STUDY SESSION MINUTES
March 8, 2004

THOSE PRESENT: Perry Huston, Bruce Coe, Max Golladay, Paul Bennett, Kelly Carlson

SHORT PLAT RW DEDICATION CHECKLIST - Paul stated that he is not quite finished with this list and with the Boards approval would like to roll it ahead to the March 15 study session. Paul also stated that he is about ready to publish a draft of the Road Standards and will send out to 4 or 5 people. He will also send a copy to each of the BOCC for their review and would like them to be sure that this reflects the intentions of the Board.

BOARD DIRECTION: Directed Paul to prepare the listing for the March 15 study session.

CHARTER FRANCHISE: Paul stated that he had met with Charter last fall regarding this franchise. Since then he has typed up the franchise in our standard agreement for the Boards consideration. Perry suggested getting together with Level 3 and Charter to make sure everyone is on the same page before setting a public hearing. Bruce stated that there has been interest from other entities in using the County’s dark fiber, and Paul stated that he would add language that would open up the usage to other commercial applicants.

BOARD DIRECTION: Directed Paul to meet with Level 3 and be sure to notify Kittcom, Inland Telephone, and Mr. Weiss regarding the public hearing.

OLD SUNSET HIGHWAY- Paul stated that he had received the letter from Steve Lathrop’s office requesting this public hearing be continued. Perry stated that they will continue it to April 6th, 2004. Steve Lathrop has submitted some in-depth documents that may show that the right of way doesn’t exist, so continued research is going on.

BOARD DIRECTION: No Board Direction

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS- Paul presented the email from the League of Women Voters requesting County staff to participate in an upcoming presentation. Paul asked the BOCC if they would like him to attend. He also stated that it seems that a lot of the issues that they want information on are planning issues, but he would be happy to send someone from the Public Works to speak on road issues should they arise. Paul has a conflict that evening and will not be able to attend.

BOARD DIRECTION: BOCC approved.

4-WAY STOP DRY CREEK CONN. AND REECER CREEK: Paul stated that the Public Works has now received a total of 26 letters requesting a 4-way stop be created at the intersection of Dry Creek Connection Road and Reecer Creek Road. Paul asked if it is time to set a public hearing to consider this? Paul stated that the ADT on Dry Creek is 400 and Reecer Creek 4000. This 4-way stop may be appropriate someday but not right now. Perry stated he as visited the site numerous times at different times of the day and has had no problems getting across Reecer...
Creek Road. Paul suggested maybe moving our radar trailer out there as a reminder of the speed limit and do a speed study that gives the Sheriffs office an ideal time that the majority of the speeding is taking place.

**BOARD DIRECTION:** Do a 7-day speed study on this road.

**MOUNTAINSTAR FEEDBACK/ACCELERATED COSTS:** Paul stated that he had just had a lengthy meeting with MountainStar to discuss a number of issues. The accelerated costs for construction came up and they said they would be willing to go up to $150K for this. They also discussed the detour route and the effects on SO. Cle elum. The City of Cle Elum is suggesting putting in a temporary signal light at the intersection of First Street & Stafford, and would like MountainStar and the County to partner in the purchase of this light. It would be about $10-$12K a piece.

**BOARD DIRECTION:** BOCC approved partnering for the temporary signal light.

**FLAGGER TRAINING:** Paul informed the BOCC that a majority of the Public Works department employees are participating in flagger training. He also stated that he has been able to get two long-term inmates to train for flagging also. These inmates will not have access to vehicles and will be under direct supervision at all times. He also stated that this may be an opportunity for the inmate to learn a skill that can be used when he is released. Perry stressed that Paul needs to remind the crew that the inmates are in jail for a reason and that they are prisoners, not their buddies.

**BOARD DIRECTION:** BOCC approved with the condition of the crew being very aware that the inmates are prisoners and in jail for a reason.....DO NOT FORGET THIS!

Adjourned at 2:30

[Signature]
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Director of Public Works