



Clackamas County Community Road Fund Advisory Committee Meeting #14

6 p.m., Thursday, April 11, 2024
Development Services Building Room 118

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendance

Committee members: Bill Merchant, Chair; Warren Holzem, Cedomir Jesic, Steve Joncus, Nathan McCarty, James Pritchard, Marge Stewart, Don Morgan, Rich Fiala, Laurie Freeman-Swanson, April Quinn-McGinnis, Chad Parker, Hank Epstein; Sue Hein, Jay Panagos

Staff: Dave Queener, Mike Bezner, Cameron Ruen

Welcome and Minutes (Bill Merchant)

Bill called the meeting to order and invited everyone to introduce themselves. and asked for any additional agenda items. The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the September 28, 2023, CRFAC meeting.

The group reviewed the agenda, and approved the minutes of the Sept. 28, 2023 meeting.

County Road Projects Overview (Mike Bezner)

So far the vehicle registration fee has resulted in \$44 million of revenue over four years, which is shared with the cities (40%) and strategic investments (10%, joint use by county and cities). We've been funding congestion relief, safety and paving projects. The cities choose their own projects.

- Safety projects: Mike noted that the safety list is a bit outdated, but hasn't changed much. Installation of school beacons and radar signs, and signal rebuilds are scheduled to begin this year or next. Some traffic signals are reaching the end of their useful life and they are expensive to replace.
- Local road paving: We hired a consultant to help develop a five-year plan for maintaining local roads. We receive about \$1 million each year for this program. We overspent a bit initially to get some projects done as we waited for monies to build up for congestion relief projects. We have one local road paving project set for next year, which wouldn't be possible without this money.
- Strategic investment fund: This is 10% of funds for projects of mutual interest to the county and cities. We've been using this money to support work needed on roads to transfer them to cities such as Canby, Lake Oswego, Happy Valley and Wilsonville. The roads transferred include Duus/Eagle Creek and 362nd Avenue.

- Congestion relief: Mike noted that the cost figures reflect the CRF portion of the project, not the total cost of the project. Projects for this summer include finishing the Redland turn lanes, continuing with the Stafford/Childs roundabout, Amisigger/224, Welches Road and Stafford/ Elligsen.

Question: Did the Amisigger/224 roundabout end up being 90 feet or 75 feet? [The roundabout is 114 feet on the inside and 178 feet on the outside.]

Question: Is the Oregon City Beaver Creek road transfer complete? [We've reached out to the city early knowing that the transfer will not occur for several years. Conversations continue now. In the meantime, we are transferring smaller roads.]

Question: Is the city responsible for upgrades below the roads after a transfer? [Yes.] What's the advantage for the city to have roads transferred from the county? [Once they road is transferred, the city has control over the road and can build it the way they want it.]

Next Round of Project Recommendations, Selection and Criteria (Dave Queener)

We've made progress on projects already recommended and the Transportation System Plan (TSP) update process will be starting soon. The RFP will go out in the next couple of months for this \$1.5 million project. However, it's worth it for this group to have a discussion on projects regardless of TSP process. We've thought that the criteria this group originally developed is pretty good, but this is another opportunity for us to look at it again, see if the weights are right, check the method of ranking, etc.

Comments

- I thought the evaluation measures were good
- Having this type of method is useful, easier to value
- **Mike:** Should we earmark a project? Will take a lot of resources to do the design, so won't have much money left over. Some projects haven't started design yet. TSP update will likely come up with stuff not on the list.

Public comment -- none

Next Steps -- The group agreed the next CRFAC meeting should be in September, preferably in person with hybrid available if needed. Staff will come up with some dates to share with members and see what works best.

Adjourn -- Bill Merchant adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.