

KITTITAS COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

STUDY SESSION STAFF REPORT

STUDY SESSION DATE: May 16, 2017

ACTION REQUESTED: Request to Set a Public Hearing discussing a potential speed limit reduction on No. 81 Road and Amending Section 10.08.020 of the Kittitas County Code

BACKGROUND: The 2017 – 2022 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan included a pedestrian improvement project along No. 81 Road from Clerf Road to Alpine Estates. Recently Public Works has found that the existing ditch and water conveyance along this portion of roadway can support a four to five foot shoulder widening with minimal impact. This is a low cost high benefit solution that will result in a sufficient width of pavement to accommodate a shared use pedestrian and bicycle facility.

Currently the posted speed limit along No. 81 Road from Clerf Road to Palmero Park is 25 MPH, at which it transitions to 35 MPH. With the City of Kittitas expressing increased pedestrian traffic along No. 81 Road from Alpine Estates to Palmero Park, and with the upcoming construction of the shared use path Public Works suggests the 25 MPH speed limit be extended approximately 1,500 feet from Palmero Park to the intersection of Alpine Drive (Alpine Estates) and Number 81 Road for public safety.

INTERACTION: Public Works

RECOMMENDATION: Set a Public Hearing For June 6th, 2017 at 2pm.

HANDLING: Return one original to Public Works

ATTACHMENTS: Vicinity Map of Proposal

LEAD STAFF: Lucas Huck, County Engineer

Public Notice
Kittitas County, Ellensburg WA

The Board of Kittitas County Commissioners will meet at 2:00 pm on June 6, 2017 in the Commissioner's Auditorium located at the Kittitas County Courthouse, 205 W. 5th, Room 109, Ellensburg, Washington to consider reducing the speed limit on No. 81 Road and Amending Section 10.08.020 of the Kittitas County Code.

More information is online at <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/notices/>.

Clerk of the Board

Publish:

Daily Record: 05/18/17; 05/25/17

For more information, contact Public Works

Anyone with an interest in this matter is urged to attend said hearing where all testimony will be taken. Written comments may be received at 205 W 5th Ave. STE 108, Ellensburg, WA 98926 at or prior to the hearing.

Kittitas County complies with all ADA requirements.



Proposed Speed Limit
25 mph

No. 81 Rd Shared Use Path

Legend

 Shared_Use_Path	All Roads
 25 mph	Owned By
 25 mph	 KITTITAS
 35 mph	 KITTITAS COUNTY
No. 81 Rd	 PRIVATE
Current Speed Limit	World Imagery N

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