

COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD

JOHN KOSTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CRAB QUARTERLY REPORT

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CRAB STAFF WELCOMES

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOHN KOSTER

CRAB Staff welcomed John Koster as their new Executive Director on September 1, 2017. We are all excited and look forward to working with John as he leads us into the future during the complexity of the time in which we live and the challenges to all modes of transportation.

OCTOBER 2017 CRABOARD MEETING

2018 CRABoard Meeting Schedule

The CRABoard adopted their 2018 meeting schedule as follows:

- February 1-2, 2018
- April 19-20, 2018
- July 26-27, 2018
- October 25-26, 2018

All meetings are held in Olympia at the CRAB offices and are scheduled to begin at 1:00pm on the first day.

The CRABoard meeting agendas are posted ten days prior to the next CRABoard meeting. The Board's next scheduled meeting is February 1-2, 2018 in Olympia. Past agendas and meeting minutes can also be found at the following link:

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

Staff Contact: Karen Pendleton, Karen@crab.wa.gov, (360) 350-6077

Annual Certification Form

The Board approved the Annual Certification form to reflect the current reporting period dates as well as the addition of the new requirement for reporting of Road Fund Expenditures for Marine Navigation and Moorage. Staff Contact: Derek Pohle, derek@crab.wa.gov, (360) 350-6082

Vehicle License Renewal Fees

RCW 46.17.323 allocates a portion of electric vehicle registration renewal fees to the RATA account. There is a potential for approximately \$1.6 million in fee revenue to be deposited into the account through fiscal year 2031.

County Engineer/PWD Changes

Staff reported the following changes since August 2017:

King County

King County delegated certain developmental review duties of County Road Engineer Rick Brater, E to Scott Smith, PE, as allowed by King County Code 2.16.140.

Douglas County

Douglas County appointed Aaron Simmons, PE, as Acting County Engineer after the retirement of County Engineer Doug Bramlette, PE, effective August 28, 2017.

By email on October 25, 2017, Douglas County appointed Mitch Reister, PE, as County Engineer, effective October 24, 2017.

Pierce County

Pierce County delegated certain stormwater and flood control zone district duties of the County Engineer Brian Stacy, PE, to Melissa McFadden, PE, as allowed by Pierce County Code 2.06.010.C.

Lewis County

Lewis County appointed Tim Fife, PE as County Engineer effective September 25, 2017. *Staff Contact: Walt Olsen, Walt@crab.wa.gov, (360) 350-6080*

Summary of State Auditor's Reports Findings

Staff reported that 51 county audit reports representing 35 counties have been reviewed since the August 2017 Board meeting. Fifteen audits contained a total of 21 findings issued and one involved County Road Funds in some form. Additionally, fourteen audits contained seventeen prior findings, one involved County Road Funds and was found to be fully corrected. One audit contained one finding issued and did not involve County Road Funds in any form. *Staff Contact: Walt Olsen, Walt@crab.wa.gov, (360) 350-6080*

RAP Project Actions by CRAB Staff since August 2017:

Stevens County – Withdrawal of Addy Gifford Road from RATA funding.

Stevens County, per its October 19, 2017 letter, withdrew the Addy Gifford Road project (RAP # 3315-01) from RAP funding. The county plans to reconfigure the road into multiple sections and apply more extensive improvements. The county plans to reimburse the expended \$29,511.68 in RATA funds. CRABstaff acknowledged the withdrawal in writing and reminded the county that the expended RATA funds are due within sixty days of the date of CRAB's acknowledgement.

Funding of new and partially funded projects

Based on the CRABoard's allocations to projects at its August 10, 2017 meeting, CRABstaff forwarded to the selected counties 11 CRAB/County contracts (5 for additional funding, 6 for new funding). All 11 contracts offered were accepted and signed by the counties.

Board Actions:

2019 – 2021 Funding Period

The CRABoard elected to establish a funding period for the 2019 – 2021 biennium based on an estimated \$46,000,000 in RATA revenue for that period. A call for projects will go out in early January with preliminary proposals due March 1 and final prospectuses due September 1, 2018. *Staff Contact: Randy Hart, Randy@crab.wa.gov, (360) 350-6081*

Project Actions:

The CRABoard approved Spokane County's request for a scope reduction on Bigelow Gulch Road 4, milepost 3.70 to 6.39. The scope change reduces the road width to be constructed on that segment from 76 feet (four 12 feet lanes, a 12 feet median, and two 8 feet shoulders) to 52 feet, comprised of two 12 feet lanes, a 12 feet median and two 8 feet shoulders, with no reduction in funding. The proposed reduced section would have still ranked at the top of the priority array from which the project was funded. *Staff Contact: Randy Hart, Randy@crab.wa.gov, (360) 350-6081*

