

TRAC Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2024
10:00 AM

Attendance:

Mike Russell, Public Works Director
Grant DeJongh, Asst. Public Works Director
Tim Hancock, Roads and Bridges Superintendent
Carrie Garcia, Human Resources Director
Rosemary Lohrke, committee member
Pat LaPointe, committee member

A. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Lohrke at 10:07 AM
No quorum present

B. INTRODUCTIONS

Russell introduced Hancock as Road and Bridge Superintendent, explained that this replaces district supervisors.
Hancock provided background to committee.

C. OPEN FORUM

None

D. APPROVE MINUTES

No quorum, so May 16 minute approval was tabled.

E. UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

a. VOLUNTEER SERVICE AGREEMENT DISCUSSION

Lohrke and LaPointe asked if Sabrina Moore was invited, Russell confirmed she was, but that she was not in attendance.

Lohrke and LaPointe asked Garcia about the need for the volunteer services agreement and whether this applied to them. Garcia informed the committee that these policies were already in place, but that they had not been consistently applied. Lohrke and LaPointe disagreed that this was necessary and refrained from signing the agreement. Garcia suggested we could discuss this with County Counsel to see what happens if committee members elect not to sign. LaPointe and Lohrke asked that this be discussed further at the next meeting.

b. PROJECT UPDATES

i. Bennett Road paving – complete

ii. County crew patch paving – Pittsburg, Cater, McDonald, Kappler

1. Discussion about whether this was cheaper than contracting, what the plan for next year was (chip seal).

c. UPCOMING PROJECTS

i. Scappoose-Vernonia MP 2 Bridge Replacement – discussion about impacts to traffic, including detour on Apiary Road (detour)

- ii. Discussion about Apiary Road MP 11.8 washout and culvert inspections on the roadway.
 - iii. Discussion about Rocky Point (on S-V, before Bonnie Falls) dip
- d. FLEET MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE
Discussion about Manager+ - County dissatisfied since Eptura purchased the company (customer service terrible) – looking at other options.
- e. LONG-TERM SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR ROAD FUND
Russell discussed work plan and shifting the department’s operations from reactive to proactive. Discussion focusing on ensuring staff input and involvement, having measurable goals, addressing community concerns. Acknowledgement that there will always be some things the department has to respond to.

Side conversation about fatality on Sacppoose-Vernonia near park around Christmas 2023 – need for brushing, removal of passing lane on straightaway (request) – Ruhle trailhead?

Side conversation about collisions near Highway 30 and Millard Road – any way revisions to intersection can be highlighted?

Side conversation about Bennett Road intersection – ODOT solution viewed unfavorably.

F. ROUNDTABLE

- a. Lohrke asked if there was any likelihood of a levy soon? Russell said no, based on recent levy failures. Instead, the department will focus on the maintenance plan, use that to help make the case for additional funding. Russell did not think the Board would support a road levy at this time.

G. ADJOURN

Adjourned at 10:59 AM.