

Kitsap County in the process of updating the County Road Standards and would like to solicit comments and suggested revisions from the public, utilities and other interested parties. The Road Standards govern the design and construction of publically maintained roadways both within existing right of way, and, within private developments where roads are to be dedicated to Kitsap County. The Standards apply Improvements to existing County roads and/or construction of new roads. They do not apply to general maintenance and/or repair of County roads in existence prior to January 13, 2003, the date of original adoption.

The Standards were originally adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 2003 (KC293-2003) and were last updated in 2007. These requirements are incorporated into Chapter 11 of the Kitsap County Code. The Road Standards were developed to provide minimum design requirements for the safety, welfare and convenience of the travelling public. The primary audience for the standards is engineers actively involved in road design. Application of the Road Standards is not a substitute for competent design or sound engineering practice.

Land development activities impacting the level of service, safety or operational efficiency of existing roadways may be required to make improvements in accordance with these Standards. The need for improvements to existing roads will be assessed at the time of land use approval based on an evaluation of impacts.

The Road Standards are not intended to govern the design and construction of privately maintained roadways located outside County right of way but it is recommended that designers of such roads adhere to them.

Kitsap County Public Works welcomes and encourages interested parties to comment on any portion of the Road Standards, whether existing language or proposed revisions. There are two documents available for review; a redline/mark-up of proposed changes developed by County staff, and a clean copy with those changes incorporated into it. Most of the proposed changes are the result of prior input by the public and subject matter experts within the Department.

It is preferred that comments and suggested revisions are provided in redline/strikeout format but all comments received will be considered. Following this review period, comments will be individually addressed by the Department's internal review team and a final document will be developed for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners.

The anticipated schedule to complete this process is as follows:

Formal solicitation released via website and press release	March 1, 2017
Comment period ends	May 15, 2017
Development of final draft document completed	August 15, 2017
Begin final adoption process (final public review)	September 1, 2017
Final adoption by Commissioners	November 27, 2017

