

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-086**

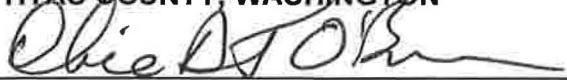
**TO APPROVE CHAIR SIGNATURE FOR RURAL ARTERIAL PROGRAM FUNDING TURN  
BACK LETTER FOR WESTSIDE ROAD PROJECT**

- WHEREAS:** In 2006 County Road Administration Board (CRAB) authorized Kittitas County Public Works \$3,800,000 for the safety enhancements to Westside Road; and
- WHEREAS:** Construction funding is not available until 2015; and
- WHEREAS:** Total construction and design cost estimates over the nine-year period from 2006 to 2015 is expected to inflate to more than \$6,800,000 resulting in a \$3,000,000 cost to the county; and
- WHEREAS:** This deficit will be damaging to the Road Fund if paid out resulting in losses to maintenance and other lower-cost safety projects; and
- WHEREAS:** CRAB requires the Board of County Commissioners formally turn grant funds back in the form of a letter if not used; and
- WHEREAS:** Public Works has already spent \$106,052 of CRAB funding for design which we are requesting to retain.

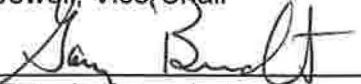
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners, in the best interest of the public, does hereby authorize the chair to sign the letter turning back the Westside Road Rural Arterial Program funding equaling \$3,800,000 and requesting design funds equaling \$106,052 be retained by Kittitas County.

**DATED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2013, at Ellensburg, Washington.

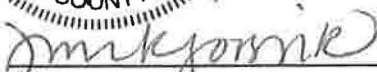
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Obie O'Brien, Chair

**ABSENT**  
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Paul Jewell, Vice-Chair

  
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Gary Berndt, Commissioner



  
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Clerk of the Board



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July 02, 2013

Jay Weber  
Executive Director  
County Road Administration Board  
2404 Chandler Ct. SW, Ste. 240  
Olympia, WA 98504-0913

Subject: Westside Road Project, RAP Project Number 1907-01

Dear Mr. Weber:

Kittitas County is formally turning the money for Westside Road back to CRAB for the amount of \$3,800,000. Kittitas County is requesting to retain design money amounting \$106,052 be kept.

We determined the cost of the project to be significantly greater than what was originally proposed in 2006. We anticipate the cost to the county for 2015 construction to exceed \$3,000,000. Therefore, we cannot proceed with the project as scoped.

Design funding already spent will be utilized for construction of future projects. We plan to request funds from various Federal and State sources to incrementally improve the road. Survey, wetland delineation and archaeology study are complete. A draft alignment and road widening design is available for use in future designs.

We believe this approach will better benefit Kittitas County. Therefore, Kittitas County is turning back the funds and requesting to retain design funds already spent on the aforementioned project.

Should you require additional information or have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully Submitted:

Obie O'Brien, Chairman  
Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners