

**TILLAMOOK COUNTY
COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (CRAC)
Monday, October 4, 2021
3:00 PM TO 5:00 PM**

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1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Review and Approve July 12, 2021, meeting minutes
3. Staffing
4. General Obligation Bond discussion: Article to the paper. Future options and impacts.
5. Funding Opportunities
6. Construction and Capital Projects
7. Jurisdiction of portion of Haystack Drive by Hill Street
8. County Road Advisory Committee member vacancies
9. Public Comments
10. Next Meeting

Tillamook County Road Department

Capital Projects

October 4, 2021

2021 Earmark Requests

- Salmon SuperHwy - Trask River Road over Green Creek
- Salmon SuperHwy – Trask River Road over Samson Creek
- Salmon SuperHwy – Ekroth Road over Illingsworth Creek
- Salmon SuperHwy – Kilchis River Road over Myrtle Creek
- Salmon SuperHwy – Latimer Road over Slide Creek (Yankee Branch): no design work done
- Salmon SuperHwy – Bayocean Road over Flowerpot Creek: no design work done

2021-2022 Construction:

- TCRD – Neskowin Emergency Egress Route
 - In Construction – Paving will likely be in the Spring.

2021-2022 USFS Enterprise Designs (construction funding is unknown):

- Tomlinson Road over Esther Creek (culvert pipe to box culvert)
- Sandlake Road over unnamed creek (just north of Tierra Del Mar, culvert pipe to bridge)
- Sandlake Road over Beltz Creek (north of Tierra Del Mar, culvert pipe to bridge)

2022 Construction:

- Salmon SuperHwy - Trask River Road over Green Creek (culvert to bridge)
 - Nearing 90% design & fully funded
- TCRD (2015 Storm) – Old Wheeler Mohler Slide
 - Nearing 90% design. Fully funded / FEMA 75% match
- TCRD (2015 Storm) – Kilchis House
 - Nearing 60% design, FEMA 75% match. Construction funding is unknown
- FHWA – Cape Meares Loop Road
 - Bids received. Fully funded. Waiting on final R/W acquisition.
- TCRD – Oceanside Ramp
 - No Bids received – Rebid in February

2022 or 2023 Construction:

- Salmon SuperHwy - Trask River Road over Samson Creek (culvert to bridge)
 - Nearing 90% design & partially funded for construction
- Salmon SuperHwy - Ekroth Road over Illingsworth Creek (culvert to bridge)
 - Nearing 90% design & partially funded for construction
- Salmon SuperHwy - Kilchis River Road over Myrtle Creek (culvert to bridge)
 - At 60% design & partially funded for construction

- TCRD (2015 Storm) – Hadley Road Bank Stabilization
 - Alternatives in review / FEMA 75% match

Repairs or Replacements (2022 -2023): Bridge inspections received at the end of August. Determination on how to address deficiencies has not been established.

- Miami-Foley Road over Minich Creek (bridge)
- Moss Creek Road over Moss Creek (bridge)

2023 Construction:

- ODOT (2015 Storm) Bayocean Road over Dick Creek (temp. bridge to permanent bridge)
 - At 30% design. Fully funded / 10.27% match
- ODOT (2015 Storm) Miami-Foley Road over Dry Creek (culvert to bridge)
 - At 30% design. Fully funded / 10.27% match
- ODOT (2015 Storm) Miami-Foley Road over Crystal Creek (culvert to bridge)
 - At 30% design. Fully funded / 10.27% match
- TCRD Big Trout Road over Three Rivers (bridge replacement)
 - Starting Design. Fully funded / ODOT 89.73% match

2024 Construction:

- TCRD (2015 Storm) East Creek Slide Stabilization
 - At 30% design. Issues with Environmental Assessment Fully funded / FEMA 75% match

Projects request of ODOT to fund additional bridges in the next STIP. If funded, construction would not occur before 2026:

- Blum Lane over Dougherty Slough (Prince Bridge)
- Sandlake Road over Sand Creek (Atkinson Bridge)
- Wilson River Loop over Wilson River (Sollie Smith Bridge)
 - Unlikely to be funded this cycle – potentially funded in 2030.
- New Miami River Road over Miami River (Keesling Bridge)
 - Unlikely to be funded – historic scour issue since the late '70s.

TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: July 12, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Curt Schonbrod, Gary Hanenkrat, Anne Price, Bob Garrigues and Gus Meyer

STAFF: Chris Laity and Jeanette Steinbach

PUBLIC: Karen Matthews, Renee Starr, Joanne Jene (Virtual) and Barbara Aufdermauer

Item 1. Call Meeting to Order: Meeting called to order at 3:05 pm. The Chair, Curt Schonbrod welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Item 2. Review and Approve March 1, 2021, and May 3, 2021 meeting minutes:
Gus moved to approve the March minutes, seconded by Anne, unanimously approved. Gary moved to approve the May minutes, seconded by Anne, approved, Bob abstained.

Item 3. Staffing: The Vegetation & Traffic Coordinator retired as of July 1, 2021. A fellow employee has been training for the last 1.5 months. The department is currently fully staffed per approved budget. Most of the equipment operators have less than 4 years work history with this department. Currently there are three employees out with injury/illness. With this, it makes paving a challenge.

Barbara asked about the compensation study for CDL drivers. Chris said he is working with Human resources on the study. Human Resources is working on a compensation study starting with Executives, Management, Teamsters and then AFSCME employees. Chris suggested to HR to research other Counties and the State. Chris also mentioned that Commissioner Mary Faith Bell indicated that priority would be given to the Health and Road Departments.

Item 4. Funding Opportunities: Tillamook County Public Works and the Salmon SuperHwy (SSH) are putting together a request for funding from Congress. The SSH is a collaboration of private, local, state, and federal agencies that was founded to remove stream barriers and reconnect habitat. Road culverts are often barriers and the SSH has removed ten culverts and replaced them with bridges over the last few years. The new bridge at Mile Post (MP) 4 on the Miami is the most recent example of their work. The SSH has been brought into this funding request as it is unique to Tillamook County, has a well-documented priority list, separates us from all the other counties in the country, and is very successful program. For this request, 7 culverts were selected that will be replaced with bridges. Project selection was based on County and SSH criteria, location, failure impacts, ease of permitting, lack of right-of-way acquisition, and “shovel ready” projects.

We applied for the following projects:

- Trask River Road over Green Creek
- Trask River Road over Samson Creek
- Ekroth Road over Illingsworth Creek
- Kilchis River Road over Myrtle Creek
- Latimer Road over Slide Creek, aka Yankee Branch
- Blaine Road over Clarence Creek
- Bayocean Road over Flowerpot Creek

The federal government has a transportation bill that would fund transportation costs. This is geared towards local bridges so not sure if culverts would be funded. Funding usually requires a 10% or 25% match which is sometimes impossible to budget. Chris showed the members a table illustrating the impacts of Federal Forest Fees since the impact of the Spotted Owl in 1992. The revenues garnered from this revenue started at \$5 million and is now at \$75,000. TLT dollars do compensate the budget but doesn't compensate for the loss of Federal Forest Fees.

Union negotiations resulted in a 3% COLA increase beginning July 2021 and 3% COLA increase beginning July 2022 for all county employees excluding the Teamsters employees (Sheriff).

The General Obligation Bond is nearing its end. It was a 10-year bond beginning in 2013. The members discussed how to get a funding committee started? Consensus was that it takes about 2-years to campaign. Second homes contribute to property taxes, but they don't contribute to the gas tax if their vehicles are not registered in the County. Chris has been meeting with various media personnel to talk about what's happening in the Road Dept. Jeanette said that if the members knew of any groups that they would like Chris to talk to or share any information to please let her know.

