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MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Work Session Summary Minutes

Roads and Bridges

April 15, 2025. 1:30 PM

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

ATTENDANCE:

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

Board's Office: Matt Lawyer, Jan Fritz, Heather Inyama, Toni Whitler, and Trevor Lane.

Legal Counsel: Steve Elzinga.

Public Works: Dennis Mansfield, Ryan Crowther, Scott Wilson, Lani Radtke, Carl Lund, and Brian Nicholas.

Commissioner Danielle Bethell called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Summary

Discussed the 2025 capital projects plan, focusing on resurfacing, bridge repairs, and safety improvements. Key projects include resurfacing Cascade Highway and roads near Mount Angel, using a scrub seal treatment to extend pavement life. Approved the \$4.2 million budget for resurfacing, with 51.5 miles planned for 2025. Reviewed completed projects like the Browns Island bridge and the McKay road American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) improvements. Future projects include the Center Street sidewalk and bike lane project, the French Prairie bridge replacement, and the North Fork road slide repair. The chip seal program aims to cover 51.5 miles in 2025. The I-5 widening project is expected to be completed next year, and the Battle Creek roundabout was approved. The Center Street Bridge seismic retrofit will close the bridge for three years, affecting traffic. Consider moving a house to prevent it from being hit by cars. Discussed the need for turn lanes on 22 and 99, and the potential for a rail-to-trail project. The Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) project's design includes a left turn lane and pedestrian path considerations.

Capital Project Plan

- Reviewed capital projects completed in 2024 and planned for 2025
- Highlighted key projects:
 - Browns Island bridge replacement.
 - Hayesville drive project completion.
 - Hazel Green bridge replacement.
 - McKay road safety median improvements.
- Discussed future projects through 2029, including:
 - Advisory curve signing.
 - Arts corridor projects.
 - Safety improvements.

- Bridge replacements.

Chip Seal Plan

- Completed 54.5 miles of chip seal in 2024.
- Planning 51.5 miles of chip seal for 2025.
- Focus areas:
 - Central Marion County.
 - West Aumsville Maintenance District.
 - South Salem Maintenance District.
- Collaborative approach with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and local cities.
- Targeting challenging neighborhood roads and asphalt approaches.

ODOT Projects

- Aurora Donald interchange work continuing through 2028.
- I-5 widening project near Delaney Road.
- Battle Creek roundabout approved.
- Center Street Bridge seismic retrofit planned:
 - Potential three-year closure.
 - Limited traffic options.

Rural Transportation System Plan (RTSP)

- Developing project list for grant funding.
- Discussed potential projects:
 - Canyon Rail Trail.
 - Intersection improvements.
 - Road safety enhancements.
 - Economic development opportunities.

Other

- Road safety issues at 35th Avenue and Perkins Street.
- Potential solutions for problematic intersections.
- Reviewed pedestrian and safety improvements.
- Economic development through road projects.

Next Steps

- Finalize RTSP project list.
- Follow up on specific road safety concerns.
- Continue coordination with ODOT.
- Prepare for upcoming infrastructure improvements.
- Schedule policy analyst tour of Public Works.

Adjourned – time: 2:31 p.m.

Minutes by: Mary Vityukova

Reviewed by: Gary L. White