



Status of Teton County Commissioners' Priorities

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In early 2015, the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) established a list of priority projects and initiatives. This list continues to evolve as projects get completed and county needs change. We will update this list periodically to keep the public informed of the current work the BoCC is engaged in.

Transportation, Road and Bridge, County Facilities

Public Transportation – The BoCC is working with Jackson/Teton County Wyoming to establish better communication and collaboration on the expansion of public transportation over Teton Pass. This is an area that will need considerable public input on ridership needs and barriers to use. The City of Driggs has already been planning for a public transit facility (building and parking) in town and plans to refurbish the old Ford Garage to handle bus maintenance and storage to help meet future transportation needs.

County Road Work Priorities for 2016 – The Road and Bridge Department presented their draft plan for the coming construction season during a Town Hall meeting on March 28th. If you were unable to attend the meeting you may view the entire report here: <http://www.tetoncountyidaho.gov/additionallInfo.php?deptID=20&pkTopics=530>

Packsaddle Road – A land owner/developer in the Packsaddle area (at and above Kay's Hill) is building a private road to access his properties. He has offered to donate the right of way to Teton County, if the County is willing and able to maintain this new road and abandon the old right of way. The Public Works Director is reviewing financial implications to the County if this happened. Public comments from two separate public meetings have been taken and reviewed.

As of April 25, 2016, Ag Rim LLC, Ron Judy, Michael & Christina Assante, Bainbridge Earl Family Trust, and Joseph & Carol Felger have applied for a Road Vacation/Abandonment/Addition Application to vacate/relocate portions of Packsaddle Road and Hoopes Road. If the decision is made to vacate portions of these roadways, new road segments would be adopted in order to keep all current public access points and connectivity in place. Documents and information on the proposal are available for public viewing at www.tetoncountyidaho.gov.

The Teton County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners' Chamber located on the First Floor (lower level, southwest entrance) at 150 Courthouse Drive in Driggs, Idaho on Monday June 13, 2016 beginning at 6:00 pm. Written comments must be received by 5:00 pm, June 3 to be incorporated into the packet of information provided to the Board prior to the hearing. Public comments at this hearing are welcome.

Transportation Plan Update – The Road and Bridge Department will be updating the County's existing Transportation Plan to reflect the 2012 Comprehensive Plan goals as well as the Road Study Report that was completed in 2014. The BoCC realizes that there is a considerable backlog of road maintenance and improvements needed that exceed the County and state's current road improvement funding mechanisms. The BoCC has directed the Public Works Director to also update the road work priorities and look into additional sources of funding for road projects in the near term.

Snow Plowing Criteria – The BoCC is working with the Road and Bridge Department to develop and formalize an assessment tool for determining which roads should be plowed in the county and whether they should be on a regular plow route, an intermittent plow route, or no plow route. This will help ensure County equipment and resources are being used in the most efficient and effective manner.

County Facilities and Equipment Assets Assessment – The County has significant facility, equipment, and land assets that need to be managed and maintained. The BoCC hired a Facility Manager to ensure that these assets are being well taken care of now and in the future. In addition, the Facility Manager will be working on the Capital Improvement Plan, road work priorities, grants, and special projects related to public works.

Capital Improvement Plan – The current Capital Improvement Plan for the County is out of date and will be updated over the course of the next few months to reflect current County assets, growth projections, and future capital needs.

Future Gravel Pit Needs – As Teton County continues to grow, we will need more gravel and fill for road work. Right now most of the gravel comes out of the Felt Pit, which is far from where most of the road work is being done. To determine specifically how much gravel and fill are anticipated will require a long range analysis of road work and material needs as part of the next update to the Teton County Transportation Plan. The Facility Manager will also be assessing options for other gravel resources within the county.