

COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD

JOHN KOSTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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THE CRABOARD CONGRATULATES WALT OLSEN, PE ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM CRAB

The CRABoard congratulated Deputy Director Walt Olsen, PE, on his retirement after nineteen years of service to the County Road Administration Board and over 46 years of experience in public services.



CRAB hired Walt as Maintenance Manager on June 1, 2001 and he was appointed Deputy Director on December 1, 2001 by Executive Director Jay Weber.

Prior to coming to CRAB, Walt served as County Engineer at Pend Oreille County from 1995-2001 and also served as County Engineer and a variety of other positions at Adams County from 1984-1995.

Walt received his bachelor's degree in Forest Management from the Washington State University in 1978.

Walt's profession accomplishments include:

- NACE National Committee Chair, Emergency Preparedness, 2015 - Present
- Member, Washington State County Road Administration Board, 1996-2001
- Chair, Washington State Technology Transfer Center, 1997-2000
- President, Washington State Association of County Engineers, 2000-2001
- Vice President, Washington State Association of County Engineers, 1999-2000
- President, Eastern District, Washington State Association of County Engineers, 1996-1998
- Secretary, Eastern District, Washington State Association of County Engineers, 1993-1996

CRAB staff will be hosting a retirement reception in Olympia in the CRAB Boardroom on June 25 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. We invite everyone to attend to wish Walt a fond farewell and best of luck in his retirement!

APRIL 2020 CRABOARD MEETING

In accordance with the Governor's [Stay Home - Stay Healthy](#) proclamation, the CRABoard held their quarterly CRABoard meeting via WebEx on Thursday April 16, 2020.

CRABoard Positions

Staff reported that the terms currently held by Spokane County Commissioner Al French, Grays Harbor Commissioner Randy Ross, and Garfield County Engineer Grant Morgan expire June 30, 2020. All members are eligible to seek reappointment by sending a letter of interest to WSAC President Commissioner Robert Gelder.

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Supplemental Transportation Budget

- The House Transportation Committee proposed a budget that initially funded less than half of our original supplemental budget requests. It did fund retirement buyouts for Walt Olsen and Randy Hart, which was a little over 25% of our requested for succession planning. It did not fund our request for double filling for Randy Hart and Jim Oyler's positions. The proposed House budget also reduced \$15 million from our RAP appropriation. The Budget that was voted out of the House 'restored' the \$15 million although they put the funds into an MVF, which still allows CRAB access to the funds through OFM.
- The Senate Transportation Committee budget ESHB2322 as it was proposed and subsequently passed out of the committee denied *all* of our supplemental budget requests, cut \$50,000 from our operation budget, and cut RAP by 6.2 million.
- The budget that was negotiated in the Conference Committee adopted the House position on our supplemental budget requests, and cut RAP by \$3.1 million. The RAP reduction was based on legislative (staff) assumptions of "anticipated underruns" in the program. This cut is intended to be short-term, one-time, and is not intended to "eliminate or substantially delay" capital projects. *Staff Contact: John Koster, john.koster@crab.wa.gov*

County Engineer/PWD Changes

Staff reported the following changes:

- Benton County appointed Doug D'Hondt, PE as County Engineer
- Mason County appointed Mike Collins, PE, PLC, as County Engineer
- Whatcom County appointed James Karcher, PE as County Engineer

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Summary of State Auditor's Reports Findings

Staff reported that five county audit reports representing five counties have been reviewed since the January 2020 Board meeting, none of which involved county road funds. *Staff Contact: Walt Olsen, P.E. Walt@crab.wa.gov*

RAP Project Actions by CRAB Staff since January 2020:

CRAB staff informed the Board that, due to a calculation error by staff, the following two contracts were offered to the respective counties for funding that had not been authorized by the CRABoard:

- Stevens County Cedonia- Addy Milepost 3.10 to 6.20 - \$1,426,700 RAP funding
Staff informed Stevens County that the contract for Cedonia-Addy was not authorized, was therefore void, and would need to be returned to CRAB. Staff explained to the county that there was a chance that the project may receive initial funding at the April 16, 2020 CRABoard meeting.
- Okanogan County Old 97 milepost 4.15 to 5.35 - \$593,400 RAP funding
Okanogan County was informed that although the CRABoard had authorized \$39,879 in RATA funding for Old 97, the contract amount of \$593,400 was incorrect. Staff explained that this contract would retain a pending status however, since the CRABoard was likely fund the project to the \$593,400 amount at its April 16, 2020.
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CRABoard Actions

The CRABoard approved Resolution 2020-002 Apportion RATA Revenues to Regions and Resolution 2020-003 Allocating Estimated Revenues to Projects. *Staff Contact: Randy Hart, P.E. Randy@crab.wa.gov or Steve Johnson, P.E. steve.johnson@crab.wa.gov*

Annual Certification

Resolution 2020-004 was approved by the CRABoard issuing Certificates of Good Practice to all 39 Counties. Thank you all for your continued commitment in demonstrating compliance with the Standards of Good Practice!

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Emergency Loan Program Update

On March 9, 2020, Columbia County requested Emergency Loan funding to support repairs to damages caused by flooding in early February 2020. An emergency was declared by the Columbia County Commissioners on February 6, 2020 for this flooding event, fulfilling one of the requirements for requesting emergency loan funding. The funding request included brief descriptions for each location, along with cost estimates for the necessary repair work. Photos of each location are on file. The loan amount requested was \$1 Million (or the maximum amount available). Since the revolving fund account balance at the time was \$1 Million, the maximum amount available for Columbia County was \$500,000.

On March 11, 2020 an Emergency Loan Program Contract was sent to Columbia County, which was signed by Columbia County Commissioners on March 19, 2020.

CRAB Staff met with Columbia County to examine the damaged roadways. A voucher for transfer of \$500,000 in Emergency Loan Program funds was forwarded to Columbia County for signature, returned, and is in process for disbursement. The timing for repayment is a maximum of 24 months. If the loan amount is paid in full upon the initial invoicing (at six months), then there will be no interest owed. If the loan amount is not paid in full at six months, interest will be charged for the life of the loan.

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WSACE Awards

Nomination forms for the WSACE County Engineer of the Year Award and WSACE Program/Project Manager Award were sent out in March. The nominations deadline is May 8, 2020 for both awards. Staff Contact: Karen Pendleton, Karen@crab.wa.gov, (360) 350-6077

Next CRABoard Meeting

The CRABoard's next meeting will be held in Olympia at the CRAB Offices on July 30-31, 2020. Meeting agendas are posted five days prior to the next CRABoard meeting. The past agendas and meeting minutes can also be found at the following link:

<http://www.crab.wa.gov/CRABoard/meetings/meeting.cfm>

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INFORMATION SERVICES UPDATE



GIS-Mo, the Mobility© replacement project, continues to proceed on schedule. CRAB has delivered GIS-Mo training to twenty-five counties to-date. Significant progress was made in the form of completing the OCS Security Design Review (SDR) March 30, 2020. One of the conditions of the SDR is an integration of VUEWorks and Secure Access Washington (SAW). DTS, LLC has been working closely with WaTech to develop this integration with successful testing in development environment achieved. CRAB will continue to work with vendors, counties, staff, and other key stakeholders to implement a spatial asset management system with mobile capabilities for roadways and roadway assets by 2021 (<http://www.crab.wa.gov/gis-mo>). To stay informed, GIS-Mo monthly QA and Project Management (PM) status reports will be available on the OCIO IT Project Dashboard <http://waocio.force.com/>.

CRAB's migration effort to WaTech *Private Cloud* has experienced delays. The Agency is working closely with the WaTech *Private Cloud* team, Network team, and Firewall team to identify solutions. Currently no service interruptions are anticipated. If necessary, a service interruption schedule will be developed and distributed to all 39 counties to plan accordingly.

Finally, CRAB performed a major IT infrastructure update during the last quarter led by Kathy O'Shea, Database Administrator. Ms. O'Shea led the effort without any service interruptions to our 500 plus users of CRAB software applications.

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2020 ROAD DESIGN CONFERENCE

As we approached the opening of the 2020 Road Design Conference CRAB was ready to host the counties with an excellent line up of sponsors and speakers, but as COVID-19 continued to spread in Washington, the Governor advised businesses and residents to avoid gathering to help curb the spread. CRAB recognized the importance of the health of all the participants of this conference and moved to reschedule the conference into the fall of 2020.

