



DEPARTMENT UPDATE PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: 2025-06-09

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Darryl Johnson, Public Works Director

ITEM TITLE: **Report: Public Works Dept. Update**

The following items are for your review and discussion at the June 9, 2025 BoCC Meeting.

Public Works:

N500W Reconstruction – The contractor mobilized the week of June 2. Contract time is 70 working days which puts completion sometime late August early September. Work will begin with shoulder prep. This is a Federally funded project. Project scope includes total road reconstruction with paved wearing surface. The contractor has been instructed to keep the road open at all times (exceptions for short closers will need to be made for certain construction efforts). Travel will likely be one lane with pilot car so delays should be expected.

Trail Creek Bridge Replacement – Bids were opened for this project on May 22. Local contractor Action Excavation is the apparent low bid at \$1,403,903. This project is 100% funded through the Leading Idaho Local Bridge Program. LHTAC will be administering construction oversight. Construction is expected to begin sometime this fall when Trail Creek is running at minimum flows.

Road & Bridge:

Crews continue to apply magnesium chloride and utilize the dura patch truck to fill potholes. Hopefully the mag chloride application contract is executed immediately and R&B will get assistance treating all 60+ miles of roads.

Leigh Creek Canal Board Meeting – At the 5/27 BoCC meeting a Leigh Creek Canal representative spoke regarding concerns of road shoulder work done on N2000W near an irrigation ditch. The County was in attendance at the Leigh Creek Canal board meeting on 5/30 to address concerns. It was agreed that both parties would closely monitor the water levels during irrigation season. We expect the ditch to perform as needed. Once water is no longer running, the County will coordinate with the irrigation district to have the ditch cleaned.

Solid Waste:

Solid Waste Work Session – At the 5/27 BoCC meeting, Commissioner Wolfe requested a work session for RAD to present the idea of Transfer Station privatization.

The Transfer Station operates as a self-supporting department, funded through Solid Waste and Tipping Fees. Under the leadership of Solid Waste Supervisor Dann O'Donnell, the facility is managed effectively, with a strong team and a focus on operational efficiency. The department collaborates closely with both Teton Valley Community Recycling and RAD (through the franchise agreement for curbside collection) to identify new diversion opportunities and continuously improve performance. The community, as a whole, and its desire to recycle deserves a good portion of the credit for the County's diversion successes.

Public Works and Solid Waste will be prepared to discuss department successes, financial structure and future vision of the transfer station.

Transfer Station Scale & Crew Building Design Contract – Attached is a proposed contract from Architects West and Great West Engineering for design and construction oversight of the proposed second scale and new crew building. I would like to discuss the contract at the 6/9 meeting. If the BoCC is in agreement I

will put this contract on a future agenda as an action item for approval.

Weeds

Weed Enforcement & Timeline – The BoCC has shown interest in understanding weed enforcement procedures. Attached is the Weeds Enforcement Policy. Also attached are advisory and enforcement letter templates.

Facilities

HVAC Issues at LEC – We now have 3 of the 5 HVAC compressors online. However, the Prosecuting Attorney's area is having issues with temperature control. We have reached out to our service contractor to try and figure out the reason why.

Attachments:

Transfer Station Design Contract

Weed Enforcement Procedure

Weed Advisory Letter

Weed Enforcement Letter