

COUNTY ROAD ADMINISTRATION BOARD

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JANUARY 2017 CRABOARD MEETING

CRABoard Sets Public Hearing for April

The Board set a public hearing for April 27, 2017 at 2:00 PM to consider adoption of revisions to WAC 136-12-020 Vacancy or Change in Position of County Engineer and WAC 136-18 Construction by County Forces. *Staff Contact: Derek Pohle, 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 April 27-28, 2017 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

County Engineer/PWD Changes

Staff reported the following changes since October 2016:

Wahkiakum County

By letter on November 3, 2016, Grays Harbor County appointed Rob Wilson, PE, as County Engineer, effective October 31, 2016, following the resignation of County Engineer/PWD Joe Seet, PE.

Stevens County

By email and attachment on December 20, 2016, Stevens County appointed Jason Hart, PE, as Public Works Director/Acting County Engineer, effective December 20, 2016. Stevens County is in the process of contracting with Pend Oreille County for the services of County Engineer Don Ramsey, PE until a licensed professional civil engineer can be retained. *Staff Contact: Walt Olsen, Walt@crab.wa.gov, (360) 350-6080*

Summary of State Auditor's Reports Findings

Staff reported that fourteen county audit reports representing ten counties had been reviewed since the October 2016 Board meeting. Four audits contained a total of four new findings issued and none involved County Road Funds in some form.

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RAP Project Actions by CRAB Staff since October 2016:

Lincoln County requested a change in milepost designation for their Rocklyn Road Section 2 project, revising the milepost limits from 4.13 – 6.24 to 5.94 – 8.05. At the time of prospectus submittal and later RAP funding, the beginning of the road was located at the intersection with Coffee Pot Road. After RATA funding the limits were moved to the city limits of Harrington at SR23, adding 1.81 miles to the road.

CRAB staff found the revision had no impact to the scope of work and cost for the RAP funded project. A contract amendment, revising the milepost designation was offered to and signed by the county. *Staff Contact: Randy Hart, randy@crab.wa.gov, (360) 350-6081*

CRABoard Considers RAP Allocation Issues Prior to April Meeting:

In preparation for the April 2017 meeting, when the CRABoard normally allocates funds to partial funded and new projects, staff updated the board on the RATA balance and anticipated payments to current projects. There will be a heavy draw on the account in the next three to four years. Partially funded projects would absorb the majority of available revenue, if additionally funded, and any new projects would have construction reimbursements scheduled for 2021 – 2023.

BOB DAVIS RETIRING FROM CRAB

County Road Administration Board will lose the services of Bob Davis when he retires March 31, 2017. Michael Kochick, formerly of Intercity Transit and Ulterra Drilling, came to the staff on February 6, 2017 and will assume the primary duties of computer network security and systems administration.



Bob was recruited by CRAB and began work as IT Systems Manager on January 24, 2005 coming to us from the Walla Walla County Department of Public Works, where he worked for 16 years. Prior to that, he worked many years in heavy construction as an equipment operator.

At Walla Walla County, he began his public service career working on the road maintenance crew. After a few years, he transferred into the Engineering office as an Engineer Tech I – Legal. Throughout the next 11 years, he was assigned greater responsibilities and tasks, excelling in each position, until he finally was promoted to an Engineer Tech IV position.

Early on when computers were just coming of age, he gained a genuine interest in computers, networking, programming, and web development. Because of this, he began taking evening classes at WWCC and multiple on-line study courses, developing his knowledge and enhancing his skills in these fields. When the Public Works' network administrator retired, Bob was fortunate enough to be offered the newly created IT Projects Manager/Network Administrator position.

Bob was always finding ways to improve the way people performed their jobs and developed numerous engineering software applications that “streamlined” some of the Engineering tasks. He assisted in securing the funding to bring GIS to Walla Walla County, and had the vision and created the very first Walla Walla County Website and was the original County “Webmaster.”

Bob developed a number of applications during his time in Walla Walla that automated processes previously done on paper forms. VisRate, a pavement management distress data collection tool, is an application that was so useful, Bob donated the programming code to CRAB’s development team for further development and added enhancements. It is now distributed freely to all of Washington’s County Public Works Departments.

Bob also developed the Public Works’ new, innovative, and complex digital-imaging system called CRView. The camera system takes images of roadways and projects, allowing road crews and engineers to utilize the photos for assigning maintenance tasks and assisting in project development.

As CRAB’s IT Systems Manager, through all the years, Bob is proud of his numerous accomplishments, which have all been for the betterment of the CRAB Board, CRAB Staff, and the Counties. Over the years, Bob has earned many IT and Public Service certifications and has tirelessly continued his online study and education in IT Management.