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 the year within this four-year cycle that 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 counties 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 October 2017 – February 2018

Date	Subject	Location
November 7-9	Road Design Conf.	Chelan County
November 15	Mobility Training	CRAB Offices
December 5-7	County Engineer	CRAB Offices
December 12-14	Autodesk InfraWorks 360	CRAB Offices
January 18-19	Civil3D for Surveyors	WCCS Conf. – Ocean Shores
February 6-8	Civil3D 2018 Fundamentals	CRAB Offices
February 27-18	UAS (aka Drones) Training	CRAB Offices

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 Jeff Monsen, Jeff@crab.wa.gov, (360) 350-6079 (Engineer's Training)

CRAB RECRUITS FOR IT MANAGER POSITION

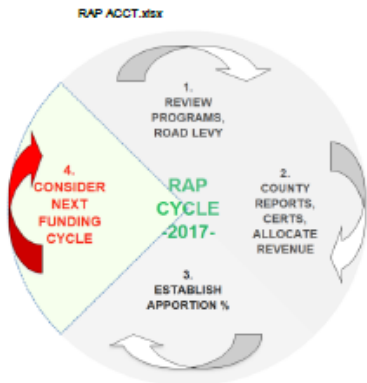
CRAB is seeking to fill the position of Information Services Division Manager (WMS3). This position recruitment will be open until November 22, 2017. A full recruitment announcement can be found at... **Information Services Division Manager (WMS3)**. Staff Contact: Karen Pendleton, Karen@crab.wa.gov, (360) 350-6077

2017 ROAD DESIGN CONFERENCE

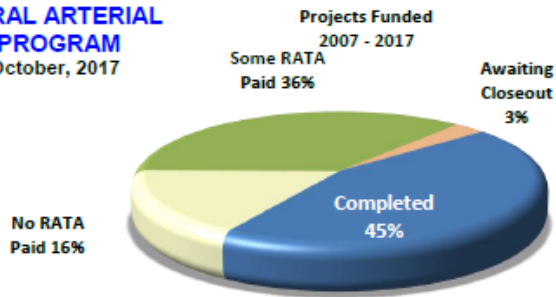
The 28th Annual Road Design Conference was held on November 7-9, 2017 in Chelan at Campbell's Resort.

This year's conference had 87 participants representing 28 counties. On Tuesday, Autodesk provided technology training as a pre-conference event. In addition, four other vendors showed their products and sponsored a meal, social or break during the conference. As always, county design staff made presentations, shared their challenges and solutions and successfully networked with their other county counterparts. Staff Contact: Jim Ayres, (360) 350-6091

RURAL ARTERIAL TRUST ACCOUNT (RATA) ACTIVITY AND BALANCE SUMMARY



RURAL ARTERIAL PROGRAM October, 2017



PROJECT STATUS:

Billing Phase	'83-'07	'07-'09	'09-'13	'13-'15	'15-'17	Current Biennium '17-'19	TOTAL
Completed	957	39	32	21	3		1052
Awaiting Closeout	1	2	1	3			7
Some RATA paid	1	3	9	25	36	3	77
No RATA Paid				1	5	29	35
TOTAL	959	44	42	50	44	32	1171

FUND STATUS:

Anticipated Revenue to end of '17 - '19 Biennium:	
Fuel tax receipts and interest through June, 2017	562,159,348
Estimated fuel tax receipts, interest and CW Transfers July 2017 thru June 2019	44,862,800
Total estimated revenue	607,022,148
RAP Expenditures to date:	
To Completed Projects	503,481,271
To Projects in Design or Under Construction	32,384,432
Administration	10,951,398
Total RATA spent	546,817,101
RAP Obligations:	
RATA Balance on Active Projects	118,266,193
RATA \$ yet to allocate to Partially funded projects -	13,414,208
Requests for reimbursement - pending	639,148
Estimated remaining administration through 2017- 2019 biennium	936,826
Total RATA obligated	133,266,376

QTR 3 - 2017 RATA ACTIVITY:

MONTH	BEGINNING BALANCE	MVFT REVENUE	INTEREST + Cash Rcpts	PROJECT PAYMENTS	#	ADMIN CHARGES	ENDING BALANCE
July	\$20,191,050.54	\$1,758,346.87	\$15,850.02	(1,205,027.49)	78	(42,210.85)	\$20,718,009.09
August	\$20,718,009.09	\$1,780,288.72	\$13,989.75	(1,587,213.62)	80	(45,714.02)	\$20,879,359.92
September	\$20,879,359.92	\$1,671,868.13	\$15,000.74	(3,379,932.38)	71	(43,375.35)	\$19,142,921.06
TOTALS:		\$5,210,503.72	\$44,840.51	(6,172,173.49)	229	(131,300.22)	

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