

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

MONDAY

1:30 PM

DECEMBER 9, 2019

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

Others: Mark Cook and Candie Leader, Public Works; Lindsey Ozbolt, Community Development Services and Four (4) Members of the Public

At 1:34 pm Chairman Cory Wright opened the Public Works Study Session.

Mark Cook stated he had no additional items to add to the agenda.

ELN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ADVANCED DESIGN MEMORANDUM

Mark Cook gave background on the project and stated that as developments occur he has been keeping the Board up to date. Mark Cook stated to support the need and cost for a sixty (60) percent design the FAA requested an advanced design memorandum outlining the flood and wetland issues at Bowers Field and how this information will help support the future construction of the parallel taxiway and extension of Runway 11/29. Mark Cook continued that the issue of mitigation will need to be figured out as well. Mark Cook added that a task order with Century West Engineering was approved for the drafting of the design memorandum and the FAA is supportive of the additional design. Discussion was held.

2019 JOINT PLANNING CONFERENCE UPDATE

Mark Cook stated that staff along with Washington State Department of Transportation - Aviation Division and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) held the joint planning conference call last week. Mark Cook explained that this is an annual call to review the Capital Improvement Plan for Bowers Field and program funding for projects. Mark Cook continued that with the additional design for the EA being done the timeline of the programmed projects needed to be adjusted. Mark Cook added that the call was productive and the relationship between staff and the FAA continues to grow in a positive manner. Discussion was held. All three members of the Board stated they are supportive of the action of the memorandum being drafted.

TOWNS TO TEANANWAY TRAILHEAD SUPPORT REQUEST

Mark Cook stated that the Department continues to be approached by agencies in supporting recreation projects in the county. Mark Cook continued that recently he met with Nicky Pasi with Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to discuss Public Works staff assisting in the scoping

and construction of trailhead parking lots and improvements in Ronald, Roslyn and Cle Elum area. Mark Cook added that annually Public Works has a budget for path and trails; however, he does not have a cost on this project yet. Discussion was held. Staff was directed to scope the projects and brief the Coalmine Trails Committee of the projects as well.

I-976 UPDATE

Mark Cook provided background on I-976 and the action voters took to implement thirty (30) dollar vehicle tabs. Mark Cook stated that King County and City of Seattle filed an injunction to stop the initiative and Superior Court ruled in favor of the injunction. Mark Cook added that Governor Inslee noticed the Secretary of Transportation that projects that haven't been implemented were to be placed on hold until further notice. Mark Cook stated that this includes the I-90 widening project from Easton to Snoqualmie Pass. Discussion was held.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:26 pm Chairman Cory Wright announced the Board along with Mark Cook, Public Works Director would enter into an Executive Session to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

At 2:41 pm the Board reconvened out of Executive Session and stated an additional ten (10) minutes was needed for further discussion.

At 2:51 the Board reconvened out of Executive Session and staff was directed to pursue discussions of possible acquisition.

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm


Candie Leader

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Cory Wright, Chairman