

COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD

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CRAB QUARTERLY REPORT

Issue 5

November 2012 – January 2013

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JANUARY 2013 CRABOARD MEETING

Welcome Commissioner Bill Schulte

The CRABoard welcomed Lewis County Commissioner Bill Schulte to the Board. Commissioner Schulte is filling the unexpired term of retired Klickitat County Commissioner Ray Thayer.

CRABoard Revises Meeting Schedule for 2013

- January 24-25, 2013 – CRAB Office
- April 18-19, 2013 – CRAB Office
- August 1-2, 2013 – CRAB Office
- October 31-November 1, 2013 – CRAB Office

CRABoard Meeting Agenda

The CRABoard meeting agendas are posted ten days prior to the next CRABoard meeting. The Board's next scheduled meeting is April 18-19, 2013 in Olympia. 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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Summary of State Auditor's Reports Findings

Staff reported that seventeen county audit report representing seventeen counties had been reviewed since the November 2012 Board meeting. Four audits contained a total of 15 findings issued and one involved County Road Funds in some form. Staff Contact: Walt Olsen, Walt@crab.wa.gov, (360) 350-6080

County Engineer Changes

Staff reported that Benton County continued under a temporary appointment until December 4, 2012, when the Board announced they had appointed Dan Ford, P.E., to fill the vacant position of County Engineer, effective December 3, 2012.

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2012 CRAB Annual Report

The 2012 CRAB Annual Report was presented to the Board. A copy of the report can be found on CRAB's website at www.crab.wa.gov. Staff contact: Karen Pendleton, karen@crab.wa.gov, (360) 350-6077

Review of RAP Regional Meetings

The five regions reviewed additional project types, none of which are being considered for the next call. CRABstaff also provided an overview of RAP Online and the new Federal Lands Access Program provided via MAP-21. Staff Contact: Randy Hart, randy@crab.wa.gov, (360) 350-6081

Rural Arterial Program Project decisions

The CRABoard approved a scope change for Okanogan County's Old 97 Road, with no change in RATA funding, at their January CRABoard meeting. Staff Contact: Randy Hart, randy@crab.wa.gov, (360) 350-6081

Rural Arterial Program Issues

RAP Statute regarding county six year programs: Per CRABoard direction at its November 2012 meeting, staff presented two issues:

1. Can counties submit simple sub-programs instead of specific projects as support for RAP funding request during a call for projects?
2. Whether the statute requires potential RAP projects to be on the even year six year program to be eligible for application during the call for projects.

Regarding the first issue, the CRABoard determined that the listing of a generic sub-program in the six year TIP for which the county is seeking RATA funds (for 2R type preservation projects, for example) is acceptable as long as a listing of potential projects was provided in the public review and adoption process. Regarding issue 2, staff found the statute is flexible enough for counties to submit the latest adopted six year road program (not just even-year as currently required by WAC) as the basis for its' RAP application after CRAB issues a call for projects, as long as that program is adopted prior to the September 1, even year due date. Staff will review the WAC and provide information on potential revisions at the April CRABoard meeting.
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TRAINING

CRAB Training November 2012 – January 2013

Date	Subject	Location	Participants	Counties Represented
November 6-8	Road Design Conference	Chelan	95	25
December 4-6	County Engineer	CRAB Offices	10	5
December 6-7	AutoCad Civil 3-D	CRAB Offices	1	1
December 11-13	AutoCad Civil 3-D	Wenatchee	6	2
January 9	RAP On-Line	CRAB Offices	1	1
January 15	CRAB Technology Exchange	CRAB Offices	24	10
January 16-17	Mobility	CRAB Offices	9	3
January 22-24	AutoCad Civil 3-D	CRAB Offices	7	3

Future Training Schedule

Date	Subject	Location	Registration Deadline
February 13-14	Mobility	CRAB Offices	February 6
February 19-20	Civil 3d Fundamentals	CRAB Offices	
April 2	CRAB Technology Exchange	Wenatchee	March 29
April 3-4	Mobility	Wenatchee	March 29
May 7-9	County Engineer	CRAB Offices	May 1

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CLARK COUNTY RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL AWARD

The County Road Administration Board, at its January meeting, passed a resolution to honor one of our Washington State county civil design staff. The Board recognized that Bruce Klug of Clark County “has distinguished himself as an expert in the discipline of civil engineering design and in the use of civil engineering design software” and “has provided exceptional and outstanding assistance to civil engineering design staff of this Board and the counties of the State of Washington.”



Mr. Klug has been a strong player in the county design community of Washington for nearly twenty years and a very helpful resource to everyone attending the CRAB Road Design Conferences for most of that time. Bruce has shown himself to be a true leader in the use of *Autodesk® Civil 3D*, the design software used by all 39 Washington counties.

