

POLICY ON IMPROVEMENTS TO LOCAL ACCESS ROADS - 7 A 8:45  
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"It is the Policy of Wasco County, Oregon, that Wasco County Public Works can assist property owners in certain maintenance and improvements to local access roads streets fronting their properties."  
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COUNTY CLERK

Maintenance is defined, among other things, as re-rocking or grading of gravel roads and applying chip seals over existing paved surfaces.

Improvements are defined as widening, adding base material, or otherwise improving a gravel surface road prior to paving or applying a chip seal.

**The Property Owners Shall:**

- (1) Have, or establish, a neighborhood association, with the authority and capability to invest owners' funds in a road improvement and/or a maintenance program.
- (2) Complete a petition marked Exhibit "A" requesting the county to cause the road to be improved or maintained. The petition shall be signed by an official representative of the association or by all abutting property owners.
- (3) Bear all costs, to comply with ORS 368.031 (2), associated with road improvements and surface treatments, including labor, equipment, and materials. The Public Works Department shall participate, with County Court approval, with up to 20% contribution if road is brought to full County standard, (usually a 22 foot to 24 foot paved surface) or to the approval of the Public Works Director.
- (4) At owners' expense, bring the road to a condition satisfactory to receive a road surface treatment. This would include, but not be limited to, minor road widening, subgrade construction, base rock and surface rock placement.
- (5) Withdraw any grading petition there may exist for the road. No new grading petitions will be issued.
- (6) Acknowledge the road will remain a local access road and that future maintenance costs would be borne by the neighborhood association until such time as the road status changes.
- (7) If mutually agreed to by the County, follow a re-surfacing schedule to maintain the road in good condition. Subsequent requests for re-surfacing must be in writing on a new petition from the association and approved by the Public Works Department.

- (8) Agree that all maintenance, including, but not limited to, snow removal and sanding remains the responsibility of the neighborhood association.

**The County Shall:**

- (1) Provide advice, if necessary, for preparing the road for an improvement or a surface treatment.
- (2) Provide a cost estimate for the proposed improvement or maintenance surface treatment.
- (3) Place road on surface treatment schedule and complete as time and resources allow.
- (4) As an incentive to improve the road to County standards, the county will contribute, with county court direction, 20% of the total project costs towards the completion of those improvements.

Effective this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004.<sup>5<sup>pm</sup></sup>

  
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