

To: Joint Committee on Transportation
From: Rick Cook
Hazelia area of Stafford

Chair, Vice-chair and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

Stable and sufficient transportation funding.

A few thoughts about State response to Transportation issues and its impact on Rural transportation in Clackamas County and the State of Oregon.

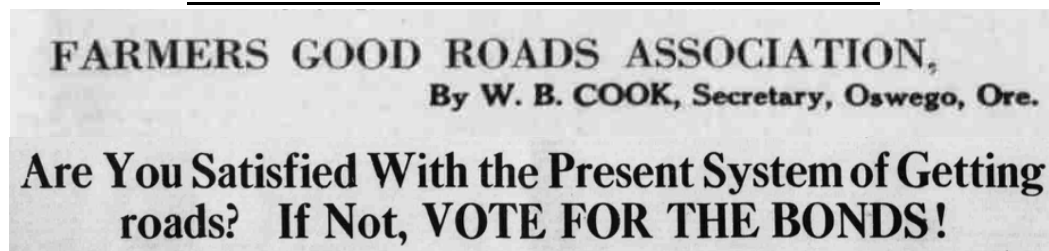
Clackamas County is not just the "Town Center" or site of County buildings, New Court house, cities, but a very large unincorporated rural populated area. Almost half of Clackamas County is "Rural" with extensive agricultural lands and traffic that are getting overlooked when it comes to transportation impacts and solutions. As more and more people are pushed to these rural areas along with their traffic impacts, most of the infrastructure investments seldom find their way to ease "Rural" issues and stop at the Metro and or Cities Boundaries.

Now rural roads are seeing more and more urban-level traffic that they weren't designed to accommodate this daily urban flow to the rural areas. Which of course has caused a wide range of difficulties brought on by roads not design for this kind of traffic. Open ditches, narrow shoulders, no safe pedestrian paths to name just a few and recently brought to light by ODOT's lack of well-funded and thought out proposed mitigation in regards to I-205 diversion on our rural roads was considered very poor at best.

I would like to see a concentrated effort to include improving "Rural impacted routes" before any new roads are funded. To add "New" roads without maintaining the "Old" roads will only add to our crumbling infrastructure.

This is nothing new to our family and community. Next June we will celebrate 125 years as the JP and Susie Cook Family Farm. A Clackamas County Century Farm, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, State and County Heritage Tree Grove. Our history goes way back when talking Clackamas County Roads. My grandfather William B. Cook Sr. championed a roads campaign before becoming Clackamas County Assessor for 12 years. (see below)

1919 Farmers Good Roads Association



Maybe time again for helping out our Rural residents that provide so much for so many.

Appreciate the opportunity to bring our "Rural History" and current needs and attention to transportation issue in our area.

Regards,
Rick Cook
Hazelia area of Stafford

GOOD REASONS
WHY
Road Bonds
IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY
Should Be Voted

- It puts us at the market door with our produce, and gives us better prices.
- It gives us our allotment and keeps our money in our district.
- It provides employment for the people in our district.
- It gives us three taxpayers, to be elected by us, to watch the district money.
- It gives us our choice of pavements.
- It releases the bulk of the road money now put on the main roads, so that it may be put on side roads.
- It gives us our roads now, instead of waiting ten years for them.
- We get the roads and pay only 5 per cent interest for them, and the bonds cannot be sold for less than par.
- Hard surface roads will increase land values.
- It pulls Clackamas county out of the mud, and makes us one of the progressive counties of the West.
- Bonds cannot be sold faster than our district can use the money.
- People in our district have first privilege of buying the bonds.
- Under the Bond System with our three taxpayers co-operating in the expenditure of the funds this district will get Dollar for Dollar in hard surface roads.
- Under Bond System 144 miles of Road is provided for. Only 34 miles go into the county seat.
- All roads under bond proposition are farmer roads.
- The bond election is proposed by the farmers from Monitor-Molalla-Estacada.
- The pay as you go system is too slow. Vote for the bonds and enjoy good roads during your life time.

FARMERS GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION,
 By W. B. COOK, Secretary, Oswego, Ore.

**Are You Satisfied With the Present System of Getting
 roads? If Not, VOTE FOR THE BONDS!**