

## BAJRACHARYA Shashi

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**From:** MORGAN Bill F  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2009 5:25 PM  
**To:** BARRY Celia; BAJRACHARYA Shashi; CHASTAIN Ed  
**Cc:** MILLER Marsha A; MOSIER Christy M; NELSON Arno L  
**Subject:** FW: meeting 1/28/09

Please make sure this gets into the public record process for the CIP.  
Thanks.

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**From:** "STEWART Faye H" <Faye.STEWART@co.lane.or.us>  
**To:** "MORGAN Bill F" <Bill.MORGAN@co.lane.or.us>  
**Sent:** 1/27/09 4:57 PM  
**Subject:** FW: meeting 1/28/09

Bill,

Could you add these comments to the Roads Advisory Meeting tomorrow night?

Faye

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**From:** Apryl Smith [mailto:aprsmith@sps.lane.edu]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2009 4:20 PM  
**To:** STEWART Faye H  
**Subject:** meeting 1/28/09

Dear Mr. Stewart,

I have been informed that you have a commissioner's meeting tomorrow evening, during which time an important issue will be brought to your attention. I am writing to persuade you to consider voting in favor of a capital improvement proposal that affects your constituency (myself included): a guardrail along a dangerous portion of Jasper-Lowell Road.

My husband and I have lived in Fall Creek for almost 9 years. Even during that short period of time, we have been saddened to learn of several accidents and fatalities on Jasper-Lowell Road, specifically between milepost 2 and 3. That stretch of road runs directly next to the river and there is nothing stopping vehicles from leaving the road and plummeting into the frigid water. As a matter of fact, in the past four years, two cars have done exactly that, in almost the same place. Both accidents were fatalities, with the drivers drowning in their submerged vehicles: an elderly woman who taught Sunday School at Fall Creek Christian Church, and a young man on his way to work who apparently hit an icy spot on the road.

You might think that these are two isolated cases, but they are not. I represent a group of concerned citizens who have complained about a lack of guardrails at this same spot for over 50 years. They can name

several people who have inadvertently ended up in the river as a result of ice, deer, and other accidental causes. Some have been lucky to survive, while others have not.

EPUD recently removed bushes and trees from the shoulder that once concealed much of the lurking danger of the river below. Now there is nothing stopping or slowing a vehicle from entering the deep pools at the road's edge. As a matter of fact, the young man that I mentioned previously was unfortunate enough that his car went between two trees, entered a deep pool of icy dark water that hid his vehicle from sight for several weeks until an aerial team spotted it underwater. That was before EPUD cleared it further.

I contacted Lane County Public Works because I am a concerned citizen, and most importantly, a mother of sons who will someday drive that stretch of road. Eric, a traffic engineer, was kind enough to visit the site, take pictures, and present our case to his supervisor. With the budget crisis looming and the cost of this guardrail beyond what his department could afford to support, the decision is being transferred to you. Please review the information presented at your meeting, drive on that road yourself, and make a decision that could save the lives of many more people in our community! We need a protective guardrail at that site.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and consider the decision. There are other requesters as well, and we may organize to attend the public hearing in February. I would certainly appreciate your response.

Respectfully,  
Apryl Smith  
Fall Creek, OR  
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Thank you.  
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