

**CoKITTITAS COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS STUDY SESSION MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' AUDITORIUM, 205 WEST 5TH ROOM 109
Regular Meeting**

MONDAY

1:30 PM

June 23, 2025

Board members present: Vice Chairman Cory Wright and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith.

Others: Josh Fredrickson, Sally Kraft, Public Works; Stephanie Hartung, Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

At 1:30 PM Vice Chairman Cory Wright opened the Public Works Study Session.

NO CITIZEN COMMENTS

NO.6 ROAD AND KITTITAS HWY INTERSECTION UPDATE

Josh Fredrickson briefed the board about the crash history and previous mitigation measures taken at the intersection of No.6 Road and Kittitas Hwy. Josh Fredrickson presented five options to consider, along with estimated costs.

The Speed Reduction Markings, also known as Optical Speed Bars, are transverse paint lines, spaced in a way that gives drivers the perception they've increased their speed so therefore causing them to slow down. This may be an effective measure with an estimated cost of \$2,000 per year and does require annual maintenance. Vice Chairman Cory Wright inquired about painting "Stop Ahead" on the road, in conjunction with the markings. Josh Fredrickson stated that this would be an option but would not go with the speed reduction markings as this could be too many items for a driver to process in a short distance.

Traffic Rumble Strips were implemented in the past but eventually filled in. Josh Fredrickson suggested that this isn't the best option and Vice Chairman Cory Wright and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith agree to not pursue rumble strips at this time.

Illuminated Stop Ahead Signs light up when traffic approaches. These types of signs can be effective in visually catching the driver's attention but will likely require a permanent power source and a radar system. The cost estimate is \$10,000 - \$12,000 each to install. No. 6 Road would require two signs, one in each direction.

Removal of the white vinyl fence, with property owner's approval, on the SE corner of the right-of-way, is in process. The removal will increase sight distances creating a safer environment. Vice Chairman Cory Wright and Commissioner Brett Wachsmith agree with this measure. Alternative Striping Plan would require changing the single dashed stripe line to a double yellow stripe, on a portion of the No.6 Road and Kittitas Highway approaching the intersection. The double yellow stripes will alert drivers to a change in road conditions. This cost estimate is \$2,000 and does require yearly maintenance.

Direction was provided for Public Works to proceed with removal of obstructions from the right of way and both the Speed Reduction Markings and Alternative Striping Plan once the Chip Seal project is completed.

Meeting concluded at 1:47 PM.



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Cory Wright, Vice Chairman