

Jefferson County
Board of Commissioners
Agenda Request

To: Board of Commissioners
Philip Morley, County Administrator

From: Frank Gifford, Public Works Director *FG*

Agenda Date: April 1, 2013

Subject: Terminate Rural Arterial Program (RAP) Grant 1607-1
South Discovery Road, MP 3.62 - 4.00

Statement of Issue: The Board is being asked to sign a letter requesting termination of the Rural Arterial Program (RAP) grant for the South Discovery Road Improvement project at milepost MP 3.62 to 4.00. RAP is a competitive source of road improvement funds administered by the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) at the State level.

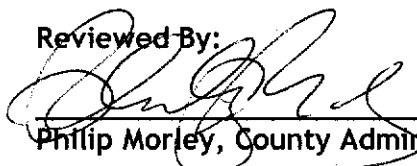
Analysis/Strategic Goals/Pro's & Con's: The original concept for this project was a relatively simple and low cost shift of South Discovery Road away from an eroding shoreline bluff. As a result of information obtained during the design process, it became apparent that substantial road relocation would be necessary to provide lasting benefit and that this project would have significant impact on adjacent landowners. Landowners indicated that the impacts were not acceptable. The risks and costs associated with condemnation were not included in the project budget. While a solution to this roadway issue needs to be found, the project funded under the existing grant cannot be completed.

Fiscal Impact/Cost Benefit Analysis: The grant agreement provided \$696,000 in grant funds and required a 20% match of local funds. \$172,239 of the grant funds were used for all of the activities associated with preparing a road project for the bid process including surveying, full design, permitting, and some right of way acquisition. The County previously requested waiver of grant repayment; however, CRAB staff subsequently indicated that they were not supportive of this option. Therefore, this letter requests that the County be allowed to retain 5% of the original grant (\$34,800) as outlined in WAC 136-167-030.

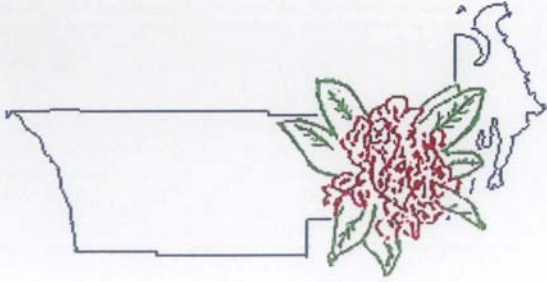
Recommendation: Sign the three (3) originals of the attached letter requesting that the grant contract for this project be terminated and that the County be allowed to retain 5% of the original grant amount for costs associated with engineering studies.

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Reviewed By:


Philip Morley, County Administrator

3/26/13
Date



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Attn: Jay Weber, Executive Director

Re: Rural Arterial Program (RAP) Project Withdrawal
South Discovery Road M.P. 3.62 to M.P. 4.00
RAP Project No. 1607-1

Dear Sir:

In accordance with WAC 136-167-030 we hereby request that the RAP contract for the above referenced project be terminated. Jefferson County will be unable to complete this project as originally conceived and budgeted. The project was intended to set the roadway back from a high and eroding shoreline bluff which threatens the roadway. The Engineering Design Study phase included a geotechnical study of shoreline bluff erosion rates which indicated that in order for the project to have lasting benefit, the road would need to be set back substantially onto adjacent property. This resulted in the need for major, unbudgeted geometric changes to the project to mitigate impacts identified by adjacent property owners and created additional complications with utility relocations (including water, power, and phone). We request that the County be allowed to retain five percent (\$34,800) of the original RATA request amount as allowed in the WAC to cover our engineering design study costs.

We will continue to explore alternate projects to address this problem and are hopeful that RAP can be a part of the funding solution for us in the future at this location.

Thank you again for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Chairman of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners