

KITITITAS COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
AGENDA STAFF REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 16th, 2017

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve a resolution authorizing payment of \$54,995 to CRAB for previously reimbursed design funds for Westside Road RAP project #1915-02

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reallocations which resulted in Public Works reimbursing CRAB approximately \$55K for design efforts in 2014 that were no longer applicable to the project scope.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 scope and authorized CRAB funds of approximately \$875,000 to complete the previously estimated project at \$1,140,000, Public Works determined this was not feasible. Estimates for the proposed work represented a cost of approximately \$3,500,000. Public Works and the BOCC did not feel it was in the best interest of the County to fund the difference with the existing road fund reserves.

Resolution 2017-028 was adopted requesting to turn back funds to CRAB in the amount of \$1,026,000. A formal waiver of payback for the previous design expenditures was not requested. We did however informally request 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.

The Department of Public Works received a letter from CRAB requiring the County to return the remaining \$54,995.00 by June 26th, 2017 per WAC 136-167-030 (1) based on the previously agreed upon

conditions allowing retainage of these funds not being met in which the County indicated the delivery of the aforementioned project would be provided.

INTERACTION: Public Works

RECOMMENDATION: To authorize payment returning previously reimbursed funds to CRAB for the Westside Road Project

HANDLING: Return one original to Public Works

ATTACHMENTS: Letter from CRAB to Public Works

LEAD STAFF: Lucas Huck
County Engineer

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - _____

**TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT RETURNING PREVIOUSLY REIMBURSED
FUNDS TO THE COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD FOR THE
WESTSIDE ROAD PROJECT**

WHEREAS: Resolution No. 2014-158 required the County to return \$51,057.07 of design funds to the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) following turn back of a funded safety project on Westside Road; and

WHEREAS: CRAB allowed the County to retain \$54,995.00 conditioned on the County pursuing this project at a later date utilizing the consultant design provided to the County for the expenditures reimbursed; and

WHEREAS: Kittitas County received Rural Arterial Program Funding (RAP) from the 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 found the project not feasible without expending approximately \$2,500,000 of road fund reserves; and

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

WHEREAS: Resolution 2017-028 was adopted requesting to turn back funds to CRAB in the amount of \$1,026,000; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Public Works received a letter from CRAB requiring the County to return the remaining \$54,995.00 by June 26th, 2017 per WAC 136-167-030 (1) based on the previously agreed upon conditions not being met; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners, in the best interest of the public, does hereby authorize payment in the amount of \$54,995.00 to the County Road Administration Board.

DATED on this 16th day of May, 2017, at Ellensburg, Washington.

BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Attest:

☐ Clerk of the Board- Julie Kjorsvik

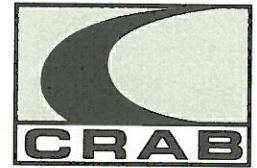
☐ Deputy Clerk of the Board- Mandy Buchholz

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May 2, 2017

Lucas Huck, PE, Engineer.
Kittitas County Public Works
411 North Ruby, Suite 1
Ellensburg, WA 98926-2887

Dear Luke,

The CRABoard, at its April 27, 2017 meeting, acknowledged the county's withdrawal of the RAP funded Westside Road Project, RAP # 1915-02. The previous granted waiver of payback of \$54,995 was therefore rescinded by the board since it was conditioned on the county pursuing this project.

The retained amount of \$54,995 must be reimbursed to the County Road Administration Board no later than June 26, 2017, per WAC 136-167-030 (1).

If you have any questions please feel free to call Randy Hart at 360-350-6081.

Sincerely,

Jay Weber, Director
County Road Administration Board

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**KITTITAS COUNTY
DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

cc: Westside Road project file