

ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
February 25, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Anderson, Karen Bodner, George Goldstein, Jody Ogle, Jim Wilcox

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jack Radabaugh

STAFF PRESENT: Marsha Miller, Bill Morgan, Phil Fields, Eric Wurster, Shashi Bajracharya, Celia Barry, Howard Schussler, Ed Chastain

OTHER: Sonny Chickering, Rex Redmon

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

- I. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.
- II. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES –  
Rex Redmon's 12 years was acknowledged by the group. The committee welcomed new member Jim Wilcox.
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –  
Motion: Ogle moved to approve the minutes; Goldstein seconded; all present voted in favor.
- IV. STRIPING OF HAYDEN BRIDGE WAY –  
Traffic Engineer Ed Chastain introduced the pavement rehabilitation project and in order to get feedback before it's presented to the Board for a decision and direction to staff. Chastain stated the project is primarily a preservation project that goes from Pheasant to 19<sup>th</sup> street in Springfield in the area of the roundabout. Chastain reviewed the history and project scope along with the packet provided to the committee. Chastain said there are two alternatives; the first is to do nothing, and the second is eliminating parking along the sides of the road and build a turn lane. Chastain said an open house was held last month and shared the public's concerns regarding the project. Chastain will provide a map and plan before the Public Hearing next month.
- V. ECONOMIC STIMULUS UPDATE –  
Barry distributed information about the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (economic stimulus), with regard to transportation funding, and how this would influence allocations in the draft Capital Improvement Program. She distributed a list of priorities that was being taken to a public hearing at the Board on March 4. She indicated that the rapid movement of the legislation and project delivery requirements meant that highest priority projects were necessarily preservation projects. She said there would be changes to the CIP draft either in a future amendment process or in the draft that is sent to the Board. Changes may be incorporated to the draft prior to the next meeting if they are known by then.  
  
Goldstein asserted that the Coast Guard Station Road project was 5<sup>th</sup> in priority because he recalled staff indicating last year that only Willamette Valley projects get funded. Barry indicated that was not the case, recalling that last year Goldstein had asked for additional plus marks to be added to the Coast Guard Station Road project, and staff had added the plus marks in response. She asked the committee if additional research into last year's discussion on this topic and a report back was desired. The committee declined to make the request.
- VI. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PACKET OVERVIEW –  
Barry briefed the committee on the updated CIP packet, indicating the only changes were of a formatting nature and not substantive. The changes were made to make the draft easier to read and understand, especially with regard to SB 994 money.
- VII. 2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS & 2009 WORK PLAN –

Mosier presented the draft documents for approval. The committee approved both documents as-is.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING –

Anderson opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. and gave an overview of the process.

Bajracharya gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Capital Improvement Plan and reviewed the previous steps taken. Bajracharya covered the impacts of the unexpected funding and reviewed the list of projects for development should more funding come available in the future. Bajracharya explained that the Roads Advisory Committee is requesting the public's comments tonight so they can review and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners. Barry shared the economic stimulus packet and explained the 1.7 million available for Lane Count Projects, the 1.26 million for the metro area, and how the timing requirements for which the money must be spent by limits which projects we can do and effects how we will use the other road fund dollars.

Chair Anderson requested comments:

PUBLIC COMMENT –

- **April Smith**; PO Box 1130 Fall Creek. Smith stated she is here to follow up on the email sent to Commissioner Faye Stewart and the committee regarding the need for guard rails along Jasper Lowell Road, mile post 2-3 since there is nothing there to protect cars from plummeting into the river and the deaths and accidents that continue to happen. Smith stated this has been a concern of the local residents for over 50 years now.
- **Joyce Foster**, 38100 Pengra Road. Said she is here in support of the guard rail request for Jasper Lowell Road. Foster stated it would only be a .5 mile stretch to be covered and this is the deepest area of the river. Arno Nelson responded to the request by investigating the site it and agreed guard rails were warranted. The request then went in for approval and Bill Morgan responded on behalf of Roads saying although it was warranted, there was no funding available in the budget. She is asking that we make this a higher priority and add it to the capital improvement plan.
- **Judy Jones**, Resident over 60 years. Jones is here to support the guard rail request and said she was a bus driver for many years and this stretch attracts a lot of people due to the Jasper Mountain Facility and the local schools.

Ogle asked if we have cost estimates for this project. Morgan responded we've been to the site and are getting the scope worked out – including the very narrow road, and the steep slope to the river. Morgan added we need to determine how we will meet the requirements to install a guard rail that could include construction of walls etc. Morgan will have an estimate and permitting info to the committee by next month's meeting.

Anderson closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

IX. NEXT MEETING – March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5:45 p.m. – Public Hearing will be first agenda item.

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Christy Mosier  
Transcribing Secretary