

ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 28, 2009

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rex Redmon

STAFF PRESENT: Marsha Miller, Bill Morgan, Mike Russell, Phil Fields, Eric Wurster, Shashi Bajracharya, Celia Barry,

OTHER: Jim Wilcox, Vonnie Rainwater, Ollie Snowden, John Goodson, Tom Poage, Leo Stapleton.

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

I. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

II. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES –

Tom Poage's 24 years was acknowledged by the group; Marsha presented Tom with a certificate and award.

III. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR –

Motion: Ogle moved to nominate John Anderson as Chair; Radabaugh seconded. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion: Ogle moved to nominate Jack Radabaugh as Vice Chair; Goldstein seconded. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Motion: Bodner moved to approve the minutes with two changes; Goldstein requested one change; all present voted in favor.

V. RELEASE OF 10-14 CIP DOCUMENT FOR PUBLIC CONSIDERATION –

Bajracharya reviewed the draft CIP proposal and supporting documents, which is smaller than last year and mostly preservation projects with no new projects added. Bajracharya stated we will have two upcoming public hearings. Bajracharya reviewed Senate Bill 994 and its impacts of funding and the surprise of SRS funding being approved means we need to look at projects to add back.

Bodner asked if we apply for grants very often. Barry answered not very often due to staff and resources needed along with the financial match that's required for most.

Barry went over SB994 funding and reminded the group we have to spend the money by 2010 and some of the projects have been moved around in order to balance timing of the Economic Stimulus preservation funded projects. General discussion ensued as Bajracharya continued reviewing the projects. Bajracharya asked permission to release the draft CIP for public review for Public Hearing at the next meeting.

Motion: Radabaugh moved to approve for release to the public; Ogle seconded. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

VI. 2009 WORK PLAN & 2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS –

Mosier reviewed the 2008 Work Plan and asked the group for input so the 2008 Accomplishments and 2009 Work Plan could be submitted. Mosier said she would email the draft to the committee for final approval.

VII. REPORT FROM TRANSPORTATION PLANNING –

Bajracharya discussed the Hayden Bridge Road project and stated they are collecting public comment and will have a community meeting on February 10th.

VIII. STATUS OF FUNDING REQUESTS –

Barry reviewed and updated the group on the Economic Stimulus Package, also known as the Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Chickering explained ODOT is challenged with getting money out to local agencies because they don't have a process of how to handle this, and the legislative bills change every day leaving it difficult to communicate how allocations will work. Goldstein asked whether the criteria that excluded cities of less than 5,000 population from Surface Transportation Program funding was a federal or state requirement. Barry responded she will find out and let him know.

In response to additional questions, Barry said Lane County is putting some projects into the multi-jurisdictional United Front List, which is an effort to receive money from the Federal Reauthorization of the six-year Highway and Transit Bill. The two projects that were placed on that list were Territorial Highway and the Highway 126W study.

IX. NEXT MEETING – February 25, 2009

X. OTHER BUSINESS –

Goldstein asked if anyone read the Coburg Interchange Plan and that he didn't understand why a town with just 975 population would generate enormous traffic to need this work done. General discussion ensued. Chickering explained the project in more depth and that it's based on the businesses and growth surrounding the town.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45

Christy Mosier
Transcribing Secretary