

ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
January 23, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Anderson, George Goldstein, Jack Radabaugh, Karen Bodner, Tom Poage, Jody Ogle.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rex Redmon

STAFF PRESENT: Ollie Snowden, Bill Morgan, Celia Barry, Shashi Bajracharya, Howard Schussler

OTHER: Tom Boyatt, City of Spfd. present, Sonny Chickering ODOT area 5 present; Liaison Bobby Green not present.

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

I. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

II. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR –

Motion: Poage nominated Anderson for Chair. Radabaugh seconded. All present voted in favor and motion carried.

Motion: Poage nominated Radabaugh for Vice-Chair. Ogle seconded. All present voted in favor and motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Motion: Anderson moved to approve the minutes as amended of November 28<sup>th</sup>. Poage seconded. All present voted in favor and motion carried.

III. SENATE BILL 994 –

Barry summarized the informational packets provided and reviewed sections 15 through 17 of the bill showing a short-term partial solution to the financial problems created by the loss of Secural Rural School Funding. Barry said monies are allocated to all counties in Oregon with Lane County receiving the most due to relative timber production capacity, showing 9.9 million to be received. Snowden commented on speculations with regard to county, state, and ODOT funding strategies. Snowden stated in one month we will know if we have the solution or not. Barry stated money is to be distributed by Nov. 1, 2008 and if SRS is re-authorized, then each county shall match a max of 10.89% of the funds received. Additionally, the bill must be used for projects. We must come up with a report for the legislature on how we are spending the money and when, which needs to be done by April 1, 2009. The bill also requires that the county consult with cities. The packets provided show the letter to cities from Chair Faye Stewart along with the cities response letters. Barry said we received requests back from Cottage Grove, Creswell, Eugene, Florence, Lowell, and Springfield, a verbal request from Veneta, and this afternoon from Coburg. Barry explained we plan to take the requests from the cities and incorporate into the CIP process and have them available for the committee's consideration as well as the Board's. General discussion ensued regarding how the funds will be allocated to projects.

IV. DRAFT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM –

Barry referred the group to the draft CIP program and stated the committee is being asked tonight to allow us to release this to the public for a hearing on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Barry summarized the five-year CIP program and process and stated it's renewed every year and described the process. Proposed CIP funding went from \$32 million last year to just \$26 million. Barry reviewed the project details in the packets provided. After general group discussion, Barry agreed to look further into the possible electronic sign for Delta Highway and bring back more information including costs/sharing and solar possibilities. Anderson would also like information on school zone speed indicator flashers. Snowden restated that the group is only being asked to make this list of projects public, and the costs and details of each item can be deliberated in March. Snowden stated the River Road overlays should actually be for micro surfacing and if we do them as SB994 projects, we will probably do them out of

the operating budget for road maintenance. Barry summarized section B/Senate Bill 994 component showing priorities. Radabaugh asked how this CIP list of projects will be advertised to the public. Barry stated standard letters/emails go to the cities and an interested parties list, as well as notices in the Register Guard and other local papers. Bajracharya stated we do a notice/display ad of about 3x5" in most newspapers. Bodner asked why we don't do free PSA advertising on television. Barry stated we will check into this option. Barry agreed to provide at the next meeting, the county overlays combined with the city SB 994 project proposals on one list.

Motion: Poage moved to approve release of the CIP draft with the changes discussed. Ogle seconded. All present voted in favor and motion carried.

V. ODOT STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) –

Barry reviewed the STIP program process and described the tasks that ODOT has set out for us to meet within certain timelines. Barry explained the strategy of proposing 150% of what we are likely to get in the STIP cycle. Boyatt shared Springfield's thoughts on their projects. Snowden summarized the list of Region 2 Large Projects/Attachment E to the Board of Commissioners packet enclosed with the STIP materials, and stated the committee should decide if they support the Large Project priorities and list, or if the committee wants to change that list and move projects around. Barry reviewed the process including MPC will hold their meeting on Jan. 29 and the BCC will hold a hearing so they can get back to ODOT on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>; therefore, the committee needs to make their recommendation on priorities tonight. General discussion ensued. Barry summarized group feedback and stated we will notify the board that the committee accepted Task 3 Items as prioritized and listed in the Region 2 Large Project Priorities and other Large Projects List,

Motion: Anderson moved to accept approve list. All present voted in favor and motion carried.

VI. FY 08/09 BUDGET PROCESS –

Snowden said we are preparing three budgets and DeFazio is continuing to work for the multi-year reauthorization to be attached to a spending bill, but is not optimistic, and it appears the most likely will be a one-year extension attached to the Iraq war spending bill that is likely to occur in late March/early April. Budget proposals are due prior to that. Staff is working on priority setting process for road funds. Snowden believed we have a big enough fund balance to bridge from the end of this fiscal year through the 2009 legislative session to see whether the legislation would provide any funding for the road fund; if they do, it might mitigate some of the cuts. If they don't, there will need to be major cuts for Lane County road programs.

VIII. 2008 GOALS (NEW WORKING FORMAT) –

The group reviewed the revised format to be submitted to County Administration, upon approval.

Motion: Anderson moved to approve the list. Goldstein abstained. Remaining members present voted in favor and motion carried.

IX. NEXT MEETING – February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008

VII. OTHER BUSINESS –  
none.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Christy Mosier  
Transcribing Secretary