Teanaway Road Improvements

Location:
This project is located north and east of the City of Cle Elum and west of US 97 in the Teanaway Valley. It extends from SR 970 to the intersection with West Fork Teanaway Road at milepost 7.29.

Project Description:
Planned work includes design and construction expenses for shoulder widening, paving overlay, bridge rail retrofit, guardrail installation and retrofit or replacement of drainage structures on Teanaway Road. The North Fork Teanaway Road from MP 0.00 to MP 2.56 will also be improved. The West Fork Teanaway Road from MP 0.00 to MP 1.16 will go out to bid shortly for similar improvements.

Funding:
Funding for this project comes through the Washington State Department of Commerce, the state agency through whom the legislature awarded a Capital Budget appropriation last year. The funding was specified to be provided in the form of a reimbursable grant to the County for infrastructure and facilities.

Schedule:
On Thursday, February 19, 2015, 2 bids were received. The apparent low bidder was Granite Northwest, Inc. of Yakima with a bid of $3,000,300.00. The bid was awarded to Granite on March 3. Calls for bid for the N.F. Teanaway and for the W. F. Teanaway portions of this project will go out within the next few weeks. Design and survey are currently on-going for these portions.

Road History:
Teanaway Road follows one of the early Native American trails, according to the earliest maps of the County. The name “Teanaway” comes from Sahaptin, possibly /tyawnawi-ins/, ‘drying place’. [3]

The trail was called the Teanaway Trail. The Commissioners’ journals record an establishment date for the road of 8/5/1884. This was one of the early Farm-to-Market roads in Kittitas County, which were maintained to allow farmers to better transport their goods to the towns for market.

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Photos:

Damage to Teanaway Road during 2009 Flooding
Teanaway Valley Area
Looking north up the Teanaway Valley from SR 970