

# COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD

JAY WEBER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## CRAB QUARTERLY REPORT

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## ERNIE GEISSLER (KING CRAB) PASSES

Ernest (Ernie) Geissler, 89, died peacefully Saturday, April 8, 2017 at his home in Olympia surrounded by family, after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. He is survived by wife of 65 years Bobbi Geissler, his children, grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Ernie relocated his family from Hoboken New Jersey to Lewis County, Washington when he accepted the position of Lewis County Engineer. He served Lewis County and WSACE with distinction until 1965 when he was named one of the original engineer members of the newly created County Road Administration Board. It was during this same year that he was appointed CRAB's first Administrative Engineer, the position which eventually became the Executive Director of CRAB.

During the twenty-five years of Ernie's tenure at CRAB, he established high levels of credibility and standards of service which still serve as the primary underpinning of CRAB policies and programs. His unflagging advocacy for the counties' role in surface transportation; his constant efforts to raise the level of professionalism within the county engineering community; and his perspective of counties "as family" brought a

cohesiveness and collegiality to county road administration that remain to this day. We will miss him dearly!

## APRIL 2017 CRABOARD MEETING

### **CRABoard welcomes new Board Members**

The CRABoard welcomed Island County Commissioner Helen Price Johnson to the Board. They also welcomed Franklin County Commissioner Bob Koch back to the Board.

### **CRABoard welcomes new Staff Member**

Staff introduced Michael Kochick to the Board. Michael comes to CRAB as the new Systems Manager, filling the position vacated by Bob Davis.

### **Public Hearing Held**

The Board repealed section 136-18-070 regarding special reporting of construction by county forces projects to the county road administration board, noting the section was obsolete. The Board also adopted amendments to WAC 136-12 to better define the process which the County takes in reporting a vacancy or change in the position of County Engineer. *Staff Contact: Derek Pohle, [derek@crab.wa.gov](mailto:derek@crab.wa.gov), (360) 350-6082*

### **CRABoard Meeting Agenda**

The CRABoard meeting agendas are posted ten days prior to the next CRABoard meeting. The Board's next scheduled meeting is August 10, 2017 in Wenatchee. 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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### **County Engineer/PWD Changes**

Staff reported the following changes since January 2017:

#### Stevens County

Stevens County appointed Jason Hart as PWD/Acting County Engineer effective December 20, 2016. Stevens County was in the process of contracting with Pend Oreille County for the services of County Engineer Don Ramsey, PE until a licensed professional civil engineer could be retained but could not reach an agreement. The county then retained an engineer from its on call consultant roster, but the engineer was not a licensed civil engineer. The county then began an RFQP process to find qualified applicants and are currently reviewing those applications.

#### Snohomish County

By letter on March 22, 2017, Snohomish County designated Steven Thomsen, PE as the Acting County Engineer after the passing of Owen Carter, PE, on February 24, 2017.

### Spokane County

By e-mail on February 27, 2017, Mitch Reister, PE announced his resignation as Spokane County Engineer, effective march 31, 2017. Spokane County appointed Chad Coles, PE as County Engineer effective April 1, 2017.

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### **Summary of State Auditor's Reports Findings**

Staff reported that eight county audit reports representing eight counties had been reviewed since the January 2017 Board meeting. One audit contained one finding issued and did not involve County Road Funds in any form. Staff Contact: Walt Olsen, [Walt@crab.wa.gov](mailto:Walt@crab.wa.gov), (360) 350-6080

### **RAP Project Actions by CRAB Staff since January 2017:**

The Elochoman Valley Road and Clear Creek Fish Barrier projects where combined as they are adjacent to each other. The alignment for the Elochoman could not be determined until the new stream structure alignment was determined, and was facing construction lapsing. The combining of the two removes the imminent lapsing of Elochoman, and provides for costs savings of joint construction.

### **Allocation of 2017 – 2019 RATA Revenue to projects:**

The CRABoard allocated funding to partial and new projects listed on the proposed 2107 – 2019 priority arrays in the five regions. The stable account balance, increasing revenue and the ability to program RAP reimbursements for construction into 2021 lent support for the board's decision to allocate the new projects.

### **Project Actions:**

Additional extensions were provided by the CRABoard for Columbia County's Tucannon Road, and Thurston County's Delphi Road, both in the interest of the public welfare and safety. Both projects will provide significant safety improvements.

The CRABoard rescinded its earlier waiver of payback of RATA funds for Kittitas County's Westside Road, after a second withdrawal of the project was done by the county. The county cited much higher costs to complete than expected.

### **County Ferry Capital Improvement Program**

In accordance with RCW 47.56.725(4), the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) may evaluate requests for ferry capital improvement program funds by Pierce, Skagit, Wahkiakum, and Whatcom counties. The opportunity for one or more of these four counties to request funding is currently limited to once every four years, per WAC 136-400-045, subject to fulfilling various eligibility requirements.

