

Jefferson County
Board of Commissioners
Agenda Request

To: Board of Commissioners
Mark McCauley, County Administrator

From: Monte Reinders, Public Works Director/County Engineer 

Agenda Date: November 7, 2022

Subject: Resolution to close a segment of Undie Road (County Road #150009)

Statement of Issue: Permanent closure of Undie Road, County Road #150009, between MP 0.00 and MP 0.75 due to continuing landslide damage.

Analysis/Strategic Goals/Pro's & Con's: Local landslide activity continues to damage the Undie Road between MP 0.48 and MP 0.75 creating unsafe conditions for the motoring public. Public Works forces have been required to repeatedly repair this segment of road to maintain it in a serviceable condition. This segment of road should be closed to protect the public and to free up resources to maintain other County Roads. Chapter 47.48 R.C.W. authorizes closure of roads.

This segment of Undie Road no longer connects to another road due to closure of Undie Road from MP 0.75 to MP 1.20 on February, 21, 2017 (Resolution 08-170). All property owners adjoining Undie Road between MP 0.00 and MP 0.75 have acknowledged that they agree with the proposed closure of this segment of road. The County will install a locked gate at M.P. 0.00. Adjoining property owners will be allowed to continue using this segment of Undie Road for access to their property at their own risk and expense.

Fiscal Impact/Cost Benefit Analysis:

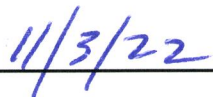
Road damage is worsening over time requiring ongoing maintenance staff and financial resources. Once the road is gated, public road funds should not be expended on roads which are not accessible to the general public. The Public Works Department will cease maintenance and expenditures of public funds on this road segment and it will be removed from the County's official Road Log.

Recommendation: Public Works recommends the Board adopt this resolution thereby closing Undie Road from MP 0.00 to MP 0.75, removal of this road segment from the official Road Log, cessation of road maintenance, installation of a vehicle gate at the point of closure, and installation of appropriate signage.

Department Contact: John Wayand, 385-9160

Reviewed By:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator


Date

STATE OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

In the matter of:

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Closure of Undie Road

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

County Road No. 150009

WHEREAS, Undie Road (County Road No. 150009) was permanently closed to vehicular traffic, between milepost 0.75 and milepost 1.20, by the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners on February 21, 2017 (Resolution 08-17) due to landslide activity and road destruction, and

WHEREAS, local landslide activity continues to damage Undie Road between milepost 0.48 and milepost 0.75 (current intermediate end of County Road), and a potential hazard exists to the motoring public, and

WHEREAS, County forces have been required to repeatedly repair this segment of road to maintain it in a serviceable condition. Damage is worsening over time requiring ongoing staff and financial resources, and

WHEREAS, the County should not continue to expend financial and staff resources at this location at the expense of necessary maintenance and construction on other parts of the county road system, and

WHEREAS, this segment of road no longer connects to another road, and

WHEREAS, all property owners adjoining Undie Road between milepost 0.00 and 0.75 have acknowledged that they agree with the proposed closure of this segment of road and that it should be closed at mile post 0.00 near the Clallam / Jefferson County boundary. Adjoining property owners will be allowed to continue using this segment of Undie Road for access to their property at their own risk, and

WHEREAS, public road funds shall not be expended on roads that are gated and therefore not accessible to the general public, and

WHEREAS, removing this road segment from the official Road Log does not vacate any right of way that may exist but simply updates the Road Log to reflect what is and will be maintained by the County, The public will retain the right to access the public right of way by foot or bike until such time as the right of way is vacated, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 47.48 R.C.W. authorizes closure of roads.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that Undie Road (County Road No. 150009) shall be permanently closed to vehicular traffic and abandoned by Jefferson County between mile post 0.00 and milepost 0.75. The Public Works Department shall erect appropriate Road Closed an End County Road signage and install a gate to prevent unauthorized traffic from entering the closed road segment, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that any adjoining property owners shall be allowed to continue using this segment of Undie Road for access to their property at their own risk. Any and all maintenance required shall be the adjoining property owners' responsibility at their own expense, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Works Department shall cease maintenance and expenditures of public funds on this closed and abandoned segment of Undie Road, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that Undie Road (County Road No. 150009) between milepost 0.00 and milepost 1.20 shall be removed from the official County Road Log.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, _____.

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Kate Dean, District 1

SEAL:

Heidi Eisenhour, District 2

ATTEST:

Greg Brotherton, District 3

Carolyn Gallaway, CMC
Clerk of the Board

