



## **Clackamas County Community Road Fund Advisory Committee Meeting #10**

5-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 23, 2022; Zoom

### **MINUTES**

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#### **Attendance**

Committee members: Bill Merchant, Rich Fiala, Sue Hein, Warren Holzem, Stephen Joncus, Danielle Lohmann, Nathan McCarty, James Pritchard, Marg Stewart, Patricia Tawney, Cassie Wilson

Staff: Mike Bezner, Ellen Rogalin

Guests: Rick Cook, Chase Welborn, Nicole Perry, Alan Williams

#### **Welcome and Minutes**

Chair Bill Merchant welcomed everyone and asked for any additional agenda items. The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the Sept. 29, 2021, CRFAC meeting.

#### **Community Road Fund Status (Mike Bezner)**

- Trailer fee: The Board of Commissioners approved moving forward with the process to reduce the vehicle registration fee for utility and light trailers to \$5. The Board will have to approve an ordinance to make the change, which could go into effect by Jan. 1, 2023. Mike thanked committee members for their discussion and recommendation at the last meeting.
- VRF revenue: The county receives VRF revenue monthly from the state – 40% is distributed to cities, 10% goes to the Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) and the rest goes to the Community Road Fund. So far the county has received \$10.7 million for all county community road projects including those recommended by this committee and staff, and approved by the Board. Revenue was a bit less than originally expected during the first few months of the pandemic, but has picked up since then.

#### **Status of Community Road Fund Projects (Mike Bezner)**

Mike noted that prices are somewhat volatile these days. Some project bids come in high and some come in low, and we're trying to use our funds as efficiently as possible.

We now have a safety software package that will help ensure we plan safety upgrades where they are most needed and we have a five-year paving plan.

- 3 congestion relief projects are in design
  - Canby-Marquam Hwy/Lone Elder Intersection; construction tentatively planned for 2022
  - Redland Road turn lanes at Ferguson and Bradley; construction tentatively planned for 2023
  - Stafford Road from Pattulo Way to Rosemont Road (includes a new roundabout at Stafford/Childs intersection); construction tentatively planned for 2024
- 3 congestion relief projects are beginning design this year
  - Johnson Creek Blvd improvements from 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave to end-of-county maintenance; construction tentatively planned for 2025
  - Amisiger Road/OR 224 intersection improvements; construction tentatively planned for 2024; planned to be a traffic signal, but as required by the state we are first reviewing the possibility of a roundabout
  - Welches Road bike/pedestrian improvements; construction tentatively planned for 2025
- 1 congestion relief project has a preliminary report being completed: Barlow Road/99E intersection study
- 3 safety projects are complete
  - Johnson Creek Blvd at Bell

- Johnson Creek Blvd at Linwood
- Bob Schumacher at Causey
- 3 safety projects are tentatively planned to be completed in 2022
  - 282<sup>nd</sup> at Haley
  - Johnson Creek Blvd at 74<sup>th</sup>
  - King Road at 66<sup>th</sup>
- 3 paving projects are complete
  - Carus Road
  - Ferguson Road
  - Arista area
- 1 paving project is partially complete – Thiessen area – and will be completed in 2023
- Three area paving projects are planned for 2022
  - Boyer/King area
  - McLoughlin neighborhood
  - Webster area
- Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) projects with the cities include road transfers with several cities and construction projects with Sandy, Estacada, Molalla and Tualatin

### **Discussion**

- I'd like to see the list of road transfers that are planned. [We'll get that to you.]
- What's the road transfer planned for Oregon City? [Beavercreek]
- Who decides if the Amisigler/224n intersection gets a signal or a roundabout? [The state will make the final decision. We support the idea of a roundabout, but it will increase costs.]
- Did the safety study at Stafford/Childs include pedestrians? [Yes]
- Is it true that the main difference between signals and roundabouts, that makes the difference in safety, is speed? The roundabout slows down traffic. [Yes.]
- Why does it require money from the county for a city to take over a county road? [Since the city will take on all future costs and liability, a payment is warranted.]
- I'm concerned about safety and liability around a new apartment building complex in Oregon City because it is so close to the road. I don't even know if there will be any sidewalks. [The city makes the development decisions, but it is our road. We'll check on the status of sidewalks.]
- What's going on with the Damascus roads planning project? [The preliminary study is done and the public will be asked to comment on proposed projects at an online open house scheduled for February 28 – March 13.]

### **Next Steps**

- Mike noted that the county will begin the process of updating its 20-year transportation system plan in 2023, so that will open up more possibilities for projects for this committee to consider for the future.
- We'll plan to present the next CRFAC report to the Board of Commissioners when the ordinance to reduce trailer fees is presented. Committee members will be invited.
- The group agreed to meet again in September 2022. Ellen will send out a Doodle poll to determine the date that works best for everyone.
- Several committee members have terms ending this June 30. Staff will be in touch with those people about whether they want to serve another term and will proceed with the appropriate recruitment process.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Adjourn:** Bill Merchant adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.