

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2003**

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.                      Work Session – Operations Division Manager/Road District  
Maintenance Supervisors

**\*T** 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Public Works Department – Chal Martin, Director

1.        Public Hearing – Consideration of a Road Name Change of a County Road known as North East Cape Horn Road, No. 95010, to Northeast Cape Horn Road, No. 95010.
2.        Public Hearing – Consideration of Vacation of Unopened County Right-of-Way Located South of Mud Lake Road and West of State Route 9 (Loren Sande, Clear Lake)
3.        Consideration of Signature – Flood Awareness Week Proclamation (October 27 – October 31, 2003) and Submittal of Flood Awareness Week Events
4.        Consideration of Signature – Resolution Establishing Flood Disaster Event Roles and Responsibilities
5.        Discussion Proposed SR-20/I-5 Interchange Configuration
6.        Discussion – Baker Project Flood Storage
7.        Miscellaneous

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 14, 2003, with Commissioners Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Don Munks present. Commissioner Ted W. Anderson was excused.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – CHAL MARTIN, DIRECTOR**

**1.        Public Hearing – Consideration of a Road Name Change of a County Road know as North East Cape Horn Road, No. 95010, to Northeast Cape Horn Road, No. 95010.**

Chairman Dahlstedt called to order a public hearing to consider a road name change from North East Cape Horn Road #95010 to Northeast Cape Horn Road #95010. Steve Flude, Public Works staff, reported that Skagit 911 requested a change in the name of NE Cape Horn Road because of confusion with directional names, and to aid in their efficiency in dispatching emergency response personnel.

A previous public hearing was held on August 12, 2003 to consider road name change of North East Cape Horn Road to Elliott Road. At that hearing, numerous residents and business owners living on NE Cape Horn Road spoke against that name change. A resolution is being presented today to change the road name change from North East Cape Horn Road to Northeast Cape Horn Road.

Since no one was present to speak, Commissioner Munks moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Munks moved and Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion to approve the resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (**Resolution No. R20030334**)

**2.        Public Hearing – Consideration of Vacation of Unopened County Right-of-Way Located South of Mud Lake Road and West of State Route 9 (Loren Sande, Clear Lake).**

Chairman Dahlstedt opened a public hearing to consider vacation of an unopened County right-of-way in Clear Lake, south of Mud Lake Road and east of Spruce Avenue. Steve Flude, Public Works staff, presented background information and stated that no phone calls or correspondence were received regarding this matter.

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No one in the audience wished to speak; therefore, Commissioner Munks moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Munks moved to approve the vacation of the right-of-way, with any fees to be paid by the applicant. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**3. Consideration of Signature – Flood Awareness Week Proclamation (October 27 – October 31, 2003) and Submittal of Flood Awareness Week Events.**

Director Chal Martin presented a proclamation to Declare October 27-October 31, 2003 “Flood Awareness Week.” He also provided a list of scheduled activities, which include a sandbag training exercise for local high school students on Friday, October 31, at Dike District 12. The scheduled activities are aimed at preparing Public Works staff for flood fight operations, and to provide educational information to the public in case of a flood event.

The Commissioners discussed the impacts of having the old Mount Vernon bridge in the river in relationship to flooding. Commissioner Dahlstedt stated that Mount Vernon should make an effort to be more responsible in communicating with the County. He added that waiting until a flood happens to have a discussion is not the answer. Commissioner Munks said that cities need to look at the overall impacts instead of focusing on their own issues. Mr. Martin stated that the low parts of Mount Vernon are at serious risk even in minor floods, and that the County is moving forward aggressively to replace the Burlington Northern Railroad Bridge.

Commissioner Munks read the proclamation and motioned to declare October 27 – October 31, 2003 “Flood Awareness Week.” Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**4. Consideration of Signature – Resolution Establishing Flood Disaster Event Roles and Responsibilities.**

Mr. Martin presented a resolution outlining the flood disaster event roles and responsibilities of the Skagit County Public Works Department. The Flood Fight Coordinators during the 2003/2004 flood season will be Dave Brookings and Don Dixon.

Commissioner Munks read the resolution and moved for approval as outlined. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20030335)**

**5. Discussion – Proposed SR 20/George Hopper Interchange Configuration.**

Mr. Martin gave a briefing on the results of a Value Engineering Study relating to the SR20/George Hopper Interchange configuration. The original configuration that the Department of Transportation (DOT) put forward caused concerns that local access would not be easily provided. That plan brought traffic off from overhead ramp providing local access on Goldenrod Road. It would not alleviate the traffic problem in Burlington.

The idea that came from the Value Engineering Study would be to close Goldenrod Road and create a new road that would tie into Goldenrod further to the south. An additional lane would be provided to allow access to Burlington’s urban growth area, which much be developed according to the Growth Management Act. The problem with this idea is that it would add \$2.7 million dollars to the cost of the project. Safety aspects were considered as part of the study and they are a primary concern. Mr. Martin said that the intermediate intersection idea will not work. The new configuration looks like a reasonable solution, but Mr. Martin said he will be interested to hear what elected officials say about the proposal given the additional costs involved.

This topic will also be discussed at the Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) meeting on Wednesday, October 15. The state will hold two access hearings one for the interchange and one for the stretch to

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Fredonia, but the dates are not known at this time. There will be an Open House for this project on November 13.

**6. Discussion – Baker Project Flood Storage**

Mr. Martin gave an update on the results of research regarding sufficiency of current flood storage and improving operation of the Baker Project. He said that there is significant storage in place on the Skagit River system. In the past three to four months, this topic has been given more attention because of the fact that the Baker Project is being relicensed under the Federal Regulatory Commission. The County has been studying flood information as part of that process. There were two flood events in 1990 and a single event in 1995. Those events were analyzed, and it was discovered that no one is looking at the big picture. No storage was put in place for Lake Shannon. In the past, the flood storage reservoirs were analyzed individually rather than looking at the big system. It was apparent from the 1990 and 1995 events that we needed more flood storage. The immediate actions that are needed are more storage for Lake Shannon, and in upper Baker Lake to handle a larger event. More storage is also needed at Ross Dam.

Mr. Martin shared a draft letter to Puget Sound Energy (PSE) asking that they modify the operation of the Lake Shannon pool during the upcoming flood season to improve the ability of PSE to manage a flood event in the Skagit Valley. The letter is for the Commissioner's review, and will be presented later for their signature.

**7. Miscellaneous.**

Mr. Martin reported that dangerous debris has been removed from the Cascade River. He also announced that Ken Youngsman has resigned from the Marine Resources Committee, and Public Works will advertise for the position if that is agreeable with the Board. He added that a hazardous mitigation grant application has been submitted for the Doty property.

Mr. Martin presented an Emergency Resolution for the paving of the Concrete Senior Center parking lot. He added that an emergency condition exists at that facility due to a rough and uneven parking lot. Approval of the resolution would also allow waiving the formal bid requirements so that the parking lot can be paved before the fall construction window to do the work closes.

Commissioner Munks moved to approve the Emergency Resolution as outlined. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20030336)**

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Commissioner Munks made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chairman

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Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

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Don Munks, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Shirley Knapp Acting Clerk of the Board for JoAnne Giesbrecht  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners