Kitsap County Road Standards: Public Comment Log_10/30/26

Comment #:	Section Number:	Author:	Organization:	Date:	Comment:	County Response:	Rebuttal:
1	1.2	Various	Kitsap Builders Association	8/25/2026	Is there a level of developmental activity that does not impact roads? How is the line between impactful and not impactful defined?	This will be further explored in 2027 through community outreach and coordination with Department of Community Development.	
2	1.4	Various	Kitsap Builders Association	8/25/2026	Why is the recognition of inherent discretion being removed?	Effort to streamline standards and remove redundant information provided opportunity to remove language.	
3	1.4	Various	Kitsap Builders Association	8/25/2026	Why extend from 20 to 30 days?	Language can remain at 20 calendar days, with provision for extension as communicated by the County Engineer.	
4	1.4	Various	Kitsap Builders Association	8/25/2026	Does the removing the language above mean that technical deviations decisions can no longer be appealed?	It does not.	
5	1.9	Ken Swindamen	Kitsap Builders Association	8/25/2026	All existing survey monuments, which are disturbed, lost or destroyed during surveying, construction, or utility repair/installation; shall be replaced under the direct supervision of a land surveyor registered in the State of Washington at the expense of the contractor, applicant, or other responsible party.	Language will be added.	
6	3.7.2 two-way single lane road	Various	Kitsap Builders Association	8/25/2026	B. Two-way single-lane roads shall be provided with a 20-foot unobstructed paved width. Where the minimum unobstructed width cannot be met, a variance approved by the Fire Marshal and County Engineer is required.	This statement is within public rights of way, and is intended to be absolute. In an instance where this is not feasible, a deviation request can be submitted.	
7	3.7.5.2	Various	Kitsap Builders Association	8/25/2026	Bikeways are classified per the FHWA as a facility intended for bicycle travel which designates space for bicyclists distinct from motor vehicle traffic. A bikeway does not include shared lanes, sidewalks (except approved shared use paths), signed routes, or shared lanes with shared lane markings, but does include bicycle boulevards.	Staff will check appropriate language per FWHA.	
8	3.7.5.3 - SUP	Various	Kitsap Builders Association	8/25/2026	Shared- use paths may be utilized by pedestrians, skaters, wheelchair users, joggers, bicycles and other non-motorized users.	Staff will check appropriate language per FWHA.	
9	7.5	Various	Kitsap Builders Association	8/25/2026	Crushed Surfacing Base Course shall be used for all utility trench backfill within the roadway prism. Utilization of native backfill is allowed only if laboratory tested to prove the gradation meets or exceeds WSDOT Standard Specification Section 9-03.14(1) for Gravel Borrow.	In cases where native backfill or alternative materials are requested, they can be submitted through a deviation request. This language does not restrict utility perveyors from industry standards for specific utility installation.	
10	7.5.3	Various	Kitsap Builders Association	8/25/2026	... Restoration of asphalt pavement shall be a full lane or full roadway width depending on how much existing asphalt within the driving surface has been disturbed (does not necessarily include paved shoulders). This shall be determined and directed by the County Engineer ~~at the time of asphalt restoration~~ during engineering plan review and approval with compliance confirmed at the time of asphalt restoration.	This language is overly restrictive and places the burden on staff to identify required improvements at a plan level which does not always consider existing or changed conditions that occur through the life of a project. The language will remain as written.	Asphalt restoration is often a significant project cost, especially when the restoration is configured parallel to the traveled way extending for relatively long distances. The width of asphalt restoration depends on factors such as whether it is contained in the existing paved shoulder, in a drive lane, at the centerline, in a rarely used turn lane, and/or combinations. To not have a basis for the required extent of restoration determined at construction plan approval puts a much heavier burden on the applicant, guessing what restoration may be required, compared to staff identifying upfront. KCPW, traffic & ROW, are included in the construction plan review already. The pavement restoration approval can certainly be conditioned regarding "... changed conditions that occur through the life of the project" allowing the county to modify the restoration requirements as warranted at that time of asphalt restoration. - KBA
11	8.7	Ken Swindamen	Kitsap Builders Association	8/25/2026	Survey monuments shall be placed or replaced ~~by~~ under the direct supervision of a licensed land surveyor as shown on the approved construction plans in accordance with recognized good practice in land surveying, in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local regulations.	Language will be added.	
