



## 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. Bid proposals to refurbish the old Ford Garage to handle bus maintenance and storage were received and are currently being reviewed.

**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 28<sup>th</sup>. If you were unable to attend the meeting you may view the entire report here: <http://www.tetoncountyidaho.gov/additionalInfo.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. Public comments from two separate public meetings have been taken and reviewed. The BoCC held a formal public hearing on Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> to take further public comment on the proposed project. Public comment presented prompted the need for a mitigation study to be completed before moving forward. The public hearing was continued on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am to review the findings of the study and was continued again to July 18<sup>th</sup> to allow for further public comment. After fine tuning the project agreement, the Board will vote on approving the project on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. For full details please visit:

<http://www.tetoncountyidaho.gov/additionalInfo.php?deptID=20&pkTopics=531>

**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 year 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.