

**KITTITAS COUNTY  
PUBLIC WORKS/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 109  
Regular Meeting**

**MONDAY**

**1:30 PM**

**July 22, 2024**

Board members present: Chairman Brett Wachsmith, Vice-Chairman Laura Osiadacz, and Commissioner Cory Wright.

Others: Josh Fredrickson, Cameron Curtis, Reid Burbank, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Chad Bala, Jamey Ayling, Jessica Miller, Community Development Services; Stephanie Hartung, Prosecuting Attorney's Office; Dan Ireland, consultant with SCJ Alliance; 3 members of the public.

At 1:31 PM Chairman Brett Wachsmith opened the Public Works and Community Development Services Study Session.

**Citizen Comments**

Mike Pearson, Kittitas County resident, commented on floodplain and wetland designation at his property and believed the maps to be bad science used for leverage to support fish habitat projects.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET REQUEST REQUIRED FOR WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE 2026 PERIODIC UPDATE GRANT APPLICATION**

Chad Bala requested the Board of County Commissioners consider Resolution 2024-131 and Resolution 2024-132 to support Community Development Services efforts to move forward with online applications. Chad Bala state he compiled the scope of work and review was conducted by the consultant. Vice-Chair Laura Osiadacz move to approve Resolution 2024-131 and 2024-132, Commissioner Cory Wright seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED CLIMATE AND RESILIENCY SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE 2026 PERIODIC REVIEW AND UPDATE TO THE KITTITAS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Resolution 2024-131 and 2024-132 approved jointly at previous item of business.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DOCKET**

Chad Bala briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the Annual Comprehensive Plan docket and detailed the itemized list of requests and recommendations. Chad Bala requested the Board of County Commissioners support the staff and committee recommendations. The

Board of County Commissioners support moving forward with recommendations as presented.

#### **REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR A PERMENANT SINGLE-YEAR LEVY LID LIFT SUPPORTING ROADS**

Josh Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the Road Levy Lid Lift and infrastructure funding sources for Kittitas County and stated the 10-year plan didn't anticipate rate increases or the cost Public Works has incurred due to inflation. Josh Fredrickson requested the Board of County Commissioners consider placing the proposed Road Fund Levy Lid Lift on the November 2024 general election and stated this approval would enable Public Works or the Auditors office to begin formation of pro-con committee. Vice-Chair Laura Osiadacz moved to approve presenting this decision to voters. Cory seconded the motion. Motion approved.

#### **I-90 FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Josh Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on concerns that have been brought up for years about the impact of I-90 traffic on Upper Kittitas County roads and efforts that have been tried to alleviate weekend and holiday traffic. Josh Fredrickson introduced Dan Ireland with SCJ Alliance who made a presentation of the feasibility report that looked at alternatives to help address the current traffic issues. Dan Ireland shared the objectives for I-90 study area from exit 70 to exit 85 and the topics studied along with the presentation. Josh Fredrickson expressed appreciation for those assisting with this study and WSDOT for their involvement. The Board of County Commissioners acknowledged all those involved and agreed that the traffic issue isn't going away anytime soon.

#### **SPEED STUDY REQUEST CRITERIA**

Cameron Curtis gave history on speed requests received by Public Works and stated in 10 years Public Works has had 62 requests, approximately 11 have resulted in a change and each is estimated to cost the maintenance crew alone \$500 each, and that doesn't include extensive time to processing the request in office. Cameron Curtis presented the proposed changes to the process to meet criteria, a scoring sheet, and described each element of importance.

#### **CHARLTON ROAD SPEED STUDY RESULTS**

Cameron Curtis briefed the Board of County Commissioners on a request to reduce speed on Charlton Road from same resident as requested in 2022 and presented the findings of the most recent speed study performed in June 2024 with no recorded accidents. Based on the data collected and the findings presented, the Board of County Commissioners denied the request for a public hearing. Josh Frederickson stated Staff did utilize the request criteria as an exercise if it would align with the outcome.

Meeting concluded at 2:46 PM

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Rebecca Cruse, Administrative  
Assistant



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Brett Wachsmith, Chairman