THOSE PRESENT: Perry Huston, Bruce Coe, Max Golladay, Steve Lathrop, Randall Giles
P.E., Paul Bennett, Kelly Carlson

MountainStar Bonding – MtStar is proposing 9 options in lieu of a bond for all construction projects according to their letter from George Cockill. Perry stated that they have a legitimate point and it makes sense to look at other levels of protection in lieu of a bond. Steve Lathrop stated that the County conditions are a little harsh and that the development in the MtStar has accelerated immensely since Lowe’s took over which means that the money out in bonds is getting heavy. He also stated that there is a duplication in costs between MtStar and the subcontractors.

Steve Lathrop/MtStar Proposal: Request that the County discuss other alternatives to bonds and outline conditions the alternatives. Also develop a template for extraordinary situations since this is not the way the County historically handles these development issues.

MountainStar asks for a meeting with the BOCC in the near future to discuss these alternatives.

BOARD DIRECTION: Perry approved the discussion to consider alternatives prepared by Steve Lathrop/Mt. Star and directed Paul to meet with Jim Hurson and bring alternatives back to the BOCC.

I-90 PRESENTATION: Randall Giles from WSDOT came with a slide show and presentation on the I-90 Snoqualmie Pass East Project. His intent is to raise awareness on the Cascade Connection. He stated that they are currently in the middle of the EIS and expect to go to hearings in September. He stated that some of the benefits of this connection would be access to better healthcare, recreation, and markets. The main problems that they are or will be facing will be winter closures, aging pavement, and low clearance bridges.

Randy stated that their intent on this project is to expand from 4 to 6 lanes, replace pavement with a 40-year life span, stabilize rock fall problems, replace bridges, widen the medians, and lengthen the truck lanes on Easton Hill. The range of price for this project is 350 million to 750 million. Randy then finished with a slide show.

BOARD DIRECTION: No Board Direction.

BOUNDARY REVIEW BRD APPEAL: Paul stated that he has a policy question on this appeal. With the annexation off of Willow Street and Tacoma Avenue the alleys were not included and the Ellensburg Planning Dept. is stating that they don’t want them included. Should we appeal this decision and ask to include alley’s?

BOARD DIRECTION: Pursue the appeal with direction from Jim Hurson and ask to include alleys. Perry would also like to start looking at some type of mechanism to include all of the area.
**JOHN WAYNE TRAIL:** Paul presented yet another letter of support for the John Wayne Trail and for them to pursue funding. This letter in no way promises any county dollars. The BOCC did not like the statement “Our final commitment to sell right of way will be based on the outcome of this work” since the county will not sell the right of way.

**BOARD DIRECTION:** Revise letter and the BOCC will sign.

**LATECOMER AGREEMENTS/UTILITY STANDARDS:** Paul stated that he needed direction on the priority for latecomer agreements and utility standards. Which does the Board want done first?

**BOARD DIRECTION:** Get Utility Standards done first.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:**

Bullfrog Bridge Project – is going good and on schedule so far. Paul is going to meet with the Roslyn City Council to inform them of the ongoing construction projects and impacts.

Canyon Road Project – There is approximately 15 days of paving left and going well.

Parke Creek Road - Max stated that he has received complaints that the truck traffic is still using Clerf Road instead of Parke Creek road. Paul asked if the Road Department should submit a letter to the City of Kittitas supporting the use of Parke Creek Road for truck traffic. Max suggested bringing this up for discussion at the June 30, 2004 COG meeting.

Adjourned at 3:00

[Signature]
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