five years.

The completed County Road Needs Survey was submitted on March 17, 2006 and showed a need for an additional \$123,000,000 for Tillamook County roads.

The information provided demonstrates the consequences of inadequate funding over the years for county roads. The County Road Needs Survey will be used by AOC in legislative efforts to obtain additional funding for county roads throughout the state.