

ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 28, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Wilcox, Jeff Paschall, Sean Barrett, Tom Poage,
STAFF & OTHER PRESENT: Howard Schussler, Lydia McKinney, Becky Taylor, Christy Meyer, Sid Leiken, Ross Piezer, Taylor Eidt

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kent Fleming, Ellen Mooney, Larry Reed

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

I. **Public Comment** – n/a

II. **Introductions**

McKinney introduced our new hire, Becky Taylor, Senior Transportation Planner; Ross Piezer and Taylor Edit with the U of O Live-Move Transportation Group.

III. **Approval of Minutes – Decenber 3, 2014**

Motion: Wilcox moved to approve minutes as written; Paschall seconded; all present voted in favor, motion carried.

IV. **Elect Chair & Vice Chair**

Motion: Poage moved to re-elect Barret as Chair and Paschall as Vice Chair; Wilcox seconded; all present voted in favor, motion carried

V. **Presentation – 21st Century Road Design – Live Move Transportation Group, Ross Piezer & Taylor Eidt**

Wilcox stated this presentation is a follow up from past meetings where Wilcox expressed the desire to have the committee educated on newer principles and road safety changes. Wilcox invited Ross & Taylor, who are U of O graduate students in Urban Planning, to share a presentation. The Urban Planning program has an ancillary program called “*Live Move*”. *Live Move* receives grant funding to bring in presenters from around the United States to present new thinking in road design in order to make roads for everyone instead of just a focus on cars.

Ross explained the purpose of Live Move is to promote healthy sustainable community by integrating transportation and livability through collaboration, education, research, and outreach.

[See the attached presentation slides for details]

VI. **Committee to Finalize their 2014 Accomplishments and 2015 Goals**

The group agreed to modify Work Plan #14 to read “Act as part of the steering committee for the new Lane County Safety Plan” and to confirm/check with Bill Morgan that #9 “Review Storm Water program....” should be removed.

Motion: Wilcox moved to approve the accomplishments and goals with the two changes; Barrett seconded; all present voted in favor.

VII. **Report Back on Safety Plan – Lydia McKinney**

McKinney went back to the Transportation Advisory Subcommittee (TASC) after the last RAC meeting and shared that the RAC would like to be a core portion of the steering committee. TASC is interested, but they want to make sure their concerns are represented,

not just a focus on one group's concerns. McKinney said this will likely be 3-6 meetings that will adjust with various participation based on what is happening at that time. We need to wait for the State to finish the administrative funding process to go through before we can have the first meeting. McKinney added clarification that the result of the Safety Plan will not be a list of projects, but instead will be finding types of issues going on (such as distracted driving) and ways to address.

VIII. **Report Back on Wendling Crosswalk Recommendation – Lydia McKinney**

A complete memo was provided in the agenda packet. McKinney said staff came up with four alternative options 1) do nothing; 2) relocate the school crossing southwest to the northeasterly side of Walling Street; 3) Install pedestrian Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) at the existing school crosswalk location; 4) Combine Alternative 2 with RRFB. Deanna Makin, traffic engineering, wants to do more work on this and work with the school district. McKinney said the data and statistics don't necessarily warrant a Rectangular Rapid Flashing, but there may be reason to consider. The RAC suggested we look at various options combined with a center refuge area for kids to be safe and to help provide a visual pinch of the traffic lanes – which is proven to slow traffic. McKinney suggested some outreach be done to the school and users of the crosswalk. McKinney will discuss further with Traffic Engineering and the County Engineer (neither were at the meeting) and an additional discussion will happen at the next meeting. General discussion ensued.

IX. **Update on Vehicle Registration Fee – Lydia McKinney**

McKinney summarized the Board of County Commissioners held the first public hearing on January 27th – 20 people spoke and the Board had a robust discussion on the public comment and the proposed fee. The Board made a recommendation to change ordinance language to clarify that the funds will only be used for maintenance and preservation. This was in response to public comment indicating that the County would use the funds for other projects. The hearing will be continued at the February 10th Board meeting. The Board indicated that if they move forward, they will also authorize publication of a Lane County Voters' Pamphlet for the May 2015 election. If the Board approves moving forward on February 10th, the information website can go live with frequently asked questions, and other details about the project.

OPEN/ ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – February 25, 2015

- Welcome new member
- Update on Vehicle Registration Fee
- Legislation Update
- Wendling Crosswalk follow up

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m., Christy Meyer, Meeting Recorder