

COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY REPORT

March 24, 2006

BILYEU AVENUE TO REOPEN BY MARCH 31

As a result of winter storms a sinkhole formed on Bilyeu Avenue near Highway 131. Alpine Construction completed the culvert replacement and road sub-grade work earlier in the month. After that Centex Homes (through their contractor, C&M Construction), executed sewer and water line work in the project area. Sprint also has underground utility line work to accomplish in the project area.

After completion of the above utility work, County Road crews will complete related project work prior to reopening the road to public travel by March 31, 2006. Related County work includes adding final road base rock, placing top soil on the embankment slopes, planting trees to satisfy riparian requirements and posting appropriate signs. The road will be paved when better weather arrives.

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 under-funded 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 5 years.

The Commissioners, in their February 8th weekly news column, solicited public input on this topic. The Road Department staff combined this input with the projects identified in the Transportation System Plans (TSP) and its Pavement Management Program pavement condition report. The County Roads Advisory Committee reviewed the collected input and then provided guidance to Public Works staff during their meetings in February and March. 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.

Information provided demonstrates the consequences of inadequate funding over the years for our 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.

(above is only a portion of the issued news report from the Commissioner's Office)