When Bob came to CRAB, his vision, dedication, hard work, and mission was in bringing CRAB’s network infrastructure to a stable, secure, high-performance networking environment. Over the past ten years, there have only been three and one-half days of unscheduled downtime which affected productivity. This equals **99.99%** of uptime, which is an outstanding accomplishment. His many tasks included incorporating and utilizing the latest IT methodologies and technologies. Bob was also instrumental in helping to get CRAB’s UAV program “off the ground” and currently holds an FAA UAS Remote Pilot Certificate.

Bob, here’s to you and your family. Retirement marks the culmination of a career spent in public service and as you retire, remember that you have left behind a legacy of encouragement, achievement and work ethic that will always be part of your coworkers and colleagues around the state. You have a wealth of information and experience that can never be replaced. So, if we need you, can we put you on “speed dial”? We wish you a bright future with the time to do the things you have always wanted to do. Congratulations on your retirement!

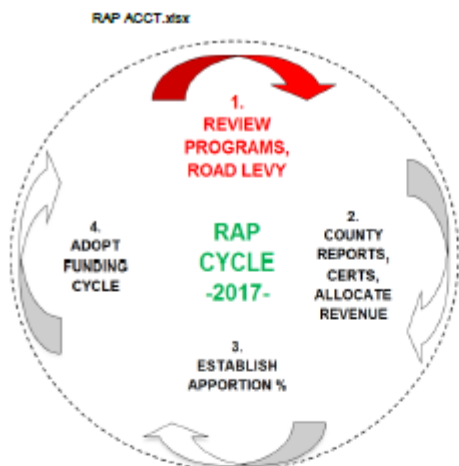
TRAINING

CRAB Training Schedule February 1-April 2017

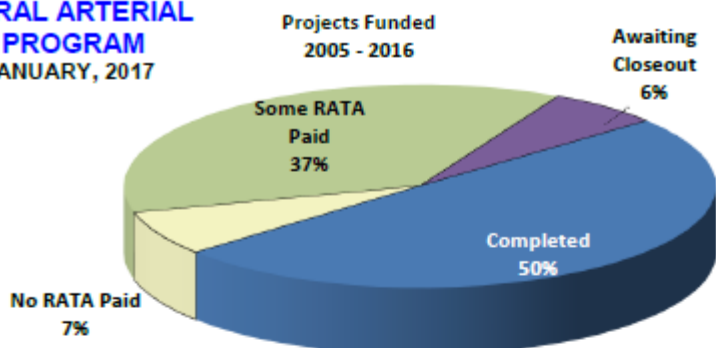
Date	Subject	Location	Registration Deadline
February 1-2	AutoCAD Civil3D – Surveying 101	CRAB Offices	January 31, 2017
February 22-23	Mobility 4.2.1	Franklin County	February 17, 2017

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RURAL ARTERIAL TRUST ACCOUNT (RATA) ACTIVITY AND BALANCE SUMMARY



RURAL ARTERIAL PROGRAM JANUARY, 2017



PROJECT STATUS:

Billing Phase	(Two Biennia)					Current	TOTAL
	'83-'05	'05-'07	'07-'09	'09-'13	'13-'15	'15-'17	
Completed	930	26	38	28	11	2	1035
Awaiting Closeout			2	3	8		13
Some RATA paid	1	2	4	12	30	30	79
No RATA Paid					1	14	15
TOTAL	931	28	44	43	50	46	1142

FUND STATUS:

Anticipated Revenue to end of '15 - '17 Biennium:		
Fuel tax receipts and interest through June, 2015		522,051,074
Estimated fuel tax receipts, interest and MVA Transfers July 2015 thru June 2017		40,335,305
Total estimated revenue		562,386,379
RAP Expenditures to date:		
To Completed Projects		486,944,231
To Projects in Design or Under Construction		38,567,311
Administration		10,582,321
Total RATA spent		536,093,863
RAP Obligations:		
RATA Balance on Active Projects		90,796,273
RATA \$ yet to allocate to Partially funded projects -		26,110,389
Requests for reimbursement - pending		590,612
Estimated remaining administration through 2015- 2017 biennium		240,000
Total RATA obligated		117,737,274

QTR 4 - 2016 RATA ACTIVITY:

MONTH	BEGINNING BALANCE	MVFT REVENUE	INTEREST + Cash Rcpts	PROJECT PAYMENTS	#	ADMIN CHARGES	ENDING BALANCE
October	\$19,786,334.93	\$2,074,372.81	\$9,093.84	(4,374,278.11)	24	(38,426.81)	\$17,457,096.86
November	\$17,457,096.86	\$1,656,183.64	\$9,166.32	(3,061,593.07)	33	(43,598.41)	\$16,017,255.34
December	\$16,017,255.34	\$1,615,190.33	\$6,357.71	(2,047,866.09)	13	(38,146.79)	\$15,552,790.50
TOTALS:		\$5,345,746.78	\$24,617.87	(9,483,737.27)	70	(120,171.81)	