

KITTITAS COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

AGENDA STAFF REPORT

AGENDA DATE: August 16, 2016

ACTION REQUESTED: Request to set a Public Hearing on September 6, 2016 to consider updating the Kittitas County Code Chapter 10.12.010 Stops and Yields designated for the Tjossem Road and Tjossem Connection intersection.

BACKGROUND: The intersection of Tjossem Road and Tjossem Connection currently has a Yield sign in place. A resident of the area has requested that the Yield sign be replaced with a Stop sign due to heavier traffic and safety concerns.

RECOMMENDATION: Set a Public Hearing to consider replacing the existing Yield Sign at the intersection of Tjossem Road and Tjossem Connection with a Stop Sign.

HANDLING: Return one signed copy of Notice of Public Hearing to Public Works

ATTACHMENTS: Public Hearing Notice
Request
Speed Study/Traffic Data
Vicinity Map

LEAD STAFF: Luke Huck, County Engineer

Public Notice
Kittitas County, Ellensburg WA

The Board of Kittitas County Commissioners will meet at 2:00 pm on September 6, 2016 at the Kittitas County Courthouse, 205 W. 5th, Room 109, Ellensburg, Washington to consider updating the Kittitas County Code Chapter 10.12.010 Stops and Yields designated for the Tjossem Road and Tjossem Connection intersection.

More information is online at <http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/notices/>.

Clerk of the Board

Publish:

Daily Record: 08/18/16; 08/25/2016

For more information, contact Public Works

Anyone with an interest in this matter is urged to attend said hearing where all testimony will be taken. Written comments may be received at 205 W 5th Ave. STE 108, Ellensburg, WA 98926 at or prior to the hearing.

Kittitas County complies with all ADA requirements.

March, 16 2016

Kittitas Co. Public Works Director
411 N Ruby St. Suite 1
Ellensburg Wa. 98926

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KITTITAS COUNTY
DEPT OF PUBLICWORKS

Dear Director Cook;

My name is Karen Poulsen. I live at 3591 Tjossem Rd. My farm shop is at 2041 Tjossem Rd. Many times a day I and my employees travel this portion of Tjossem Rd past the intersection of Tjossem and Tjossem Connection. Tjossem Connection has a yield sign for people traveling east and therefore are supposed to yield to traffic going both directions on Tjossem Rd. However, very often people fail to yield to me.

I'm formally requesting that the county change the yield sign to a stop sign. Since the traffic keeps getting heavier the more likely it is that someone will be injured or killed at this intersection.

Please contact me at 929-3030.

Sincerely yours;



Karen Poulsen

Speed Reduction Requests 2016

<i>Road Name</i>	<i>Requested Change</i>	<i>Speed Study Results</i>	<i>Petitioner</i>	<i>PWD Recommendation</i>
Tjossem Connection MP 0.03		703 ADT at MP 0.39 (6/2015) 364 trucks per day with Gross Annual Tons of 351,036. 40.8 mph average 85th percentile		
		09 FFC (Local Access) BST, 20' width. No Accident History		

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Tjossem Rd. MP 1.43 – MP 2.51		764 ADT at MP 1.43 (5/2015) 397 trucks per day with Gross Annual Tons of 814,716. 52.3 mph average 85th percentile		
		1310 ADT at MP 2.51 (5/2015) 632 trucks per day with Gross Annual Tons of 1,116,941. 56.8 mph average 85th percentile		
		07 FFC (Rural Major Collector) BST, 28' width No Accident History within this milepost range 7 approaches for 1.12 miles=average of 6.25 approaches per mile		
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No. 6 Rd. MP 2.22-2.61 MP 2.61-3.05		787 ADT at MP 2.46 (6/2015) 395 trucks per day with Gross Annual Tons of 596,414. 47.1 mph average 85th percentile 07 FFC (Rural Major Collector)		
		865 ADT at MP 2.63 (6/2015) 420 trucks per day with Gross Annual Tons of 570,089. 38.3 mph average 85th percentile 08 FFC (Rural Minor Collector)		

		BST, 26' width. No Accident History within this milepost range 14 approaches for 0.83 miles=average of 16.86 approaches per mile		

RCW 46.61.400 Basic rule and maximum limits.

- (1) No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing. In every event speed shall be so controlled as may be necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle or other conveyance on or entering the highway in compliance with legal requirements and the duty of all persons to use due care.
- (2) Except when a special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance with subsection (1) of this section, the limits specified in this section or established as hereinafter authorized shall be maximum lawful speeds, and no person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed in excess of such maximum limits.
 - (a) Twenty-five miles per hour on city and town streets;
 - (b) Fifty miles per hour on county roads;
 - (c) Sixty miles per hour on state highways.
- The maximum speed limits set forth in this section may be altered as authorized in RCW 46.61.405, 46.61.410, and 46.61.415.
- (3) The driver of every vehicle shall, consistent with the requirements of subsection (1) of this section, drive at an appropriate reduced speed when approaching and crossing an intersection or railway grade crossing, when approaching and going around a curve, when approaching a hill crest, when traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway, and when special hazard exists with respect to pedestrians or other traffic or by reason of weather or highway conditions.

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