McManamy Road Bridge Replacement Over Dry Creek

**Location:**
This project is located northwest of Ellensburg, and west of US 97 in an agricultural area.

**Project Description:**
This project will demolish the existing old bridge on McManamy Road just west of US 97 at mile post 0.21 and replace it with a larger span. The existing bridge must be replaced because it has neared the end of its functional life. During flood events, stream flow issues occur that cause minor scouring, exposing the footings and eroding the roadway. Minor repairs will not adequately address FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) requirements for bridges. This project is in conjunction with WSDOT improvements to US 97 to improve stream flow issues in this general vicinity.

WSDOT removed the US 97 Dry Creek culverts 0.75 miles upstream of the County’s McManamy Road Bridge and replaced them with a $2.3 million bridge. The WSDOT project will increase the stream flow discharges downstream, impacting the County’s McManamy Bridge. The McManamy Bridge must be enlarged to handle these increased flows. The new bridge will be made of weathered steel, and will be longer than the existing span.

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Funding:
County funds will be used to pay for this project. The total cost is estimated to be $845,000.00.

Schedule:
The project is in the design phase, with construction planned to begin in 2015.

Road History:
McManamy Road was originally part of Stick Ford Road, or Road #11. Stick Ford Road crossed the Yakima River at a ford which was below the existing railway bridge across the Yakima River, and would have connected across the river to what is now Wade Road.
January, 2009 Flooding on US 97 at Dry Creek Crossing
January, 2009 Flooding on McManamy Road at Dry Creek Bridge

Bridge During 2009 Flooding
Under McManamy Road Bridge- notice crack on left running the full height of the footing.