



Work Session Summary Minutes

OREGON

Roads and Bridges Update

December 12, 2024. 1:00 PM

Courthouse Square, 555 Court St. NE, Salem
5th Floor, Suite 5232, Commissioners Board Room

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Kevin Cameron, Danielle Bethell, and Colm Willis.

Board's Office: Matt Lawyer, Toni Whitler, and Trevor Lane.

Legal Counsel: Steve Elzinga.

Public Works: Dennis Mansfield, Max Hepburn, Ryan Crowther, Lani Radtke, Kent Inman, and Brian Nicholas

Kevin Cameron called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Summary

The Marion County Board of Commissioners discussed road and bridge projects, focusing on rumble strips for safety improvements. Recommendations included standard edge line rumble strips for McKay Ellen Road, avoiding edge line rumble strips for Cascade Highway Northeast due to narrow shoulders, and sinusoidal center line rumble strips for River French Prairie to reduce noise. They also addressed the East Park development agreement, emphasizing the need for a \$3 million escrow account and a lien on Phase Six property. Additionally, they considered helping Polk County and Independence with bridge projects, ensuring these projects do not interfere with their own priorities.

Rumble Strips

- Discussed three projects involving rumble strips at center line or edge line
- Reviewed constraints and recommendations for each project:
 - McKay Ellen Road:
 - Recommended standard edge line rumble strips.
 - Cascaded Highway Northeast:
 - Concerns about narrow shoulders and impacts on bicycles/noise, recommended not moving forward with edge line rumble strips.
 - River French Prairie:
 - Recommended consideration of sinusoidal line rumble strips to reduce noise impact.
- Discussed pavement conditions, timing, and resources for implementing rumble strips.
- Agreed to continue monitoring the Orville Road curve and implement additional safety measures.

East Park Development Amendment #3

- Provide a title report on the East Park property to review any existing liens.
- Communicate to the East Park developer that the \$3 million escrow account and lien on Phase 6 must be in place before Phase 5 plat is approved.

Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study (SKATS) Applications

- Decided not to bring the SKTAS applications to the next management update, as more time is needed to prepare.

Tribal Request for Gate to Control Dumping

- Tribe has requested the county vacate the roadway.
- Easement have been an issue when pursuing this option.
- Multiple owners and necessary processes have complicated the process.

Sunset Hills Speed

- Discussed a request to post a 30-mph speed limit on Sunset Hills Drive, a dead-end road.
- Reviewed the speed study recommendation and process for implementing the speed limit.
- Acknowledged concerns about the average speed of 28 mph and potential for complaints.

Business Informational Signing

- Discussed a policy update to allow guide signs for businesses not open to the public five days a week.
- Agreed to proceed with the policy adjustment, while monitoring the impact on public access.

Next Steps

- Follow up with the Sheriff's Office on their ability to tow vehicles that leave the road and end up on private property on Orville Road.
- Implement additional safety measures on the Orville Road curve, including a speed feedback sign.
- Determine if Marion County can assist Polk County and the City of Independence in delivering their bridge replacement projects.

Adjourned – time: 2:04 p.m.

Minutes by: Mary Vityukova

Minutes by: Gary White

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