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CLARK COUNTY
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RAILROAD ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015

4:00 PM -5:30 PM

1300 FRANKLIN STREET – PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

6TH FLOOR – BOARD TRAINING ROOM

Members Present:	Neil Chambers, Dick Clairmont, Todd Coleman, Chad Eiken, Eric Fuller, Lloyd Lycan, Jack Melton, Dave Nelson, John Shaffer, Dan Weaver, Jon Yamashita
Excused Members:	Scott Dalesandro, Bill Ganley, Denise McCarty, Tom Smith
Absent Members:	
Ex-Officio:	Eric Temple, Will Pickering
Public:	Wayne Harner (Port of Vancouver), Randy Williams (BYCX), Doug Auburg (BYCX)
Staff:	Jeff Swanson, Rob Klug (Public Works), Gordy Euler (Community Planning)
Agenda Item	Facilitator
Meeting called to order @ 4:02pm	Todd Coleman
Roll Call/Introductions	Todd Coleman
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Todd Coleman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved for approval (Lloyd Lycan), seconded (Dick Clairmont), unanimously approved 	
Communications/Announcements/Citizen Input	Todd Coleman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
PVJR Activities	Eric Temple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NE 78th Street project ROW entry permit process was expedited for NW Natural to meet construction project needs; permit issuance went well and project proceeding as expected with the exception of some technical difficulties with the new grade crossing signal system which are being worked out First magnesium chloride carload arrived for truck transloading operation/new customer; orientation of new RRAB members concerning railroad carload volumes and growth, as well as condition of the railroad May carload activity: Linde Gas, Omega Industries and Malarkey Roofing all had increasing volumes in May, helping to pace carload volumes for another record year 	
BYCX Activities	Randy Williams
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Started second month of summer excursions with some media coverage of train robbery runs; ridership is mixed with some very good days and some weaker days; winery runs scheduled for this summer as well Steam engine scheduled to run Father's Day weekend Maintenance of way: performing some overhead brush cutting; county weed management sprays have worked well; signal at Lucia Falls shut off so equipment can be spotted on tracks 	
County Activities	Jeff Swanson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rob Klug discussed: testing of DTMF system at NE 78th Street grade crossing – these cost \$1000 each, so would need to secure funding to install at the other 17 signalized crossings; NE 78th Street will also have a CTC X-LINK system installed to time stamp all actuation between grade crossing protection equipment and traffic signals, plus 	

camera and DVR capability to protect county/railroad in event of liability; FRA inspections have necessitated signal plans and redlines be drafted into autocad for editability – plans must be in signal bungalows and project expected to cost about \$50,000, which is currently not funded; HDR drafting documents for bid package to repair damage to Eaton Blvd. grade crossing protection equipment

- Gordy Euler rural industrial land bank presentation (<http://www.clark.wa.gov/planning/landbank/>); RRAB expressed concerns about industrial uses which could be allowed under county code in the area which would not utilize the railroad infrastructure; Gordy suggested the RRAB prepare and send a comment letter
- Staff discussed the current state of negotiations on a transportation package in Olympia; because the county intended to use any funds earmarked for the railroad as match towards a federal TIGER grant application, the 2015 call for applications was missed; county intends to pursue in the 2016 cycle if matching funds become available

Subcommittee Reports

- By-laws subcommittee to meet with staff and finalize proposed changes to bylaws and bring back to July RRAB meeting for approval and submission to county manager

Unfinished Business

Todd Coleman

- Staff scheduled a presentation to the BOCC for July 1st, 10:00 am at a County Manager briefing describing the work of the RRAB; presented draft content for the presentation and requested RRAB members assist in providing additional content and making the presentation to the BOCC

New Business

Todd Coleman

- Draft mission statement reviewed; will be distributed to RRAB members for comment

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- None

Round Table

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- None

ADJOURNMENT @ 5:49 pm