



Clackamas County Community Road Fund Advisory Committee Meeting #12

6-8 p.m., Thursday, March 30, 2023
Development Services Building Room 118

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Attendance

Committee members: Bill Merchant, Chair; Sue Hein, Warren Holzem, Cedimir Jesic, Nathan McCarty, James Pritchard, Marg Stewart, Patricia Tawney; Staff: Dave Queener, Mike Bezner, Ellen Rogalin

Welcome and Minutes (Bill Merchant)

Bill welcomed everyone and asked for any additional agenda items. The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the September 29, 2022, CRFAC meeting.

Project Updates (Mike Bezner)

- *Amissiger/224* – This is an ODOT intersection. We're considering either a traffic signal or a roundabout. Costs are increasing and are quite volatile. Right now we're working on design.
- *Barlow Road/99E Study* – Our consultant developed two options that provide good solutions:
 - Realign the intersection and add dual southbound left-turn lanes at the 99E/Barlow Road intersection (~ \$14 million)
 - Add a single-lane roundabout at the Arndt Road/Barlow Road intersection (~ \$4 million)Because of the costs, which we know have risen since they were estimated, we'll fold the results of this study in to the Transportation System Plan update that will begin later this year.
- *Johnson Creek Boulevard from 79th Place to 55th Avenue* – This was selected as a congestion relief project, but on further review staff has determined it is a large bike/ped improvements project. Therefore, it can't be paid for with congestion relief funds and we need to shift the \$6.8 million to another project. The paving that had been planned will still be done, but the other improvements will not.

After reviewing other congestion relief projects, staff recommends the funds be used to help fund the 65th Ave/2 Rd/Stafford Rd roundabout. That was a high CRFAC priority before, it's in the county's Transportation System Plan (TSP) and will definitely help relieve congestion.

Mike noted that, because of a city of Wilsonville project, the city is putting a temporary traffic signal at the intersection, but the long-term solution is a roundabout to be built by the county. It will take 3-4 years to design the project and prepare for construction.

Patricia made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the funds previously planned for the Johnson Creek Boulevard project be used instead for 65th Ave./Ellingsen Rd/Stafford Rd roundabout, Seconded by Warren. Approved unanimously. Mike will take the committee's recommendation to the BCC.

Community Road Fund Status (Mike Bezner)

- *Trailer fee*: The trailer fee reduction went into effect on January 1, 2023. It will likely result in approximately \$300,000 less/year in revenue.
- *VRF revenue*: Vehicle registration fee revenue has been fairly steady. It's been a bit down for a while, but is expected to rise again. We continue with our plan for yearly average expenditures of

about \$3.5-4 million on congestion relief projects, \$1 million on paving projects and \$500,000 on safety projects.

Status of Community Road Fund Projects (Mike Bezner)

Congestion Relief

- Canby-Marquam Highway/Lone Elder intersection – This is the first congestion-relief project recommended by the CRFAC to go to construction. Bids came in slightly under what was estimated and construction is scheduled for this summer.
- Redland Road turn lanes – The bids are out and that project is scheduled for this year.
- Stafford Road/Childs Road roundabout and other improvements – The right-of-way period is about to begin; construction is scheduled for 2024-25.
- Welches Road pedestrian improvements – Design will begin later this year; construction is a few years away.

Paving – We did extra paving the past couple of years while congestion relief projects were getting started, so we'll be doing less paving for a year or two. Major areas for paving in three years include areas around the Mulino Airport, Mt. Talbert and Royal View.

Safety – We have a great new system now, Vision Zero, that helps us to identify and pick projects. We're putting up radar signs and rebuilding signals; some safety funds are also going to the Stafford/Childs roundabout.

Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) – We're working with Canby, Estacada and other cities on transferring roads from county to city jurisdiction, and have a few projects, also, including Duus Road/Eagle Creek Road intersection improvements, scheduled to go to construction in 2024.

Discussion

- What's the status of the emergency route development plans program?
Mike said that our Disaster Management Department is working on that. Transportation has a local plan for each zone that would likely be isolated when bridges go down when/if the Cascadia earthquake occurs. It's employee-centric – focusing on allowing county and city employees to assist in the area where they live in case of such an emergency. Actual evacuation routes have to be done in response to the specific emergency, because each situation is different. We're working closely on future plans with the Sheriff's Office, and learned a lot during the wildfires a couple of years ago.
- Can we use Community Road Fund money for seismic upgrades to bridges?
No, that's not an option.
- Is the county involved with the Hoodland Disaster Planning process?
Staff will check with Disaster Management about that.

I-205 Tolling (Mike Bezner)

ODOT's I-205 tolling project environmental assessment (EA) is available for review and comment through April 21. The county is working with consultants to compile a detailed list of concerns and questions, which will be discussed at a Board Policy Session April 12. The county will request that ODOT conduct an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the I-205 Tolling Project, along with the Regional Mobility Pricing Project (RMPP) that is planned to toll all of I-205 and I-5 in the metro area.

Next Steps (Bill Merchant and Dave Queener)

Bill asked about the committee's annual report to the Board of Commissioners. Last year it was presented along with the recommendation to reduce the trailer fee. This year Mike will present it as part of the recommendation from the committee and staff to shift funds away from Johnson Creek

Boulevard and to the 65th/Ellingson/Stafford roundabout. Staff will work on the report and send it to the committee for review.

In the next couple of years, the committee will need to review and recommend future congestion relief projects to be funded from the Community Road Fund. Since the county will begin updating its Transportation System Plan (TSP) later this year, the group agreed it makes sense to wait to review projects until that process is complete in 2025. To prepare for that, both the committee and staff need to review the project selection criteria used for the first round of recommendations and determine what, if any, changes are needed.

Next CRFAC meeting

- September 2023 (Ellen, Dave and Bill will work on a date)
- Focus on project evaluation and prioritization criteria
- To prepare – CRFAC members are asked to review current criteria (included in the meeting packet) and staff are asked to review the current criteria, identify what worked and what didn't work, and develop recommendations for the CRFAC to consider.

Adjourn

Bill adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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