

# ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

December 2, 2015

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Wilcox, Jeff Paschall, Sean Barrett, Kent Fleming, Tom Poage, Ellen Mooney.

**STAFF & OTHER PRESENT:** Becky Taylor, Bill Morgan, Howard Schussler, Christy Meyer.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

Barrett called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

- I. **Public Comment** – n/a
- II. **Approval of Minutes – September 23, 2015**  
Motion: Fleming moved to approve minutes as written; Mooney seconded; all present voted in favor, motion carried.
- III. **Committee to Define Their 2015 Accomplishments and Develop Goals for 2016**  
The committee reviewed a draft list of accomplishments and discussed goals for 2016; general discussion ensued. Meyer will compile their notes and bring back final documents at the next meeting for the committee to approve for submission to the Board of County Commissioners.
- IV. **Territorial Highway Update**  
*(see presentation slides attached)*  
Taylor shared the attached presentation regarding the Territorial Highway project. Lane County initiated improvement of this ODOT highway, following a fatal collision. Lane County was awarded state funding for determining a design solution through a public planning process. As a result of the planning process, a preferred design alternative was supported by the public and preliminary design work has been done. Lane County is now seeking additional funding from ODOT to complete the design. General discussion ensued. After discussing the state process for establishing posted speeds, Wilcox requested that the planning process document how merely posting a reduced speed was not a reasonable solution.
- V. **Lane County Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update**  
*(see presentation slides attached)*  
Taylor shared the status of the TSP update process. This is the third committee update provided. Taylor said they are in the public outreach process, including public events in Oakridge, Creswell, Florence, and at LCC and Churchill High School. Taylor said the emerging theme is the need for additional transportation options for rural communities, particularly transit and bicycle amenities

In response to Taylor's solicitation for the committee's insights on transportation needs over the next 20 years, Wilcox recommended improved bicycle access to LCC.

VI. **STIP & STPU Program Updates**  
*(see presentation slides attached)*

Taylor provided the following updates regarding Lane County's applications for state funding: Lane County was seeking STIP funding to complete the design of the Territorial Highway project; and Lane County was awarded STP-U funds for pavement preservation projects on South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Springfield, and Enid and Prairie Roads in Eugene.

VII. **Other Updates & Coordination**  
**Staff updates:**

Morgan shared Lydia McKinney has accepted the Division Manager position for Land Management and a recruitment is underway for her replacement; Jay Blommé is filling in as Interim County Surveyor and we are currently recruiting for that position. Bill shared he has accepted a position in Montana.

**Capital Improvement Program:**

Morgan said Dan Ingram will be presenting the Capital Improvement Program at our next meeting. Morgan shared they are seeing major concerns on the shoulders of various roads, including Crow Road and Gimple Hill Rd.

VIII. **Discuss Renaming the Committee**

Wilcox asked that the committee consider renaming the committee as "the Transportation Advisory Committee", since perhaps years ago when the Roads Advisory Committee was created it was road construction related. However, now we have more discussions on transportation involvement, road safety, enforcement, engineering, etc. Wilcox added we are hearing from and have been doing things that are transportation advisory related and therefore should name the committee to be more descriptive of what it does. Schussler said if the committee wanted to do so, staff will need to look into how we can change Lane Manual to reflect such changes. Wilcox asked if the committee wanted to change the name. Mooney said she didn't have any preference; Barrett said he is okay with this idea; Paschall said while he is not opposed, he struggles with renaming it such because he doesn't want to open us up to getting lost in transportation, because a transportation focus usually feels more like a planning effort, and that's not really our role either. Paschall said since our role is a combination of things, we don't want to be pigeon holed since the committee still has engineering and maintenance areas to look after. Paschall suggested we consider naming it something a little more expansive to describe what we do. Poage thinks the public understands the name "Roads Advisory", and if we change the name to "Transportation Advisory" we might end up with people showing up at meetings asking for things that aren't related to what we do.

Committee consensus is to continue with the renaming process; Staff agreed to look into name changing possibilities while the committee considers the impacts of renaming.

IX. **Open Agenda:**

Wilcox asked the committee how they felt about the Vision Zero emphasis on engineering and designing roads to mitigate driver error to reduce deaths, rather than doing more enforcement, etc. Morgan said his concern is that Vision Zero puts all of the emphasis on engineering, and not the person driving the vehicle, and that Vision Zero is not very applicable to rural roads where speed and inattentive driving seems to be the primary causes of fatal and serious injury crashes Morgan also added that Rob Zako said during his Vision Zero presentation to the committee that there are no examples of these applications for rural roads.

**Next Meeting:**

- Committee to elect Chair and Vice Chair
- Committee to finalize 2015 accomplishments and 2016 goals to be filed with the Board of County Commissioners on February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- CIP presentation

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.  
Christy Meyer, Meeting Recorder