



# Management Update Minutes

**Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 9:30 a.m.**

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem  
5th Floor, Suite 5231, Commissioners Boardroom

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners Colm Willis and Sam Brentano, Jan Fritz, Jane Vetto, Brian Nicholas, Lani Radtke, David Jensen, Lisa Trauernicht, Chad Ball, Jolene Kelley, and Kristy Witherell as recorder.

Jan Fritz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL:

**Discuss Proposal to Install All-Way Stop Control at the River Road NE, Quinaby Road NE, and Clear Lake Road NE Intersection**

- Lani Radtke, David Jensen

***Summary of presentation:***

- Public Works has met with the board in the past regarding this intersection;
- This intersection has the highest intersection crash rate in the whole county;
- The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has an All Roads Transportation Safety (ARTS) Grant Program:
  - They look at all of the crashes statewide and identify hot spots and systemic crash issues or locations;
  - ODOT identifies those areas for the counties:
    - Counties develop recommended counter-measures;
    - Identify benefit to cost ratios; and
    - Apply for grant funding based on the data.
- This intersection has been on the ARTS list in the past;
- In the last five years, there have been 40 crashes total:
  - Two fatalities in the last six years.
- More than 70 percent of the crashes have been related to cars on the minor streets misjudging the gaps in traffic, or failure to stop at the stop sign:
  - Ten percent of the crashes are from people turning left onto River Road that are misjudging gaps and being hit by oncoming traffic.
- This intersection is a two-way stopped controlled intersection;
- There is a significant skew with River Road oriented in a northeast/southwest direction and a two-way stop control with the side streets Quinaby Road and Clear Lake Road;
- The crash patterns are supportive of an all-way stop;
- In previous studies, all-way stops have been shown to be very effective in reducing crashes;
- It will be more effective in this intersection because of the skew and visibility issues;

- Public Works is proposing the following:
  - Install stop signs at the north and south River Road intersections with four red solar powered beacons on each of the stop signs in the intersection;
  - A “Stop Ahead” sign in each direction;
  - Amber beacons at the new stop signs;
  - Install “New Traffic Pattern Ahead” signs for six months;
  - Set out portable message signs on River Road for the northbound and southbound traffic; and
  - Improving channelization at the corner of Quinaby Road and River Road.

***Board discussion:***

- This intersection should operate successfully for the next seven years;
- Signaling the intersection will be the next phase, but it is not necessary at this time;
- There are more than 6,000 cars a day that use River Road;
- If Public Works were to signalize the intersection, it would be more beneficial to realign it so turning lanes could be added;
- There is discussion to improve the area around The Hitchin’ Post Restaurant:
  - Street lights will be added to the intersection;
  - Public Works would like to channelize the access of the parking lot off of River Road:
    - There is no set entrance or exit in the restaurant parking lot.
- This intersection is fully compliant with all traffic standards;
- Public Works has created a crash database in GIS where highest crash rates are viewable on a map throughout the county; and
- If beacon lights and signage is not enough, Public Works may consider rumble strips.

**COMMISSIONERS’ COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND UPDATE:**

Colm Willis:

- Met with Salem Hospital staff:
  - They have been working on a population health analysis for the region for the past six months;
  - They identified different health risk factors for community members; and
  - Commissioner Willis suggested having them come to a Health and Human Services Policy Meeting to present their findings.

**OTHER:**

- Commissioners Brentano and Willis signed a letter of support having the governor reconsider letting private schools open.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

COMPLETED BY: **Kristy Witherell**

Reviewed by: *Joanna Ritchie*