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County Road Standards are being updated

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(Port Orchard, WA) Kitsap County is in the process of updating the County Road Standards (the Standards) and is seeking comments from the public, utility companies, and other interested parties. The Standards, originally enacted in 2003 by the Board of County Commissioners (Ordinance 293-2003) and last amended in 2007 (Ordinance 404-2007), govern the design and construction of publicly maintained roadways within existing right of way, and in private developments where roads will be dedicated to Kitsap County.

The new Standards will apply to future road construction and improvements to County roads built after January 13, 2003—the original adoption date. They do not apply to general road maintenance or to County roads constructed prior to the original adoption of the Standards.

The Standards, incorporated into Chapter 11 of the Kitsap County Code, were developed to provide minimum design

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requirements for the safety, welfare, and convenience of the travelling public. They were developed as a criteria primarily for engineers involved in road design and are not intended as a substitute for competent design or sound engineering practice.

New land development activities impacting the quality of traffic service, safety or operational efficiency of existing roadways will be assessed during the land use approval process and developers may be required to make improvements in accordance with the updated Standards. The Standards are not intended to govern privately maintained roadways located outside County right of way, however it is highly recommended that designers of those roads follow them.

Kitsap County Public Works encourages interested parties to comment on any portion of the existing Standards. Two versions of the document are available at www.bit.ly/roadstandards: a redline mark-up of proposals from prior public input and County staff, and a "clean" copy of the document reflecting the proposed revisions.

Submitting comments in "Track-Changes" (redline) format is preferred, but all input will be considered. The department's internal review team will address each comment and, after the review period ends on May 26, will present a final document for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners.

Please submit your revisions to Jo Meints at jmeints@co.kitsap.wa.us by May 26, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. You can mail comments to Kitsap County Public Works, Attention: Jo Meints, 614 Division Street MS-26, Port Orchard WA 98366

The anticipated schedule to complete this process is as follows:

Formal request for input - March 29, 2017

Comment period ends - May 26, 2017

Complete final draft - August 15, 2017

Begin final adoption process (final public review) - September 1, 2017

Commissioners enact final document - October 23, 2017

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