

Good Morning Dana,

I was hoping to keep two (2) Local Agency Agreement (LAA) agenda items on the May 5<sup>th</sup> Council Mtg. Those specific items were LAA's to obligate federal grant funds for the *Goshen Rd/Anderson Crk Brdg* and *Horizontal Alignment and Advisory Speed Review*. Here are some reason why this is important to both Wh Co as a whole, and to the Engineering Division specifically:

- a) Obligating these federal funds quickly, assures Wh Co that the funds are **secured**. In the past, unobligated funds appear to FHWA as available for shifting to other federal priorities. We don't want that to happen.
- b) Both projects are receiving preliminary engineering (PE) funds, which offset local road funds and pay our staff time. Both projects have PE activities **pending** to begin, and will start charging against these funds asap.
- c) Both projects are safety related – the bridge project funds are to replace a structurally deficient bridge and the horizontal warning sign review updates our road signage (per Federal requirements) to keep advisory speeds safe for the motoring public.
- d) Lastly, there is no controversy related with accepting these funds, and Council will not be deliberating over the decisions...quick agenda items.

Let me know your thoughts on keeping them on the May 5<sup>th</sup> agenda please.

Thank you,

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