



PW Private Work on Public Roads

Objectives. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for allowing private contractors to maintain or construct improvements on County Maintained roads.

Background. Teton County maintains approximately 265 miles of County Roads during the winter and 307 miles during the summer. The cost of maintaining these roads are primarily born by the County. Due to our limited resources, time, and budgets the level of maintenance on some roads do not meet the expectations of some citizen. Citizens occasionally offer to provide materials or labor to improve or maintain certain roads before their scheduled maintenance time. This policy establishes the protocol for a citizen to improve a road prior to its scheduled maintenance time.

Permit. A permit to work in the right-of-way shall be completed for all proposed projects. The permit shall identify all proposed work (in writing), and estimate of the costs, and the associated fee shall be included. A security deposit, bond, or letter of credit may be required to ensure the can be completed if the applicant refuses to the complete the work once started. No work shall begin until the permit is approved by the County Engineer or Board of County Commissioners.

The applicant will be responsible for obtaining any State, Federal or other permits required. These permits shall be obtained prior to issuance of the county permit.

Design Standards. All improvements and work performed may be completed, at a minimum, within the existing width of the individual road. Ideally, all improvements and work on County roads will bring the road up to Teton County Standards as expressed in the Teton County Highway and Street Design Guidelines and the Idaho Standards for Public Works Construction. However, Teton County recognizes that if another entity is willing to contribute to repair of an existing County road that the private entity is not required to bring the road up to County standards, but merely maintain their existing condition in a travelable state.

Labor & Equipment. The applicant shall supply all labor associated with the proposed project. Teton County will not provide equipment or labor for these projects.

Materials. Teton County may provide the materials for the project if available and use of said materials will not hinder the county's ability to work on scheduled for maintenance or improvements.

The applicant may supply the materials for the project. All materials used must meet the Teton County specifications. All proposed materials must be indentified and data sheets, shop drawings or laboratory analysis of the materials must be submitted to the county engineer for approval prior to construction.

Inspection. The Teton County Engineer (or appointed county representative) shall be onsite during the construction and/or periodically inspect the project. The Engineer shall have the right to stop work at any time.

The applicant shall notify the County Engineer once the project is complete. The County Engineer shall inspect the work and any deficiencies identified shall be corrected. Any security deposit, bond or letter or credit shall be released once the County Engineer has inspected the project and is satisfied it is complete.

Summary. This Policy has been developed to provide general guidelines for County personnel and citizens of the county. This Policy intends to cover the majority of situations normally encountered in the maintenance and improvements of our road system. If certain situations arise that are not part of the above Policy, the Teton County Engineer and/or Road and Bridge Supervisor will deal with them on a case-by-case basis.