

**YAMHILL COUNTY
ROAD IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2009 ANNUAL REPORT**

This report summarizes the activities of the Yamhill County Road Improvement Advisory Committee (YCRIAC) for 2009.

YCRIAC Purpose

The YCRIAC was created in 1976 for the purpose of holding meetings as necessary to:

- develop a master plan for the construction, maintenance and improvement of County roads, considering traffic patterns and anticipated resources,
- to review accident rates on each of the County roads,
- to hear complaints about County roads and identify road deficiencies throughout the County,
- to consider petitions affecting any County road, and
- to study the existing location, condition, and use of the County roads.

The Committee is to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners:

- a priority for correcting road deficiencies identified by the Committee,
- criteria to be used in prioritizing road improvement projects,
- division of effort between paving new roads and maintaining the existing roads, and
- other such advice as the Board may request.

The Committee makes its recommendations for priorities for correcting road deficiencies by submitting a priority list for projects to be scheduled in the next fiscal year.

Membership

Membership on the YCRIAC is intended to provide representation from all parts of Yamhill County. Thomas Hoy serves as the Yamhill County Sheriff's Office representative to RIAC. Following is the membership for 2009:

- Gordon Cook, Chair NE Yamhill County - Newberg area
- Dennis Rogers, Vice Chair SW Yamhill County - Sheridan area
- Jay B. Dick SE Yamhill County - Amity area (resigned 9/09)
- Tamara Garvey NW Yamhill County - Yamhill area
- Clint Giberson NW Yamhill County - Yamhill area
- Jeff Kizer SE Yamhill County – McMinnville area
- Rocky Losli NW Yamhill County - Yamhill area
- Tony Roos NE Yamhill County - Newberg area
- Michal Wert NE Yamhill County - Newberg area

2009 Accomplishments

- Chairman Cook presented the RIAC 2008 Annual Report at a regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners.
- A subcommittee, chaired by Michal Wert, prepared and submitted a proposal to the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) for funding to update the County Transportation System Plan (TSP). Letters of support were included from each city in the County. ODOT Region 2 set aside the County proposal and promised funding when Newberg-Dundee Bypass environmental impact statement (EIS) issues are resolved.
- A subcommittee, chaired by Gordon Cook, reviewed and made recommendations on Public Works Department equipment purchases and capital expenditures.
- A subcommittee, chaired by Gordon Cook, updated the RIAC website.
- Staff used the RIAC priority list to identify projects for the federal stimulus funding. Baker Creek Road overlay was selected to meet funding requirements. Leftover stimulus monies will be applied to North Valley Road.
- Members went on a daylong road tour to look at projects done in 2009.
- A weekly manager's report is circulated to RIAC members and the Board of Commissioners.
- The RIAC meetings moved into the new and improved Public Works conference room.

Informational Items

- Staff developed a list of lessons learned and provided an overview of FEMA projects from the 2008-2009 snowstorm. Projects included Gopher Valley, Stringtown, and Agency Road slides; Gilbert and Green Acres Roads; and Baker Creek and Ayers Creek Bridges.
- Director John Phelan provided regular reports on personnel, management, and general Public Works Department operations.
- Regular updates were provided on significant projects, including Quarry Road, Haskins Creek Bridge, Albertson Road, Fulquartz Landing Road, and the Hill Road bike path.
- Deputy Hoy provided regular reports on road issues and citizen concerns.
- The Maintenance Improvement Projects (MIP) list and annual budget was reviewed with RIAC for comments and prioritization.
- Commissioner Lewis reported on House Bill 2001, a major transportation package passed by the 2009 Legislature.

Citizen Appearances/Letters

The following citizens raised County road issues or expressed interest in RIAC:

- Joshua Ferguson expressed an interesting in joining RIAC.

- Deputy Hoy brought citizen concerns about visibility at the intersection on Highway 47 from Moores Valley Road in Yamhill. This intersection is under city/state jurisdiction but was brought to the attention of Yamhill and ODOT.
- Deputy Hoy received a thank you letter from a citizen for the new stop sign at the intersection of Fryer/Withycomb Roads.
- Deputy Hoy reported on citizen concerns about speeders on Skyline and Wheatland Ferry Roads.
- Summer Garvey attended a RIAC meeting for an advanced Placement Government class assignment.
- Gordon Cook brought a citizen request for a speed study on Zimri Road in Newberg.

Presentations/Discussions

- Pete Lindberg and Susan Mundy gave a presentation on culverts, tiles and bridge supports that need repair or replacement throughout the county.
- Russ Heath gave a presentation on the Public Works shop maintenance, motor pool vehicles, fleet vehicles and equipment.
- Steve Kindel gave a presentation on the County vegetation management program.
- Russ Heath gave a presentation on the uses and condition of the County's brush cutter and gave an update on the purchase of two new road graders.
- Steve Rodewald gave a presentation on road safety and intersections of concern.
- Bill Anderson gave a presentation on the Public Works Sign Department program and products.
- Deputy Hoy gave a demonstration of training for finding/locating hidden drugs and paraphernalia with his dog Blackie.
- Bill Gille gave a presentation on the top five intersections of greatest concern in the County and possible solutions.
- Russ Heath gave a presentation on the Trimbel GPS system for maintenance tracking of equipment and safety for operators.
- John Phelan showed a video to explain the new grading/ditching technique now being used to reshape County gravel roads.
- Pete Lindberg gave a presentation on the history and current use of the Wheatland Ferry.
- Bill Gille gave a presentation on the Sheridan bridge painting project and its application for HBRR funding. Two other bridge projects were also submitted for potential funding – Ballston Bridge and Old Railroad Grade Bridge.