12	General	Cindy Allpress	Community member	9/29/2026	When right-of-way improvements, road construction, or reconstruction is required, it would be helpful if the county could provide clear references or direction to the applicable requirements, especially regarding developers and contractors. The public would like to understand what is expected of both developers and the DCD. Because projects vary in scope and road needs, a matrix outlining requirements based on the level of work would be helpful. Also it is unclear when a SEPA and SDAP are required, who makes that determination, or what triggers the process. Basically it should be easier for the public to find this information especially when projects are happening in our backyards.	This will be further explored in 2027 through community outreach and coordination with Department of Community Development.	
13	Coordination between ROW inspectors & SDAP		Kitsap Builders Association	10/6/2026	I received a comment that there have been projects in the past that have stalled because right-of-way reviewers were brought in late and required different layouts or designs than what was decided on during the SDAP process. We need to make sure that right-of-way reviewers are on the same page and are made aware of projects in a timely manner.	Will communicate complaint to ROW team.	
14	1.2	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	**parahraph re-written to**: "The Kitsap County Road Standards apply to all newly constructed or reconstructed public roads, sidewalks, and trails located within the County rights of way or within private property proposed for dedication as public right of way. Original roads that were physically built prior to June 8, 2020, (the adoption date of these Standards), are exempt unless reconstruction, widening, or realignment is proposed. General maintenance activities performed on existing roads are not subject to these Standards. All road plans submitted to Kitsap County for review and approval shall comply with the Road Standards in effect at the time of application, including any amendments, as well as all applicable County ordinances and Kitsap County Code."	Keeping original language	
15	1.3	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	"All road plans submitted to the County for review and approval shall ~~be consistent~~ comply with these Standards, all current County standards and ordinances, and the Kitsap County Code."	Language will be added.	
16	1.3	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	**Section 1.3 Paragraph 3** – By taking out the "or" it changes what I believe the intent is supposed to be. Without OR, the sentence now implies that the manual would apply only if it were cited in the Standards and required by funding authorities at the same time. If OR is left in, it notes that both conditions could trigger applicability.	Language has been corrected to retain "or".	
17	1.4	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	**Section 1.4 Paragraph 2** – Statement "The County Engineer may allow fewer requirements for non-engineering minor deviation requests." SUGGEST WRITTEN DIRECTION WITHIN THIS SECTION. What is Non-Engineering Minor Deviation and what is the process for these requests? Notes that there are fewer requirements for these types of reviews, but what is the process for these types as the only directions offered are for Requests for Technical Deviation.	Calrification provided within section.	

18	1.5	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	Section 1.5 Paragraph 1 – How does one obtain a permit? Maybe it will include language that reads the following. SUGGEST ADDING LANGUAGE. "Permit applications can be found online at _____ to which can be submitted either via email (**Email address**), mail (mailing address), or in person. (Question – does KC use SmartGov for their ROW permits – maybe the application is prompted via the permit portal?)	This will be further explored in 2027 through community outreach and coordination with Department of Community Development.
19	1.7	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	Section 1.7 Paragraph item "A" – It seems there is a mixing of "mitigation" with "required improvements". Isn't mitigation, impact based? General improvements, more impact or code based, and frontage improvement's location based? Blending all these elements under the heading of Roadway Improvements, to me reading it doesn't make sense. Additionally, section C, remodel thresholds are a land use trigger, not a roadway improvement trigger, section D, Subarea plans are not a roadway improvement rule at all – Maybe this should go somewhere else entirely. SUGGEST ADDING NEW SECTIONS FOR EACH TOPIC.	This will be further explored in 2027 through community outreach and coordination with Department of Community Development.
