

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

May 8, 2023

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

Others: Arden Thomas, Josh Fredrickson, Rebecca Cruse, Public Works; Jessica Miller, Dan Carlson, Toni Berkshire, Jeremy Larson, Jayme Ayling, Steph Mifflin, Jeremiah Cromie, Community Development Services; Neil Caulkins, Prosecuting Attorneys Office; 3 members of the public.

At 2:20 PM Chairman Cory Wright opened the Public Works Study Session.

No Citizen Comments.

REQUEST FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EXECUTE A LETTER TO THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Arden Thomas presented the Board of County Commissioners with a letter to The Nature Conservancy as requested for consideration. Vice-Chairman Brett Wachsmith moved to approve transmittal of the letter, seconded by Commissioner Laura Osiadacz.

ELK MEADOWS MCELROY BRIDGE ALTERNATIVE ANALYSIS

Arden Thomas briefed the Board of County Commissioners on three alternatives for the Elk Meadows Community reliant on the McElroy Bridge and is seeking direction moving forward. Discussion pursued. Josh Fredrickson responded to discussion about the freeboard requirements and stated that the hydraulics manual requires 3 feet of freeboard thus increasing costs to meet the codes minimum. The Board gave staff direction to engage the HOA with these options and prepare a temporary land use moratorium limiting development on the far shore for consideration at the next meeting.

THOMAS ROAD SPEED STUDY

Josh Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on a request received to reduce the speed of Thomas Road. Public Works conducted a traffic study and the outcome validates holding a public hearing. The Board of County Commissioners directs staff to schedule a public hearing for consideration.

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TJOSSEM RD SPEED STUDY

Josh Fredrickson briefed the Board of County Commissioners on a request to reduce speed on Tjossem Road. Josh Fredrickson presented the findings of the most current traffic study conducted and based on the data Public Works requested to not move forward in reduction of speed. Based on the findings The Board of County Commissioners deny the request for public hearing and request Staff to analyze the guardrail placement.

OTHER BUSINESS-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Arden Thomas briefed the Board of County Commissioners on the status of the multi-jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan and that the Flood Control Zone District has the budget and accepted lead on planning. Arden Thomas requested to prepare a Request for Qualifications to support staff in development of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Board directed staff to prepare enabling documents for consideration.

Meeting concluded at 2:49 PM

**KITTITAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



**Rebecca Cruse, Administrative
Assistant**



Cory Wright, Chairman