Item 5. Construction Projects:

Paving: Paving is going quite well except for the occasional breakdowns at the asphalt plant. A portion of McCormick Loop is slated to be paved this summer. Initially the plan was to straighten some of the curves for safety, but the right of way negotiations would take a while. Today the crew are paving Yellow Fir Road. Barbara asked if there was a bridge on Yellow Fir Road that needed to be replaced. There is a bridge that because it is not part of the national bridge inventory (NBI), i.e., over 20 ft, this bridge replacement when it occurs would have to be funded in total by the Road Department. 15 bridges county bridges are not in the NBI. Chris answered Gus' question on when the bridge approaches would be paved on Curl bridge. Chris said that 2 landowners are working on easements, and when that has been finalized, the approaches will be paved.

Bridges: There are seven bridges that are at design, construction, or funding stages. They include two on the Miami Foley Road, one on Bayocean Road, two on Trask River Road, one of Ekroth, one on Kilchis River Road and one on Big Trout Road. Planning on applying for Highway Bridge Program grant for two bridges for 2024-2027 construction.

FEMA/FHWA: From the declared 2015 storm, there are three FEMA projects: Old Wheeler Moher which should go to construction fall of 2021, East Creek Road shoulder stabilization is dealing with environmental challenges, construction 2023/2024 and

Hadley Road the cost is at \$1.7 million. Design consultant is looking at moving the road, and other alternatives to bring the cost down. Kilchis House is another FEMA grant sourced through a Hazard Mitigation grant. Design should be completed by end of July 2021. Submission to FEMA for construction funding. The match of 25% for construction is needed. FHWA has three bridges as mentioned above, two on Miami Foley Road and one on Bayocean Road.

SSH: Green Creek/Samson/Illingsworth Creek Projects: Mentioned above, these bridges are in design.

Cape Meares Loop Road: Design is at 95%. Right of Way negotiations have been completed with Green Crow and Oceanside Water District. Continuing negotiations with Stimson on right of way acquisition. The road closed January 2013.

Oceanside Ramp: The project is being re-designed due to an Indian burial site located at the site. The road will be rebuilt. Pedestrian accesses will be safer after project is completed. Joanne asked about wheelchair access. Chris said that they will be a railing that will aid, but no wheelchair access.

Three Arch Inn @ Tillamook Avenue: Vehicles are parking on both intersections impacting emergency access. Chris is working with the Fire Department to make it a one-way and be identified as a fire lane.

12th Street, Tillamook: An apartment complex is built off 12th Street. Road is not fairing well. Chris worked with the Owner to cost share paving a portion of 12th Street.

Trask River Road, Chip Seal: The plan is to chip seal about four miles to preserve the pavement which will be a project for the Summer of 2022.

Bayocean Road, Rock scaling: Working on a Call for bid for this project. The hope is to knock off most of the rocks, so that the hazard is removed for the traveling public. Anne asked if netting can be used to stop the rock sliding. Chris said that in that area it won't be effective.

Neskowin Emergency Access: This project enables the community to have an emergency access should any issues occur with Salem Avenue bridge. Community donated \$100,000, Governor's office funded \$1,000,000 with a local family donating a private road. This project will consist of 2 bridges, 1 large box culvert and will be gated. Construction to be completed in fall 2021.

Public Comments: Karen Mathews and Renee Starr handed out a information page on their concerns of the condition of Haystack Drive off Hill Street Access Road. They mentioned that Hill Street is now designated as a Tsunami route and assembly location. The turnaround is County owned. They expressed their concern about the condition of the road given the fact that pedestrians would be using it to get to the assembly area. Chris will have staff research that portion on Haystack Road and confirm status at the next meeting. It is believed to be a private road.

Joanne Jene representing the Oceanside Community would like Chinook to Cedar and Maxwell Mtn Road be mowed due to safety vision issues.

Item 13. Next Meeting: The next meeting is September 13, 2021. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.