2017 is a year within this four-year cycle the counties were given an opportunity to request CRAB issue a call for projects applications. Skagit County did so during the April 27th board meeting, with the board deciding to proceed with a call for projects. Each of the four counties has until December 31, 2017, to submit a detailed project application for eligible projects, per WAC 136-400.

Should one or more county submit a project application, review would be completed during early 2018. CFCIP project funding requests approved by the board would then be forwarded to the legislature for budgetary consideration during the 2019 legislative session. If approved by the legislature, project funds would become available as early as July 2019.

2021 is the next year a call for projects may be considered by the board.

## TRAINING

### CRAB Training Schedule April 2017 – July 2017

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>
May 16	UAV Workshop	GIS Conference - Tacoma
May 23-25	Civil3D for Surveyors	CRAB Offices
June 1-2	UAV Demo	Yakima County Landfill
June 14-15	Office of the CE	Benton County
June 20-22	UAV Demo	Spokane County Stockpile Site
June 27	UAV Demo	Cowlitz County

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## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JAY WEBER ANNOUNCES HIS RETIRMENT FROM CRAB**

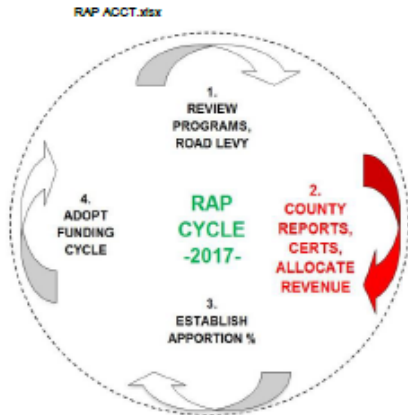


After nineteen years as the Executive Director and nine years as Chairman for the County Road Administration Board, Jay P. Weber has announced his retirement. He plans to retire on September 5, 2017.

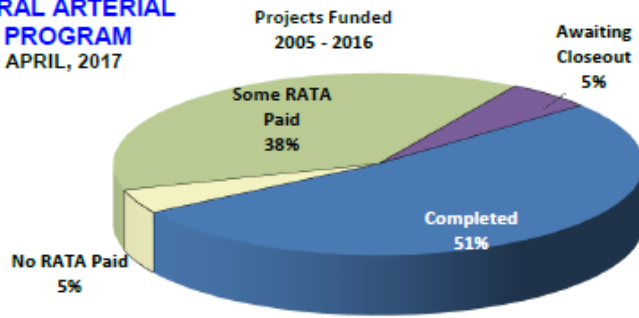
Jay's impeccable knowledge of transportation and Washington State's thirty-nine county road departments will truly be missed.

Please join us on Thursday, August 10, 2017 in Wenatchee to celebrate his retirement and wish him a fond farewell! You can make your reservations on CRAB's website at [www.crab.wa.gov](http://www.crab.wa.gov).

# RURAL ARTERIAL TRUST ACCOUNT (RATA) ACTIVITY AND BALANCE SUMMARY



## RURAL ARTERIAL PROGRAM APRIL, 2017



### PROJECT STATUS:

Billing Phase	'83-'05	'05-'07	'07-'09	(Two Biennia) '09-'13	'13-'15	Current Biennium '15-'17	TOTAL
Completed	930	27	38	29	13	2	1039
Awaiting Closeout			2	2	7		11
Some RATA paid	1	1	4	11	29	35	81
No RATA Paid					1	8	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1140</b>

### FUND STATUS:

<b>Anticipated Revenue to end of '15 - '17 Biennium:</b>		
Fuel tax receipts and interest through June, 2015		522,051,074
Estimated fuel tax receipts, interest and MVA Transfers July 2015 thru June 2017		39,066,605
	Total estimated revenue	<u>561,117,679</u>
<b>RAP Expenditures to date:</b>		
To Completed Projects		492,174,624
To Projects in Design or Under Construction		36,462,938
Administration		10,697,648
	Total RATA spent	<u>539,335,211</u>
<b>RAP Obligations:</b>		
RATA Balance on Active Projects		85,891,732
RATA \$ yet to allocate to Partially funded projects -		25,959,489
Requests for reimbursement - pending		306,197
Estimated remaining administration through 2015- 2017 biennium		121,125
	Total RATA obligated	<u>112,278,543</u>

### QTR 1 - 2017 RATA ACTIVITY:

MONTH	BEGINNING BALANCE	MVFT REVENUE	INTEREST + Cash Rcpts	PROJECT PAYMENTS	#	ADMIN CHARGES	ENDING BALANCE
January	\$15,552,790.50	\$1,673,204.22	\$6,741.02	(1,511,127.66)	30	(37,297.33)	\$15,684,310.75
February	\$15,684,310.75	\$1,515,001.39	\$7,927.01	(1,137,784.81)	26	(39,882.91)	\$16,029,571.43
March	\$16,029,571.43	\$1,518,677.59	\$8,350.20	(487,774.37)	22	(43,274.19)	\$17,045,550.66
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>\$4,706,883.20</b>	<b>\$23,018.23</b>	<b>(3,116,686.84)</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>(120,454.43)</b>	

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