

# ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 27, 2010

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Anderson, Kent Fleming, Jeff Paschall, Jim Wilcox  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sean Barrett, Jack Radabaugh  
**STAFF & OTHER PRESENT:** Celia Barry, Bill Morgan, Howard Schussler, Marsha Miller, Christy Mosier

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

I. PUBLIC COMMENT – none.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 23, 2010 –

Motion: Fleming moved to approve the Minutes of September 23, 2010, as written. Wilcox seconded; all present voted in favor.

III. ENDORSEMENT OF REVISION OF PROPOSED ACT BY-LAWS

Fleming said the Commissioners approved the revised bylaws this morning. Fleming said the Commissioners made minor changes mostly regarding citizen representation. Fleming said he felt we should support the minor changes in the approved bylaws. General discussion ensued.

Motion: Fleming moved to support the changes in the ACT's bylaws; Wilcox seconded; all present voted in favor.

IV. UPCOMING PROJECT SUMMARY (CIP & OTHER)

Morgan provided the group with a list showing the various projects Engineering and Construction Services are working that most people won't necessarily see. Morgan said things have changed a lot over seven years, where staff and the RAC used to be involved in modernization projects with public outreach and hearings. Morgan wants to show all of the projects that make up both the CIP and normal County maintenance and preservation activities to give a true sense of how busy we are, and what it takes to keep up with maintaining 1,400 miles of roads and over 400 bridges. Morgan also said design and permitting are also more complex than they used to be.

Morgan explained timing and complexity of fish culvert work and offered to come back to the RAC in the future and provide a presentation on how fish culvert work is done and the value it has.

Morgan explained that Russell has been instrumental in keeping up with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Sidewalk Ramp Project, which involves identifying various ADA ramps throughout the metro area to ensure we are making improvements in ADA. Russell said while there is no requirement to do so, we are being proactive in upgrading our sidewalks, which are public facilities, and we are developing plans for the River Road/Santa Clara area.

Morgan summarized the different areas of projects and where their funds come from. Morgan added that it's important to be good stewards of resources and environment and we have a lot of culvert projects. Wilcox commented he'd like to see how we can get word out to the fisherman and possibly others that we are doing improvements and opening habitat for fish.

General discussion ensued regarding the list of projects. Morgan explained the importance of having projects designed and ready to go in order to qualify for grant funding opportunities.

Wilcox commented that he'd like to see how we can get the word out regarding all the efforts of fish culvert work and offered to help with creating a presentation and or getting connected with Caddis Fly contacts. Wilcox said it's a great opportunity for public relations and to talk about the great stuff we are doing that the public has no idea of.

V. UPDATES

- I-5 Coburg:

Barry said direction was received on October 6 to cancel the County's \$ 1.3 million match for this project and can now publish the CIP. Barry said we will now go forward with the other Intergovernmental Agreements.

- Beltline Corridor:

Barry said our stakeholder advisory member for the Beltline Corridor was Jody Ogle, whose term expired. ODOT will get back to us when they begin working on the interchange area management plan so we can assign a replacement member for RAC representation. Anderson commented he believes we should have representation. Anderson said his understanding is that basically the County has stepped out of the project except for letting the State do what they need to on our roads. Barry concurred.

- Bob Straub:

Fleming asked if there has been any additional follow up on this request from Springfield regarding high speeds. Morgan said schedules have been tough but he and Ed Chastain will be connecting with Brian Barnett next week. Morgan said things are in the works including outreach to OSU and ODOT.

VI. FACILITATED PROCESS ON THE EVOLVING ROLE OF THE RAC – HOWARD SCHUSSLER

Schussler stated he was able to meet with most of the people on the committee and conducted one-on-one interviews in order to begin the facilitated mapping process and generate a map of ideas and goals. Lengthy group discussion ensued and changes were made to the draft map. Schussler will bring to a future meeting an updated map system for the committee to better define its goals.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS? - none.

VIII. NEXT MEETING – December 1, 2010

Meeting adjourned @ 7:45p.m.

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Christy Mosier, Executive Assistant