20	1.8 Definitions	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	"Bond" - a financial guarantee in the form of a surety bond issued by a corporation authorized to conduct business in the State of Washington. Other acceptable forms of surety may include an assignment of account, irrevocable letter of credit, or other financial options approved by Kitsap County.	Keeping original language
21	1.8 Definitions	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	"Opened Right of Way" Generally, a definition does not include multiple concepts into a definition. For the definition proposed, including when a road was built, when it was permitted, whether it exists by a certain ordinance, or who built it doesn't matter. The definition of what this term is might be better simplified to read "Opened Right of Way" - a legally established County right of way within which a vehicular roadway has been constructed and is open for travel.	Additional RCW references have been included to provide clarity.
22	1.8 Definitions	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	"Road Approach" – May I suggest a definition such as the following? It gives greater clarity as to what it is and its purpose? "Road Approach" - the constructed connection between a County road and a private driveway, private road, shared access, or other access point serving adjacent property. A road approach shall include all improvements within the County right of way necessary to provide safe and adequate vehicular access, including the driveway apron, culvert or drainage facilities, surfacing, and any required widening.	Keeping original language
23	2.7	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	**Section 2.7 Paragraph 3** – Hard to track – sentence structure is confusing. SUGGESTING REWRITE IDEA Suggest "Parking should not reduce the road width to less than twenty feet of clear and unobstructed travel. Exceptions may be made by the County Road Engineer for public roadways or by the Kitsap County Fire Marshal for private roadways"	Keeping original language
24	General	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	Through all the Road Standards – Is it ASHTO Green Book, or ASHTO "green book", ASHTO "green book"? It's different throughout the manual. (Find and replace all). Additionally, references made for WSDOT/APWA Standard Plans, or WSDOT/APWA Standard Plans and Specifications, WSDOT/APWA Standard Specifications, WSDOT Standards. Are they all being referenced correctly?	AASHTO has several publications that inform design. This includes the Green Book, but also the Roadside Design Guide, Bicycle Facilities, Low volume Local Roads, etc. Any section referring to the Green Book Specifically should read AASHTO *Green Book*. WSDOT & APWA references are correct
25	3.7	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	Section 3.7 Paragraph 2 of subsection 3.8.1 – Chapter 1515. Is this correctly reflected?	Yes. Deleted Chapter callout per response to comment 31.
26	4.3	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	Use same term outlined in Item #7 for the first sentence outlined in section 4.3 describing what a Road Approach is.	Staff will check appropriate language per FWHA.
27	4.3	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	**Section 4.3 Paragraph – subsection C**. SUGGEST REWRITE CLASSIFICATION CLARITY "Road approaches are classified by use (residential or major) and by location (rural or urban). Each classification determines the applicable design, construction, and safety requirements."	Language added
28	7.2	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	**Section 7.2 Paragraph – subsection 7.2.1** CONFIRM THIS SECTION IS REFERENCING RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT REQUIREMENTS SOLELY Does this section solely apply to utility installation and private construction work performed under a County Right of Way Use Permit?	These sections are requirements for bonding for projects within public rights of way as permitted through a Right of Way permit. Capital project work is bonded differently.
29	7.2	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	**Section 7.2 Paragraph – subsection 7.2.2** SUGGEST OUTLINING GENERAL DIRECTIONS FOR A request for a Waiver of bonding requirements via the County Engineer is performed/requested how? Maybe give simplified/general guidance here.	Clarification added.
30	8.2	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	**Section 8.2 Paragraph 4 – subsection 8.2.2** "May be required". This term is general and gives the reader no direction as to what the process is to confirm if something is required or not required. Is there a reference to review or confirm, give direction? Maybe outline general directions for how to determine when something may be/may not be, required.	Additional clarifition added.
