

ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 23, 2015

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Ellen Mooney, Jim Wilcox, Tom Poage, Jeff Paschall, Kent Fleming, Sean Barrett.
<u>STAFF & OTHER PRESENT:</u>	Lydia McKinney, Becky Taylor, Marsha Miller, Bill Morgan, Christy Meyer.
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	none.

Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

I. **Public Comment** – none.

II. **Approval of Minutes – July 22, 2015**

Motion: Wilcox moved to approve minutes with two grammatical changes and removing “much staff” in the second to last sentence, under item III; Mooney seconded; all present voted in favor, motion carried.

III. **Vision Zero Discussion – Rob Zako**

(Refer to attached PowerPoint presentation)

Zako introduced himself as the Executive Director of BEST (Better Eugene Springfield Transit) and a transportation enthusiast. Zako explained he is not an expert on Vision Zero, and rather just an interested person. McKinney and Taylor asked Zako to talk with the committee about Vision Zero. Zako did some research and shared a presentation with the committee. Zako explained his organization has an interest in Vision Zero especially after the recent fatality on Main Street. They've been talking with people in that area mainly due to the location of the bus being one of the most heavily used, and the need to address the desire to cross the street to access the bus. In addition to the presentation, Zako shared a couple videos/examples that promote approaching road designs differently with small adjustments that increase protection of cyclists and pedestrians and don't create a loss of volume for the road. Some of these examples can be seen on Alder Street in Eugene. Morgan asked if Zako had any rural examples of this application since County roads aren't like City roads and about 1,000 of the 1,400 miles of County roads are rural and often don't have the width capacity for this design approach. Zako said his focus is more urban; however, there are 38 State Department of Transportations that are doing something in this direction.

IV. **County-Wide Safety Plan Update – Becky Taylor & Josh Roll**

Taylor said they have further developed the project scope, secured a consultant, and anticipates having their first stakeholder meeting soon. Taylor felt a brief update would be timely since the Safety Plan staff has been evaluating the crash data that Zako shared. The Safety Plan is a data driven process and staff is continuing data collection on regional policies to guide the development of the plan. Taylor introduced Josh Roll, project manager, who works for the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) and LCOG (Lane Council of Governments). Roll explained the MPO is tasked with coordinating regional transportation with the City of Coburg, Springfield and Eugene. Every five years the MPO does a Regional Transportation Plan, and the Federal Government is pushing them to do a safety component of the Regional Transportation Plan and look at some of these issues. Roll explained as they

began to work on the MPO plan with just the three cities, County staff thought it was serendipitous that the State was also asking the County to look into traffic safety; therefore, the scope of the planning process was expanded to include the whole County. As they move forward, the stakeholders will decide the appropriate goals and outcomes. Roll added they are looking at an accelerated process in order to have this done by April 2016. In response to Wilcox's question about stakeholders, Roll confirmed that the following groups would be represented: each of the jurisdictions within the MPO and the County; each of the "E's" (Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency Services, Education); and MADD (Mothers' Against Drunk Drivers). Roll shared the link to access the data they've been collecting (www.theMPO.org) and click the data portal button at the bottom of the page.)

V. **Lane County TSP Update – Becky Taylor**

(Refer to attached PowerPoint presentation & materials)

Taylor provided a PowerPoint presentation and handouts. Taylor stated we now have the "future condition" results from the methodology of future growth projections. This included 37 intersections that were evaluated for performance issues projected over the next 20 years. The next steps include public outreach later this fall and winter at five different locations throughout Lane County and a work session with the Planning Commission in October to review the goals and policies. Taylor referred to the presentation and showed that they know where the issues are, but have not identified the solutions yet. General discussion ensued.

VI. **Beaver/Hunsaker Corridor Plan Update – Becky Taylor**

(Refer to attached PowerPoint presentation & materials)

Taylor provided a PowerPoint presentation, a fact sheet, and an air photo. The main focus of this project is an analysis of transportation needs for the Beaver-Wilkes and Beaver-Hunsaker corridors. The analysis will include traffic modeling to determine whether a future street connection is needed. Once needs are identified, solution options will be determined and meetings with the communities will take place. General discussion ensued. Taylor asked if there were any questions or comments for her. None heard.

OPEN ITEMS:

Wilcox suggested that we discuss at a future meeting the renaming of the committee to reflect the broad areas the committee is involved with – transportation, health, safety, etc. The committee agreed to bring this back at a future meeting.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – (Tentative October 28, 2015)

- Discuss renaming the RAC, Jim, 20 minutes
- Territorial Update, Lydia

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.
Christy Meyer, Meeting Recorder