

ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 27, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Poage, Jeff Paschall, Jim Wilcox, Kent Fleming, Ellen Mooney

STAFF & OTHER PRESENT: Lydia McKinney, Becky Taylor, Bill Morgan, Howard Schussler, Frannie Brindle, Sid Leiken, Jay Bozievich, Pat Farr

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sean Barrett

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

- I. **Public Comment** – none.
- II. **Approval of Minutes – April 22, 2015**
Motion: Fleming moved to approve minutes as written; Wilcox seconded; all present voted in favor, motion carried.
- III. **Update on Minutes Posting Process – Bill Morgan**
Morgan said staff will continue to do as we have by recording the meetings and preparing typed minutes as a reflection of the meeting; However staff will post the draft minutes to the website within three weeks and prior to the committee approving them at the following meeting. If changes are needed, the revised and final version will be posted following that committee meeting. Staff will continue to have the audio recordings and minutes available by request from the public for up to one year.
- IV. **Or 126 Safety Task Force Update – Lydia McKinney & Frannie Brindle**
Frannie Brindle, the Area Five Manager in charge of project development and construction on the Highway System in Lane County, provided the attached summary. Brindle said the Safety Task Force is an anomaly for ODOT. ODOT was looking at accident data on Hwy 126 as well as the high school kids killed in the accident last winter when it became apparent that something needed to be done. [See the attached summary memo for details]. General discussion ensued with Commissioner Bozievich and Frannie Brindle.
- V. **Lane County Transportation System Plan (TSP) Update – Becky Taylor**
Taylor said staff is in the process of updating the TSP. The last update occurred in 2004. The new TSP will: account for changes in land use and traffic assumptions; be consistent with current laws and policies; and provide direction for transportation investments over the next 20 years, into the year 2036. Taylor provided a PowerPoint presentation. [See attached presentation slides]. General discussion ensued.

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

Taylor noted that the study area is acknowledged in Eugene’s draft Transportation System Plan (TSP) as a special corridor study being developed by Lane County with funding from ODOT, and that improvements to the area have been listed in TransPlan and Lane County’s TSP for years. Taylor provided a one-sheet summary with a vicinity map. Taylor stated that staff is developing a public involvement plan while Kittelson and Associates generates base-line data. The public process will commence when the data becomes available, which is expected this Fall.

General discussion ensued.

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

McKinney stated even through there is some grieving over this loss, we went through a really good process and there is a lot we’ve gained including commissioners and staff met with the public, we built community trust, and educated a lot of people (even if they don’t completely understand the issue just yet.) The next steps include assessing data from the election and consider revenue options for the future. This is a time to think about how we will fund and develop transportation projects and work with Road Maintenance and Engineering Construction Services to prepare shovel-ready work so we can be in a position to apply and receive grant funding. McKinney said staff are being more proactive now and will need to continue. General discussion ensued.

VIII. **Further Discussion on Annual Roads Tour – Bill Morgan**

Both Road Maintenance and Engineering Construction Services will have projects the committee can tour and discuss as has some other ideas of things to go out and see in the County, including some of the results of doing nothing to maintain roads. Schumacher and Morgan will firm up a schedule for project work within the next few weeks in order to propose a date for the tour, which will likely be in August.

IX. **Other:**

- The Committee discussed the potential of not needing a June meeting; an email will go out asking the committee to weigh in on this question.
- The Committee commented that it would be good to have an educational item at each meeting. Becky expressed a willingness to pull together related materials and presentations.

OPEN/ ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Review a request from a resident to close a portion of Rattlesnake Road
- Road Maintenance update on service change decisions (ongoing), Orin Schumacher
- Standing Educational Item
- Confirm date for RAC tour

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.
Christy Meyer, Meeting Recorder