

KITTITAS COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
AGENDA STAFF REPORT

AGENDA DATE: February 7th, 2017

ACTION REQUESTED: Authorize the Chair's signature on a letter to CRAB requesting to turn back RAP funds for the Westside Road Safety project.

BACKGROUND: Kittitas County received RAP funding from CRAB for the Westside Road Safety Improvement project. This project has previously gone through two scope changes and funding reallocations which resulted in Public Works reimbursing CRAB approximately 55K for design efforts in 2014 that were no longer applicable to the project scope. Public Works was able to avoid repayment of approximately 55K in design funds to CRAB with the understanding that the design generated with these funds would be applicable towards the current scope of the project.

After review of the current scope and authorized CRAB funds of approximately \$875,000 to complete the previously estimated project at \$1,140,000, Public Works has determined this is not feasible. Current estimates for the proposed work represent a cost of approximately \$3,500,000. Public Works does not feel it is in the best interest of the county to fund the difference with the existing road fund reserves.

CRAB has indicated that another requested scope change to work within the allotted funds would not be favorably considered. CRAB is uncertain whether repayment of the remaining design funds will be required. Public Works has drafted a letter to be approved by the BOCC and signed by the chair indicating the termination of the proposed project without formally requesting a waiver of payback for the previous design expenditures. We have however informally requested that the CRAB board consider allowing Kittitas County to avoid repayment based on the possibility of a future design having the ability to utilize the design efforts previously conducted.

INTERACTION: Public Works

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the Chair's signature on a letter to CRAB requesting to turn back RAP funds for the Westside Road Safety project.

HANDLING: Return one original to Public Works

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution
Letter from BOCC to CRAB
Current Project Prospectus

LEAD STAFF: Lucas Huck
County Engineer

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - _____

**TO AUTHORIZE CHAIR SIGNATURE FOR RURAL ARTERIAL PROGRAM
FUNDING TURN-BACK LETTER FOR THE WESTSIDE ROAD SAFETY
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NUMBER 1915-02**

WHEREAS: Kittitas County received Rural Arterial Program Funding (RAP) from the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) for the Westside Road Safety Improvements Project Number 1915-02; and

WHEREAS: Following review of the proposed project scope and the previously estimated \$1,140,000 to complete the work The Department of Public Works finds the project not feasible without expending approximately \$2,500,000 of road fund reserves; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Works feels it is in the best interest of Kittitas County to no longer continue pursuing the completion of this project; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Works feels it is in the best interest of Kittitas County to turn back the previously authorized RATA funds to CRAB; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners, in the best interest of the public, does hereby authorize the Chair to sign the letter requesting to turn back RATA funds in the amount of \$1,026,000 to the County Road Administration Board.

DATED on this 7th day of February, 2017, at Ellensburg, Washington.

BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Paul Jewell, Chairman

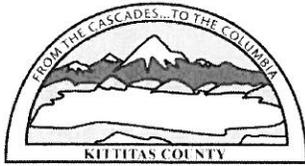
Laura Osiadacz, Vice-Chairman

Obie O'Brien, Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk of the Board- Julie Kjorsvik

Deputy Clerk of the Board- Mandy Buchholz



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February 7, 2017

Jay Weber
Executive Director
County Road Administration Board
2404 Chandler Ct. SW, Ste. 240
Olympia, WA 8504-0913

Re: Westside Road Project, RAP Project Number 1915-02

Dear Mr. Weber,

Kittitas County is formally turning the grant funds for Westside Road back to CRAB for the amount requested of \$1,026,000. RATA currently authorized is for the amount of \$875,100. No RATA funds have been paid on for this project to date.

A letter dated July 2nd, 2013 from the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners to Executive Director Jay Weber turned back money for a previously scoped project in the amount of \$3,800,000 and requested retainage of design money amounting to \$106,052. This turn back was based on the fact that the cost of the project had been found to be significantly higher than originally proposed. The basis of the request for retainage was due to the design funding already spent would be utilized for construction of future projects. The letter also identified that survey, wetland delineation, and archaeologic studies were completed, and a draft alignment and road widening design was available for future designs.

Following this retainage request CRAB required Kittitas County to return \$51,057 and allowed the county to retain \$54,995 of the aforementioned \$106,052 reimbursed design funds. This was formally documented under amendment number three, RAP Project Number 1907-01 and adopted by Kittitas County Resolution Number 2014-158

The estimated cost identified in the current project prospectus for RAP Project Number 1915-02, falls vastly short of the required funding necessary to complete the identified improvements within the prospectus. Additionally, as suggested in the letter dated July 2nd, 2013 Kittitas County has not been able to secure any additional funding from various Federal and State sources allowing us to supplement and incrementally improve the road.

