

ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 22, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sean Barrett, D. W. Northey, Jeff Paschall, Mark Callahan, Jim Wilcox
MEMBERS ABSENT: John Anderson & Kent Fleming
STAFF & OTHER PRESENT: Marsha Miller, Mike Russell, Mike Jackson, David Suchart, Bill Morgan, Lydia McKinney, Christy Mosier

Barrett called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT – none.

II. APPROVAL OF April 27, 2011 Minutes-

Motion: Northey moved to approve the minutes as is; Callahan seconded; all present voted in favor.

III. DISCUSSION: PROPOSED VACATION OF PORTIONS OF LANE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS ROADS – Mike Jackson & David Suchart (See Memo)

Jackson explained Lane County Management Services has asked for us to vacate specific portions of the County roads within the Fairgrounds. Jackson said these roads were legalized as County roads in 2004 and they are having issues with crime and security issues. Jackson said these roads were created for maintenance purposes. If we vacation, the roads will be maintained by Lane Events Center. Jackson said they are seeking a verbal recommendation from the Committee to vacation these roads.

Wilcox commented that cyclists don't want to lose access but it's not too much for riders to take a different route. Wilcox said he endorses it but stated there is a perception that these roads are public property and not everyone understands this effort is to protect the property. Wilcox suggested signage go up to explain that the purpose of the change is due to vandalism.

Motion: Wilcox moved to approve the vacation of the roads; Northey seconded; all present voted in favor.

IV. PROJECT STATUS UPDATE: SEWART AVENUE-WAYSIDE LANE CONNECTION – Lydia McKinney (See Memo)

McKinney stated she is giving the RAC notice of an item that will be coming up soon. McKinney said this has been an ongoing situation for a number of years now. Seward Avenue is currently open to through-traffic but originally at one point it was closed. During the construction of Martin Luther King Boulevard round-about, the Board of Commissioners recommended it be open for an alternative traffic route and included future consideration of leaving it permanently open. Currently there is some neighborhood desire to leave it open permanently.

McKinney explained the process for reaching a decision will include a Public Hearing before the RAC and Public Comment period following the Hearing. The RAC will be asked to make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners after deliberation.

Barrett asked if this was always a street or was it closed off. McKinney said there were two subdivisions constructed at separate times by separate developers. Essentially, the second subdivision that came in did not complete the road and built just to the end of the driveway.

Morgan added that we might want to ask how many residents are County vs. City in the subdivision. Barrett said it sounds like the intent of this road was to be a through-street and the developer just didn't finish it. Morgan said it is platted as a street. McKinney said during Public Hearing, staff will provide analysis and information for consideration.

V. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS REVIEW – Bill Morgan

Morgan provided handouts and explained these projects are from the CIP and of the "Pavement Preservation Category". Morgan summarized the 2011 projects as shown on the memo.

Morgan said the bidding environment is providing very good pricing although oil costs are going up. Morgan explained the County produces 100 percent plans and specs, and bidders lock in current pricing for their proposals but are protected with oil escalation clauses. Oil escalation clauses have helped stabilize bidding environments for some time now. . Wilcox asked if we have a clause for preferred local preference. Morgan said we do not because that would make getting the best options and pricing very difficult. However, all on the list of projects are local except for Slurry Seal product – where there are only two companies that make it and neither are located in Oregon. Morgan reminded the group that preservation of the roads that are in good condition saves money in the long run. Morgan explained Chip Seal preservation is done by our Road Maintenance Crews, and Slurry Seals are contracted out by the County. General discussion ensued.

VI. FOLLOW UP ON COMMITTEE'S FEEDBACK FOR POLICY & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE CONSOLIDATION CONSIDERATIONS:

The Committee did not have suggestions as to how the other committees might coordinate with others or which ones might be best combining with others. Wilcox suggested having one representative from each committee get together and address how their roles connect etc.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- The RAC Road Projects Tour has been postponed for July 12th until further notice. The future date will be in early August.
- Wilcox reiterated that he doesn't want us to lose or forget about our cognitive map work. Wilcox suggests we attach a narrative for future meetings and possibly attach to agendas. Schussler agreed to write a narrative and provide the maps at the next meeting.

VIII. NEXT MEETING – Undetermined.

Meeting adjourned @ 6:35pm

Christy Mosier, Transcribing Secretary