Existing guardrail on Thorp Prairie Road along I-90 at MP 0.096

Thorpe Prairie Road Safety Improvements

Location:
This project is located northwest of Ellensburg and Thorp, on the north side of I-90.

Project Description:
New guardrail will be installed along the south side of Thorp Prairie Road from mile post 0.00 to mile post 0.45, replacing the existing old cable and post rail.

Funding:
This project is fully funded by the Rural Road Safety Program, a federal safety grant program.

Schedule:
This project is included in the Run-Of Road Safety Improvements and will be completed this fall. Bids were opened on September 6, 2013 with the low bid submitted by Belsaas & Smith of Ellensburg.

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Road History:
The earliest establishment date for Thorp Prairie Road in Public Works’ records is 1886. This road was part of an early wagon route between Ellensburg and Cle Elum, which eventually went on to Snoqualmie Pass. It shows up on the very earliest maps of the county trail system. Portions of the road were vacated in 1969 to make way for the construction of I-90.