31	General	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	Many references to sections within ASHTO, Stormwater Manuals, WSDOT chapters, etc. Should include an internal procedure to ensure this manual is reviewed for reference updates, on a yearly basis. Chapters change.	Will double checked for chapter references. We do not want to update yearly, so we will avoid using chapter references, only document titles to point readers to the appropriate reference/guide. This way we will not need to perform a yearly review.
32	General	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	Traffic Notification? Does the County have a public facing online reference page that notes where current road/ transportation challenges are based on construction projects and right of way permits in and around the county? For example, if a road is planned to be closed for construction, is this posted on a map, as reference or posted in a list online somewhere? How does this information get disseminated out to major transportation network users such as the schools, kitsap transit, police, fire, etc.? Might be good to outline at a higher level something on "Public Notification/Communication".	Public Works Roads maintains a "Road Report" which is updated at least bi-weekly. Project pages are also maintained through public facing webistes and are used in addition to bulletin announcements.
33	General	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	Right of Way Use Permit Categories – Would be helpful to have a chart of some sort outlining the differences between each category, assuming that each are a different fee and require differing things?	This will be further explored in 2027 through community outreach and coordination with Department of Community Development.
34	1.3	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	Maybe elaborate and incorporate MS4 into the outline in section 1.3 Paragraph 2.	Exinsting language will remain as code scitation provides a complete definition.
35	General	Kathy Meysenburg	Kitsap County Planning Commission	9/29/2026	Maybe make a reference to your ADA provisions/ goals/ objectives / plan?	ADA standards are referenced iG12:N38n the documents through callouts to federal PROWAG recquirements throughout.

Kitsap County Road Standards: Work Shop #1 Comment Log_9/17/26

Comment #:	Section Number:	Author:	Organization:	Date:	Comment:	Response:
1	1.4	Kane Fenner	Planning Commission	9/15/2026	Within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of the Request for Technical Deviation, the County Engineer shall, in writing, accept, deny, or accept with conditions the request. Sliding scale on project size?	Language can remain at 20 calendar days, with provision for extension as communicated by the County Engineer.
2	3.6	Danielle & Adrienne	Planning Commission	9/15/2026	why permable pavement was removed from standards?	Permeable surfaces are not an option for private development, and will only be conisidered by County Project for pilot projects. Permeable surfaces simply do not maintain longevity as non-pemeable surfaces.
3	4.1	Ryan Wilson	Planning Commission	9/15/2026	Where is the threshold for larger developments	This will be further explored in 2027 through community outreach and coordiantion with Department of Community Development.
4	4.1	Kane Fenner	Planning Commission	9/15/2026	does this give discretion to allow variance of one access that meets capacity needs? - variance is still up for discussion	A variance can always be submitted.
5	4.1	Ryan Wilson	Planning Commission	9/15/2026	Threshold for frontage improvements for smaller developments? Is there a possibility for language that protects small developments from being impacted.	This will be further explored in 2027 through community outreach and coordiantion with Department of Community Development.
6	4.1	Kathy Meyensenburg	Planning Commission	9/15/2026	established minimum width standard along private roads where homes get added along a private road? - addressed in 2027	This will be further explored in 2027 through community outreach and coordiantion with Department of Community Development.
7	3.7.5.1 Sidewalks	Adrienne Hampton	Planning Commission	9/15/2026	Reccommends adding language to include wheel chair users.	We will add the addition of "rolling". Thank you for the inclusive lense.
8	3.7.5.1 Sidewalks	Kathy Meyensenburg	Planning Commission	9/15/2026	Are ADA standards outlined in document?	ADA standards are referenced in the documents through callouts to federal PROWAG recquirements throughout.
9	3.8.5.4	Adrienne Hampton	Planning Commission	9/15/2026	can we add language to help survival rate of street trees.	This will be further explored in 2027 through community outreach and coordination with Department of Community Development.