Further proof of his expertise is his recent achievement in the **Excellence in Infrastructure Competition** held each year at the Autodesk University conference. The conference is recognized as the premier international design event of the year, presenting over 700 classes for over 8000 attendees. The *Excellence in Infrastructure Competition* showcases the best use of technology to plan, design, build and manage infrastructure projects including roads and highways, railways, water utilities, wastewater and land development. Out of 44 worldwide finalists in the competition, Bruce received second place honors for the Clark County Salmon Creek Interchange project. His award was second only to a hydropower dam project in China.

Congratulations, Bruce!

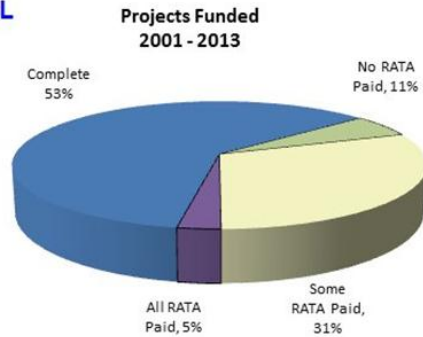


RURAL ARTERIAL TRUST ACCOUNT (RATA) ACTIVITY AND BALANCE SUMMARY



RURAL ARTERIAL PROGRAM

JANUARY, 2013



PROJECT STATUS:

Project Status:	'83-'01	'01-'03	'03-'05	'05-'07	'07-'09	'09-'13	'13-'15	TOTAL
Completed	848	35	37	22	25	8	0	975
All RATA Paid (Completion is pending)	1	1	4	1	1	2	0	10
Some RATA paid	1	0	5	6	22	30	0	64
No RATA Paid	0	0	0	1	2	9	0	12
TOTAL	850	36	46	30	50	49	0	1061

FUND STATUS

Anticipated Revenue to end of '11 - '13 Biennium:	
Fuel tax receipts and interest to June, 2011	448,319,543
Estimated fuel tax receipts and interest July 2011 thru June 2013	36,541,400
Total estimated revenue	484,860,943
RAP Expenditures to date:	
To Completed Projects	402,472,929
To Projects in Design or Under Construction	43,048,468
Administration	9,041,890
Total RATA spent	454,563,288
RAP Obligations:	
RATA Balance on Current Active Projects	88,901,844
Additional yet to allocate to Current Active Projects	19,045,277
Estimated remaining administration through 2011 - 2013 biennium	253,500
Total RATA obligated	108,200,621

QTR 4 - 2012 RATA ACTIVITY:

MONTH	BEGINNING BALANCE	MVFT REVENUE	INTEREST + Cash Rcpts	PROJECT PAYMENTS	#	ADMIN CHARGES	ENDING BALANCE
October	\$23,501,706.81	\$1,682,815.72	\$5,614.60	\$1,928,778.27	22	\$36,950.45	\$23,224,408.41
November	\$23,224,408.41	\$1,500,186.50	\$4,086.87	\$2,766,781.06	17	\$35,464.96	\$21,926,435.76
December	\$21,926,435.76	\$1,591,379.68	\$5,693.18	\$2,644,668.75	19	\$34,925.97	\$20,843,913.90
TOTALS:		\$4,774,381.90	\$15,394.7	\$7,340,228.08	58	\$107,341.38	

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES PROJECT UPDATE

The legislature awarded study monies to the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) to develop a performance measurement program to assist county governments in improving the delivery of their transportation programs and projects. Funding for the award came from a portion of the revenues distributed to counties from state fuel taxes. CRAB has been working in conjunction with the WSAC, Washington State Association of County Engineers (WSACE), and Lund Consulting to explore the possibilities and prepare for the development of a Performance Measures program.

CRAB staff has been involved in all of the meetings and continues to support WSAC's efforts with input to the consultants and data for possible performance measures. Lund Consulting has issued preliminary performance measures in a graphical web-based interface and CRAB staff has assisted with the data and design considerations to bring the project to completion.

CRAB staff feels strongly that any performance measures must use existing data sources and reports so as not to burden county staff with new data gathering tasks. Further, CRAB staff has suggested that any measures should be aggregated at the RAP regional level to prevent misinterpretation of individual county's data in times of financial or environmental difficulty. CRAB staff is dedicated to the idea that performance measures are part of the original compliance mission of the agency and have taken steps to use Mobility data to demonstrate the effectiveness of the program to deliver reasonable and defensible measures with little to no additional effort by the counties.

CRAB staff will continue to provide the highest level of support and cooperation with WSAC, WSACE, and Lund Consulting as the project moves into subsequent phases.