

ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 22, 2008

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: n/a

STAFF PRESENT: Marsha Miller, Bill Morgan, Mark Bernard.

OTHER: Liaison Bobby Green not present

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

I. PUBLIC COMMENT –

1. Lee Schumaker, City of Eugene 682-5471; Lee said he attended this evening to make a comment about the ODOT Transportation Enhancement Grant Recommendations and to answer any questions we may have about the city's two projects. Both of these projects have been around since 1974 and have been adopted by Eugene, Springfield, and Lane County Board of Commissioners several times.

2. Howard Shessler, City of Cottage Grove 942-3340; Shessler stated their project is a combination of projects that have finally come together and he is here to answer any questions we may have.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Motion: Ogle moved to approve the minutes as amended; Radabaugh seconded. All present voted in favor and motion carried.

III. CIP ROAD VACATION – Bill Morgan

Bill referred the group to the packet supplied to them for a portion of Blakely Road/West Boundary Road to be vacated. Bill said this is coming to the committee tonight because Lowell Assisted Housing was a Road Fund/general construction project approved by the Board after the CIP was approved. Per Lane Manual 15.305, Road Vacations other than those by petition shall be referred to the Roads Advisory Committee for its consideration and recommendation. Bill reviewed the history and scope of the project. General Discussion ensued.

Motion: Ogle moved to approve the road vacation; Radabaugh seconded. All present voted in favor and motion carried.

IV. ODOT TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS: - Mark Bernard

Bernard said of the seven proposals within Lane County, five are currently under consideration (project #5 & #6 listed in the 10/14 memo were eliminated). Bernard said the committee can accept the staff recommendation or rank them ourselves. Bodner asked about the benefits and why we were looking at non-road related projects. Bernard said this is a Federal Program, administrated by Federal Highway Administration and the funds are managed by ODOT. Radabaugh asked how they came up with their rankings. Bernard answered part of it had to do with the monetary grant proposal and the other part had to do with what projects would provide the most benefit to Lane County for the money spent. General discussion ensued. Anderson asked Chickering what the probability was of all five projects being funded. Chickering responded approximately two to three will receive funding.

Motion: Poage moved to accept the list with moving #4 to #5 and allowing project #7 to become #4. Redmon seconded; all present voted in favor and motion carried.

V. SRS REAUTHORIZATION – Marsha Miller

Miller said this provides a major ramp down (\$20-22 million) over four years. Year one will be 90%, two 80%, third about 70%, and fourth being unknown-although Association of Oregon Counties has estimated it will be about 40%. Miller said we went to the Board of Commissioners today to discuss our financial plan and selected three areas of focus – 1) ways to reduce costs, 2) preservation

projects, and 3) money from outside sources (revenues, grants, other funding etc). The Board will now need to reconvene the Budget Committee since we were not prepared for this reauthorization process. General discussion ensued. Morgan commented that there are no more capital projects to cut, so the approximate \$4 million per year comes from operations and maintenance primarily in the form of staff reductions – which is about 25 people per year. Morgan reminded the group that the Board is waiting for cities or groups to present revenue ideas – such as vehicle registration. Miller said the reauthorization is great news because it gives us some time to work on these things.

VI. NEXT MEETING – December 3rd.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS –

ODOT is holding their open house next door until 7:00 p.m. tonight.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Christy Mosier
Transcribing Secretary