

2023_09_26 Title 12 Meeting

In Attendance:

Council Members:

Daina Banbe, Joanna Turner, Tom Binder, Travis Pearson, Pat Arnold,

Guests: Klickitat County Public Works Dept - Jeff Hunter, Director, Nathan ???, staff

Community Members:

Dan Clark, Sarah Arnold,

MC Metscher, Jacob Ignatio Rodriguez, Nathan Squire, Samuel Smith, Jason Trey, Kim Williams (Hackers)

Jeff Hunter and Nathan Draft Title 12 (Transportation standards)

7:05PM

Daina - Council hasn't had an opportunity to review comments. The comments presented at the BoCC meeting were her comments, not the Council's.

Original draft 4/23, 9/12/23 draft is mostly updated

Jeff, Background - 1.5 yrs ago a county wide committee worked on the standards, draft went out for comment. Public hearings, workshop with the board. Nathan will implement comments. Current standards document is only 40 pages. New one is a lot more in depth and up-to-date with regulations

Nathan, Changes - Variance request process has changed, Included now is an option to request a waiver through the BoCC (almost an appeal- process for those not satisfied with decisions by the County Engineer.). If there is a change in use that affects traffic levels and/or public safety it will require review as to whether County roadways will need to be improved to current standards.

Questions:

Daina - Adu's - Go through a planning process, has potential to increase traffic, do the new standards apply?,

Standards do not affect new ADU proposals as the County still classify them as single family units. However, short term rentals are an issue but overall management has not been determined by the County.

Pat - problem with process of approving ADU's - many of which are used as short term rentals, which absolutely increases traffic. Needs to be addressed.

Jeff - Don't think it can' be tagged with road improvements - unless it becomes a multi-family unit. He is not sure where short term rentals will be addresses

Daina -Section 3.10 refers to Road haul agreements. Is the wording intended to be "including but not limited to" as the word "not" is not in the document

Jeff - yes - that wording will be corrected. 3.10- including but NOT limited to

7:30-7:45 meeting interrupted by hackers. Meeting ended.

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Daina - the Road Haul Agreement does not appear to include timber haul. Depending on the project and year of haul, impacts can damage county roads.

Jeff - They can shut down or restrict road access if there is damage or potential for damage.

Big construction projects are issued SEPA's with environmental impacts determined and road haul management concerns addressed, the County does not conduct SEPA for private company timber projects, that is the responsibility of the WA Dept. of Natural Resources.

Daina - Shared Use Paths - There is no flexibility for surfacing types - do all Shared Use Paths have to be constructed to ADA standards?

Jeff - Walking paths within County Right-of-Way need to meet ADA standards. If taxpayer \$ are going into it to maintain it - then it has to meet ADA standards.

Dan Clark - are there more public comment times? More revisions?

Jeff - yes, there will be at least one more public hearing. The plan is to be complete by the end of the year. Then there will be another opportunity for comment when the County goes through the SEPA process on the standards.

Pat - Dean subdivision (Byrkett Road area)- no outlet to west. It is an issue for rural areas in the county. Incremental short plats could result (and have resulted) in 30 - 40 households with only 1 exit road

Need long range planning to help with this

Jeff - yes, that is an issue that the County is aware of and it has not been determined where, and how, that issue will be addressed. It is a concern as the landowner proposing the short plat may not own the land that would provide the additional egress for safety reasons.

Meeting Adjourned 8:10pm