10	3.8.5.4	Danielle Douthette	Planning Commission	9/15/2026	Need to add clarifying language on street tree minimum offsets from utilities lines, power poles, driveways, bike lanes, street lights, and intersections	This will be further explored in 2027 through community outreach and coordination with Department of Community Development.
11	7.5.3	Ryan Wilson	Planning Commission	9/15/2026	Restoration of asphalt pavement shall be a full lane or full roadway width depending on how much existing asphalt has been disturbed. This shall be determined and directed by the County InspectorEngineer at the time of asphalt restoration. The classification of HMA and asphalt binder shall be determined by the County Engineer. Consider adding language that wouldn't apply this standard to a roadway based on roadways age or condition.	This will be further explored in 2027 through community outreach and coordination with Department of Community Development.
12	general	Kathy Meyensenburg	Planning Commission	9/15/2026	hope for 2027?	Topics for 2027 include: Refinement of Urban Design Standards, Complete Streets incorporation, Private Road Standards, Further clarification effort to support DCD (Discussion with BOCC and Advisory Committees needed). Additions from workshop #1: Inclusion of planning comission requests including street trees and recommendations for long term success, provision for reduced pavement restoration on older/substandard roads, frontage improvements triggers for less intense development and more intense development, and others that are brought forward in PC Workshop #2.
13	general	Kathy Meyensenburg	Planning Commission	9/15/2026	Have utilities been given an opportunity to comment on road standard changes?	Yes, the County maintains quarterly and annual check-ins with utility purveyors to discuss needed alterations to changes.
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*Note: purple writing is the comment from the commisioner
black writing is taken directly from the Rd Stds for context

Kitsap County Road Standards: Work Shop #2 Comment Log_9/29/26

Comment #:	Section Number:	Author:	Organization:	Date:	Comment:	Response:
1	Figures	Hampton	KC Planning Commission	9/29/2026	Figures at end of document. Ledgable & clean figures post redline changes	The final published figures will not include the shown markups on the details.
2	General	Kaleb Nelson	KC Planning Commission	9/29/2026	adoption of 2026 vs 2027 standards updates. Clarification of what's being adopted now and in 2027.	Current draft changes a sreflected in the document are propsoed during this update. Once formally adopted by the Baord of County Comissioners a separate update process will beign.
3	General	Nelson	KC Planning Commission	9/29/2026	What does adoption look like without a County Engineer on staff?	Michele Filley has been appointer as Interim County Engineer per resolution 161-2026
4	General	Kane Fenner	KC Planning Commission	9/29/2026	Which subject matter expert does is most competent for this document?	This document is intended to be utilized by users of all backgrounds including professional engineers, land developers, contractors, general community, etc.
5	General	Kane Fenner	KC Planning Commission	9/29/2026	Have engineers, designers, contractors been given access to this document for review?	Yes, the documents have been made avialable to public and will be republished with incorporated changes froimt ehse workshops as part of the Public Hearing posting requiremetns.
6	General	Kane Fenner	KC Planning Commission	9/29/2026	Follow up from initial comments yet?	All comments collected to date have been responded.
7	General	Kaleb Nelson	KC Planning Commission	9/29/2026	Process within public works to update staff on std changes? Staff could be permit reviewers, inspector, etc	Kitsap County Public Roads utilizes APWA standard practices updated at least every 3 years.
8	General	Kaleb Nelson	KC Planning Commission	9/29/2026	On going projects ... will they need to meet 2020 stds to 2027 adopted stds? Hard line for new stds being required.	This impact will be discussed on a project by project basis dependednt on when individual permits have been obtained.
9	3.6	Adrienne Hampton	KC Planning Commission	9/29/2026	Permeable pavement. Permeable pavement are not permitted for new construction?	Permeable pavement will not be accpeted within the County Rights of Way unless authorized througha
10	General	Adrienne Hampton	KC Planning Commission	9/29/2026	Can we incorporate low impact construction to support stormwater goals	Document points readers to storm water standards related to a project. KC storm standards should address low impact best practices.