



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: 6/24/26

Department: Public Works

Title: Consider an Order Establishing the Policy for Requests by Private Parties to Pave County Maintained Gravel Roads

Management Update/Work Session Date: 5/6/26 Audio/Visual aids []

Time Required: Consent Contact: Jill Ogden Phone: 503-365-3152

Requested Action: Adopt the enclosed Board Order establishing the policy Public Works shall apply when a private party requests to pave a County maintained gravel road.

Issue, Description & Background: As discussed at the Engineering Standards Work Session on 5/6/2026: Public Works routinely receives requests by private parties wanting to pave County maintained gravel roads. A consistent driving surface is more cost effective for Public Works to maintain. The proposed Board Order will establish that the paving of a County maintained gravel road shall connect into an existing asphalt surface, unless otherwise approved by the County Engineer, and be constructed to County standards under a permit.

Financial Impacts: None

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: A consistent driving surface is more cost effective to maintain. Establishing that new privately paved sections of County maintained roads shall connect to an existing paved surface promotes more cost effective maintenance by Public Works.

List of attachments: Board Order

Presenter: Max Hepburn

Department Head Signature: Brian Nicholas Digitally signed by Brian Nicholas Date: 2026.06.09 15:31:55 -07'00'

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of establishing the policy for)
requests by private parties to pave County)
maintained gravel roads.)

ORDER No. ____

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

WHEREAS, the County road network contains several gravel roads maintained by the County; and

WHEREAS, the County routinely receives requests by private parties desiring to pave sections of County maintained gravel roads; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to reduce road maintenance costs where possible by having consistent driving surfaces; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that sections of County maintained gravel roads proposed to be paved by a private party shall connect into an existing paved surface, unless otherwise approved by the County Engineer. The work shall be conducted under a permit issued by Public Works, be constructed to current county standards, and pass final inspection. Once the work has passed final inspection the paved surface may be maintained by the county.

DATED at Salem, Oregon, this 24th day of June 2026.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner