



# **KITTITAS COUNTY**

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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### **STUDY SESSION MINUTES** **August 25, 2014**

**THOSE PRESENT:**

Obie O'Brien, Gary Berndt, Kirk Holmes, Doug D'Hondt, Mike Zabransky, Roy Chance, Jan Ollivier, Candie Leader (DPW); Steph Mifflin (CDS)

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

Jill Scheffer

**KITTITAS HIGHWAY**  
**PROJECT UPDATE:**

Mike Zabransky stated that the bid opening for the Kittitas Highway Safety Improvement Project is September 18, 2014 and the department is receiving calls on the project. The schedule will not be finalized until after the bid opening is complete. Construction is looking to occur in 2015. Doug D'Hondt added that construction over the Town Ditch could occur this winter with removing the existing bridge. The structure will be replaced and elevated. A total of 11 road closures will be necessary for the duration of the project. Kirk Holmes added that some Public Service Announcements will be sent out when it gets closer to construction. Commissioner O'Brien inquired as to putting out signs to inform the traveling public. Kirk Holmes replied that there will be some public outreach done. Discussion was held on the different timing of the road closures.

**Board Direction:**

**No Direction**

**TEANAWAY ROAD**  
**PROJECT UPDATE:**

Teaway Road Project is still waiting for permitting to be complete. Currently the archeological permit is holding things up. Hoping to have a bid out in the next 30 days. Commissioner Berndt stated that the money expires in June of 2015. Doug D'Hondt stated that he isn't worried yet about being behind schedule.

**Board Direction:**

**No Direction**

**TRANSPORTATION**  
**IMPROVEMENT PLAN:**

Jan Ollivier presented the draft Transportation Improvement Plan. The first open house will be held on August 26, 2014 at the Public Works Office and another open house will be held in Upper County. Discussion was held on the different projects listed on the TIP.

**Board Direction:**

**No Direction**

**CONSERVATION EASEMENTS:**

Kirk Holmes discussed three Conservation Easements that the Flood Control Zone District and Forterra are working on. Discussion was held on the locations of the easements and the process in which to secure the property necessary to obtain the easements.



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Kirk Holmes, Public Works Director