



# JACKSON COUNTY

## Roads

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## TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 13, 2015

### In attendance:

Catherine Henrichs  
Jerry Lehman  
Alex Georgevitch  
Rosalee Senger  
Dan Dorrell  
Dace Cochran  
John Vial  
Mike Kuntz  
Julie Slaughter

Griffin Creek Citizen Representative  
Ashland Citizen Representative  
City of Medford  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
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Mike Kuntz called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

Minutes from the January 9, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

### Dan Dorrell

- Fern Valley Road – Signal heads went up on Fern Valley Road. After the wind storm, signal heads at Bolz Road were hanging by electrical wires. Manufacturer did not install metal enforcing plates. All signals will be taken down and brackets will be installed.
- Sardine Creek Bridge Project – This project is now complete. Mike Burch will begin his speed zone investigation soon.
- Rock Point Bridge – The 55 mph signs have been removed from each side of Rock Point Bridge. They are waiting for the go ahead from Jerry for the redesign of Rock Point Bridge and North River Road. They would like to slow traffic and make it safer. Hope to get it done this spring. Will get with Mike on the design.
- ARTS Program – They are having a meeting regarding this program later today. Applications can be started at any time. John clarified that there is now Federal Legislation to provide safety money for all roads. In the past it has been given only to ODOT. Now the safety money has to be shared with the local entities. ODOT leads a process to look at all roads to determine where they can improve traffic safety for all of the transportation system.
- Highway 99 – City of Phoenix has a new downtown plan. There will be one lane north and on lane south through Phoenix. They will be putting it in this summer. Flashing beacon toward the residential area on the west side of Highway 99 toward Blue Heron Park.

### **Alex Georgevitch**

- Stanford Avenue – Residents would like to have the road striped for safety. There are deep ditches and narrow shoulders. Mike responded that we don't typically stripe local roads and the last time he checked there was no crash history. Alex will investigate further and get back with Mike.
- Foothill (Hillcrest to McAndrews) – City of Medford will be starting a \$10 million project there soon. It will be a 3 year project.
- Foothill Road at Cedar Links – Signals turn on is Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 7:15 a.m. Additional work will be done on ditches. Since there has been very little work going on at the site, Mike requested the constructions signs come down when the signals are turned on.

### **Jerry Lehman**

- Exit 14 – Motorists are watching and paying more attention to the right turn signal there.
- I-5 Northbound On ramp – There is no striping on the on ramp. Two lanes approach at the same time. Dan has requested and 8" stripe down the middle.
- Reiten Drive – There is a plugged culvert on Reiten Drive. The crew was out there Saturday fixing it.

### **John Vial**

- South end of the valley got hit hard by the storm last Friday and Saturday. Wagner Creek Road, ½ mile before the end of pavement, had a slide and it is too wet to repair at this time. There are barricades up. It will be one lane traffic until it dries out enough to repair.

### **Catherine Henrichs**

- Cuba – She just returned from a trip to Cuba. Not much traffic. Roads there were decent but won't stand up to future impacts of traffic increases. Traffic signals count down seconds of light changes. Policemen at every corner.
- Phoenix Interchange – Citizen appreciates road building processes used.
- Reflective Light Frames – Traffic lights have reflective back plates on them. Dan responded it is part of the improvements made for safety. It makes the signal more visible.
- Reiten Drive – There are large potholes in the 700 block of Reiten Drive. Mike will pass this on.
- Mill Creek Drive – Was the fatality on Mill Creek Drive related to the area where residents were concerned about speeds. Dace responded it was at the other end of Mill Creek Drive, the driver was going 100 mph, and alcohol was involved. Lower speed limit would not have made a difference.
- Barnett Road and Medical Center Drive – This is a congested area and very dangerous to pedestrians crossing at the intersection. Alex responded there should never have been a signal placed there. It is too close to other signals. They are looking at doing an adaptive signal timing plan on that corridor. It will do a better job of keeping traffic moving through there. He will discuss this with law enforcement about additional enforcement there as well.

### **Rosalee Senger**

- Walk and Bike to School – Funds are now available for schools to promote walking and biking to school. Dan will get her in contact with Jenna Stanke Marmon, Jackson County

Greenway Coordinator. Alex recommended she contact City of Medford Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC).

**Dace Cochran**

- Dace submitted Reader Board Stats for January, 2015.
- Kudos to the Roads crews who were out taking care of traffic and roads during the storm.
- Grants – Speed and Pedestrian Enforcement Grants were awarded.
- Seat Belt Blitz – They did started a two week seat belt blitz. Goes through February 22. Spent 20 hours and got 8 suspended drivers, towed 5 vehicles, and 4 different warrant arrests.

**Mike Kuntz**

- Greenway Trail at Sardine Creek – Project is complete.
- McKee Covered Bridge – Near completion. Should be final late next week.
- Traffic Study Hamilton Road – New 40 mph speed zone on Hamilton Road from Applegate to 90° corner. The Applegate Hamilton Road intersection meets standards. It will not be changed.
- Traffic Study Eagle Mill Road and Nevada Street – New speed zone on Eagle Mill, 45 mph to Mountain; Mountain from Eagle Mill to Nevada is 35 mph; Nevada goes back up to 45 mph.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:50 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** March 13, 2015 9:30 a.m.