We believe at this time it is in the best interest of Kittitas County to no longer continue pursuing the completion of this project, or to complete the project utilizing approximately \$2,500,000 of

County reserve funds. Therefore, Kittitas County is turning back the funds to CRAB.

No formal request to retain the \$54,995 will be submitted at this time. We acknowledge that the decision allowing the County to retain this portion of the previously reimbursed funding was based on the ability of the County to apply the completed design efforts towards future projects. Although Kittitas County does not intend to actively pursue projects along Westside Road in the near future, the possibility to use the previously completed work on future projects still exists. With that, we ask the County Road Administration Board to please consider upholding the previous retainage decision and not require the remaining \$54,995 to be returned to CRAB.

Should you require additional information or have any questions, please contact Lucas Huck County Engineer at 509-962-7523.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Jewell
Board of County Commissioners, Chairman



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**Final Prospectus
Biennium: 2015 - 2017**

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Note: Identification information is carried over from a preliminary prospectus, and cannot be changed.

Road Information										
Road Number	Road Name	BMP	EMP	BMP X	BMP Y	EMP X	EMP Y	FFC	TRC	Leg. Dist.
22710	Westside Road	2.190	4.120	-120.9800000000	47.1670000000	-120.2200000000	47.1680000000	08	T3	13

6 yr T.I.P. Priority #: 4

VICINITY MAP

Vicinity Map Attached: [view/download](#)

ROADWAY CROSS-SECTION

Roadway Cross-Section Attached: [view/download](#)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

NARRATIVE

Kittitas County will rehabilitate this segment of Westside Road to provide improvements to an east-west corridor that connects with I-90 and Cle Elum. As growth and development continues to expand in this area, these road improvements are essential for public health and safety. The 22' road needs to be widened to 28' and all weather surface improvements need to be added. Sideslopes will be improved to comply with the Design Manual and guardrail will be installed where appropriate.

Deviation Anticipated?

Roadway Structural Section, or Bridge Condition:

The overall roadway section is intact. We only plan to widen the road to include the 3-foot shoulders.

Horizontal Alignment:

The project worksheet does not include any alignment corrections. Therefore, no points were added to the score. All deficiencies will be noted and filed.

Vertical Alignment:

The project worksheet does not include any alignment corrections. Therefore, no points were added to the score. All deficiencies will be noted and filed.

Width:

The road will be widened from 22 feet to 28 feet resulting in two 3-foot shoulders.

Other: Clear Zone, Slopes, Guardrail, Illumination, Signals, etc.:

There are mailbox posts, power poles and trees impacting the clear zone. We plan to address these with guardrail, clearing and construction of appropriate mailbox posts.

RATING WORKSHEET

Rating Worksheet Attached: [view/download](#)

Total Points from Rating Worksheet: 92.96

ROADSIDE HAZARDS

Roadside Hazard Attached: [view/download](#)

ACCIDENT NARRATIVE

No Accident Narrative Attached

ESTIMATED FUNDING

Round to and report Estimated Total Cost \$'s to the nearest **thousand**, i.e., 2,235,500=2,236,000.

Round to and report RATA Amount Requested Cost \$'s to the nearest **hundred**, i.e., 2,235,550=2,235,600.

Phase	Estimated Total Cost	RATA Amount Requested	Maximum RATA	Est. Start Mo/Year	Est. Complete Mo/Year
Design/Prelim. Eng.	190000	171000	171000	03/2016	03/2017
Right of Way	0	0	0		
Construction	950000	855000	855000	04/2017	11/2017
TOTAL:	1140000	1026000	1026000		

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS THAT MAY AFFECT PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Wetlands
 NMFS
 R.O.W.
 Cultural (Hist. Arch. Paleo.)
 Shorelines
 USFWS
 BIA
 Tied (Other Agency Work)
 USACE
 HPA
 RR
 WDFW
 Other

FISH PASSAGE BARRIER LISTING

No Fish Barrier List Attached

PROJECT TYPE

If project type is FA BR, Federal funding must be acquired prior to final prospectus submittal.

Project Type: 3R - Rehabilitate, Resurface, Restore

BEFORE PHOTOS

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