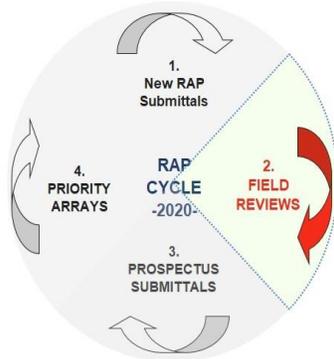
Our initial plan to reschedule the conference was based on the thought that we could get through the wave of COVID-19 quickly. Unfortunately, as we all witnessed, this crisis has extended beyond our imagination. With the fiscal impacts of the extended shutdown looming, CRAB assessed the potential impacts to travel and training budgets of the agencies that we serve. The expectation is these financial impacts will continue well into the fall and possibly into next year. As such, we felt the best course of action was to completely cancel the conference for 2020 and look to March of 2021.

The Road Design Conference is a valuable training and networking opportunity for users at the counties. It is our hope that by moving the conference out a year counties will be better able to adjust their budgets to allow users to attend. We will be working with all of our sponsors and speakers from the 2020 conference to create an even better agenda for the 2021 Road Design Conference.

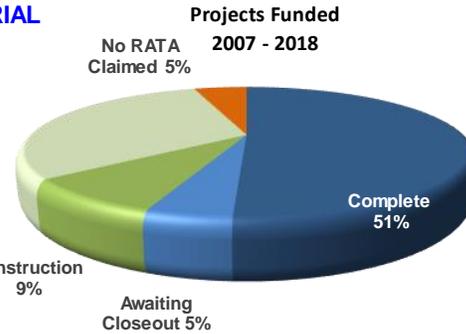
In the interim, the Design Systems Program is still available to support the counties in any design or CADD issue they may have. We are available by phone, email or support ticket through CRAB-NET and we have the tools to be able to support counties remotely with shared screens and remote control.

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RURAL ARTERIAL TRUST ACCOUNT (RATA) ACTIVITY AND BALANCE SUMMARY



RURAL ARTERIAL PROGRAM April, 2020



PROJECT STATUS:

Billing Phase	'83-'07	'07-'09	'09-'11	'11-'13	'13-'15	'15-'17	'17-'19	Current Biennium '19-'21	TOTAL
Completed	958	43	35	2	34	14	6		1092
Awaiting Closeout		1	1		7	3	1		13
Some RATA paid	1		4		9	26	33	32	105
No RATA Paid							3	10	13
TOTAL	959	44	40	2	50	43	43	42	1223

FUND STATUS:

Anticipated Revenue to end of '19 - '21 Biennium:		
Fuel tax receipts and interest through June, 2019		607,140,559
Estimated fuel tax receipts, interest and CW Transfers July 2019 thru June 2021		42,398,900
Total estimated revenue		649,539,459
RAP Expenditures to date:		
To Completed Projects		548,705,471
To Projects in Design or Under Construction		42,300,892
Administration		12,296,840
Total RATA spent		603,303,203
RAP Obligations:		
RATA Balance on Active Projects		113,070,617
RATA \$ yet to allocate to Partially funded projects -		29,115,838
Requests for reimbursement - pending		166,447
Estimated remaining administration through 2019- 2021 biennium		712,954
Total RATA obligated		143,065,856

QTR 1 - 2020 RATA ACTIVITY:

REVENUE MONTH	BEGINNING BALANCE	MVFT REVENUE	INTEREST + Cash Rcpts	PROJECT PAYMENTS	#	ADMIN CHARGES	ENDING BALANCE
January	\$17,907,820.60	1,603,971.48	\$22,743.71	(1,414,620.06)	33	(47,455.39)	\$18,072,460.34
February	\$18,072,460.34	\$1,571,110.20	\$23,869.94	(1,815,991.26)	42	(46,868.55)	\$17,804,580.67
March	\$17,804,580.67	\$2,064,127.82	\$24,835.97	(484,418.51)	32	(60,040.04)	\$19,349,085.91
TOTALS:		\$5,239,209.50	\$48,705.91	(3,715,029.83)	107	(154,363.98)	

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