

**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

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ITEM NO: D-2  
DATE: December 16, 2010  
SUBJECT: Sultan Basin Road and US 2 Realignment Update  
CONTACT PERSON: Mick Matheson, P.E. Public Works Director



**ISSUE:**

The issue before the city council is to receive an update on Phase III of the Sultan Basin Road and US 2 realignment project.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Discuss the project, ask questions and direct staff to areas of concern.

**2010 PROJECT HISTORY**

January 14, 2010

WHPacific delivered a presentation providing Council with a status update. At that time, the following was completed:

- 90% plans were complete reflecting retaining walls and sidewalks on both sides
- Submitted environmental letter of "no effect" to WSDOT
- Submitted Draft Critical Areas report to Sultan and US Army Corps of Engineers
- Prepared for right-of-way acquisitions.

February 22, 2010

Deborah Knight, Connie Dunn and Donna Murphy met with Sam Richard of WHPacific and agreed to the following:

- Place the project on hold until the City received funds to cover the 13.5% federal match.
- When matching funding is available, Sam Richard is to prepare a revised scope of work and cost estimate to replace walls with slopes and remove proposed sidewalk from one side of Sultan Basin Road.
- City will work with Local Programs and PSRC to complete and obligate Supplement # 2 for \$250,000 in STP funds and Supplement #3 for right-of-way.

May 27, 2010

Connie Dunn presented Contract Supplement #4 to Council (which was moved from the consent agenda) to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract addendum with WHPacific to modify the Sultan Basin Road construction drawings to replace retaining walls with slopes, and to omit sidewalk on the east side of the road. Council subsequently authorized the Mayor to sign Supplement #4.

June 28, 2010

The City of Sultan received notice of award for TIB funds for the city's match to federal grant funds. Matching funds are available immediately for design and right-of-way acquisition.

July 12, 2010

Deborah Knight directed WHPacific to proceed with revising the right-of-way plans following the scope of work and budget outlined in Supplement # 4. Right-of-way acquisition process is underway with Certified Land Services Corporation.

December 2, 2010

Mick Matheson presented Contract Supplement #5 to Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract addendum with WHPacific to lower the road profile to save approximately \$350,000 in construction costs.

The fee for Supplement #5 was proposed not to exceed \$47,806. Council authorized the Mayor to sign Supplement #5 with the provision that staff approach WHPacific and request a lower fee to complete the work. Council pointed out that arguably, the lowered road profile design using AASHTO standards should have been considered much earlier in the project.

December 3, 2010

Mick Matheson called Marc Servizi with WHPacific to discuss lowering the fee for Supplement #5.

December 8, 2010

The City received notice from Zach Woodward from Mitigation Banking Services that the wetland credit transfer from the Skykomish Habitat Mitigation Bank was complete. The credit transfer allows wetland fill of 0.16 acres associated with the Sultan Basin Road project, and was purchased by the City for \$28,000.

## **NEXT STEPS**

- WHPacific will revise the construction drawings, specifications, and estimates to lower the road profile. They will also modify and resubmit the prospectus to WSDOT and prepare the bid documents with an alternate to accommodate staging if necessary.
- WHPacific will continue to pursue right-of-way acquisition.
- The project is anticipated to be advertized for bid in March 2011, with a bid award anticipated in April 2011. Construction is projected to begin in May 2011.

To clear up confusion, Stage 1 of the project will be referred to in the future as "The South Stage". This stage of construction involves improvements to Sultan Basin Road from Cascade View Drive to the south. Stage 2 of the project will be referred to in the future as "The North Stage". This stage of construction involves improvements to Sultan Basin Road from Cascade View Drive to U.S. 2.

The South Stage is fully funded and includes right-of-way acquisition for both stages.

## **ATTACHMENT**

A – Project Detail

