MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Work Session Summary Minutes

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Draft Marion County Rural Transportation System Project (TSP) Update Future Project List

August 7, 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: Trevor Lane, Chris Eppley, Heather Inyama, Toni Whitler, and Matt

Lawyer.

Legal Counsel: Steve Elzinga.

Public Works: Lani Radtke, Ryan Crowther, and Carl Lund.

Commissioner Danielle Bethell called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Presentation of the Draft List

- Two project lists were presented:
 - A new list and a legacy list.
- The legacy list includes both completed and uncompleted projects.
- The new list is the primary focus for future projects:
 - o It includes items that need to be updated and corrected.
 - Roundabout at Shaff and Golf Club Roads.

Discussion

- Jurisdiction and authority over county roads within city limits:
 - o Regarding funding, maintenance, and decision-making for improvements.
- Should the roundabout at Shaff and Golf Club Roads remain on the county's list or move to the city's plan.
- Projects in the TSP make them grant eligible and is a developer requirement.
- Clarify maintenance responsibilities and legal authority between county and cities.
- Additional projects:
 - Widening shoulders on Howell Prairie Road, addressing dangerous curves, and considering bike lanes or wider shoulders for safety.
- Priority and relevance of various projects, like bridge repairs, road improvements in Brooks, and public transportation routes.
- Concerns of including projects influenced by external agencies (e.g., Cherriots transit) and the impact on county priorities and funding.

Other

• The importance of having all potential projects on the list was emphasized, as projects not listed may not be considered in the future.

- The inclusion of projects in the plan can help with future funding opportunities, even if they are not immediate priorities.
- The group discussed the need to add all relevant bridges to the list, not just those already applied for in grant programs.

Next Steps:

- Move forward with creating a fiscally constrained project list:
 - o Limited to what is reasonably possible to fund in the next 20 years.
- The board to review the list and provide feedback or identify any missing projects.
- Staff to check with the City of Stayton regarding planned improvements at the intersection of Golf Club and Sublimity Roads and county involvement.
- Will return with a constrained list for further review and discussion.
- Additional project suggestions can still be submitted for inclusion.

Adjourned – time: 2:15 p.m. **Minutes by:** Mary Vityukova **Reviewed by:** Gary L. White