



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Work Session Summary Minutes

OREGON

Local Access Road Continuing Maintenance Program

May 13, 2025. 1:30 PM

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

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners: Kevin Cameron, and Colm Willis.

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

Legal Counsel: Scott Norris, and Steve Elzinga.

Public Works: Dennis Mansfield, Scott Wilson, Max Hepburn, Lani Radtke, and Brian Nicholas.

Reporter: Bill Poehler.

Commissioner Colm Willis called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Proposed Plan

- Address roads with less than 50 feet of right-of-way.
- Utilize ORS 368.031 to provide maintenance for local access roads.
- Create a parallel track to existing road acceptance project.
- Offer basic maintenance without full road reconstruction.
- Prioritize safety and passable road conditions.

Discussion

- Maintenance Approach:
 - Assess road conditions regionally.
 - Prioritize safety hazards.
 - Provide lighter maintenance for nuisance issues.
 - Not aiming to meet full county road standards.
 - Flexible approach to road maintenance.
- Road Selection Criteria:
 - Consider roads in poor condition.
 - Evaluate roads while working in specific areas.
 - Potential for addressing multiple roads efficiently.
- Service Level Expectations:
 - Provide basic maintenance (pothole filling, gravel maintenance).
 - Not full road reconstruction.
 - Ensure safe driving surface.
 - Potential for minor improvements like spot paving.

Other

- Current roads in various condition groups.
- Some roads may require minimal intervention.
- Efficiency is key in maintenance approach.
- Program allows more flexible response to road conditions.

Next Steps

- Draft board order for Continuous Maintenance Program.
- Coordinate with Commissioner Bethell.
- Prepare communication strategy for public understanding.
- Begin implementation of maintenance program.
- Continue parallel track with road acceptance project.

Adjourned – time: 1:53 p.m.

Minutes by: Mary Vityukova

Reviewed by: Gary L. White