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MASON COUNTY MISSION

The mission of Mason County Government is to provide essential & mandated services which will preserve & benefit the health, safety, & welfare of the general public in a professional and courteous manner through the effective and equitable management of available public resources.

Mason County recognizes that its employees & volunteers are the foundation upon which these services are provided.

Subject: East Razor Road Right of Way

A year ago you inquired of us whether or not the County had a public right of way on East Razor Road in the vicinity of your home. Over that time we made several attempts to contact you by phone without success. I'm writing this letter in order to close your inquiry.

East Razor Road and the East Razor Road West are part of the right of way for the road originally established by the County Commissioners as W.T. Buding Road in 1896. (See the enclosed Order of Establishment, Map of County Road and the 1935 edition of Metsker's Atlas of Mason County.) We have no record of this right of way ever being vacated. For that reason we consider it to still be a public right of way.

Today, East Razor Road is not in the County road maintenance system and cannot be brought into the system until it is improved to a sufficient standard. Those improvements could be made by local residents and they could be made by the County. As you may know, the County has a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program that looks at the need for road improvements County-wide. The program serves the vital purpose of prioritizing road improvements for the near future based on severity of need. Currently, East Razor Road is not in the program, but could be in the future, although we cannot say when. If and when the Belfair Bypass is built by the State, the County may see the need to make improvements to all of Razor Road to provide for connectivity from SR-3 to the Mason Lake area.

I hope this answers your question. If you have any further questions, please call me at the number below.

Sincerely,

Rick Brush
Right of Way Manager
360-427-9670, Ext. 618

Enclosures

Attach # 1(A)

Order of Establishment

In the matter of the County Road petitioned for by

H. T. Buehling and others

ORDER OF ESTABLISHMENT

In the matter of the County Road petitioned for by H. T. Buehling and others
the Board found as follows:

First. That the petition therefor was filed in the office of the County Auditor on the 2nd day of July A. D. 1895 and that said petition was signed by at least 10 householders of the County, residing in the vicinity of the proposed road.

Second. That said petition was accompanied by a bond in the sum of \$300.00 which said bond was found to be good and sufficient, and was duly approved by the Chairman of the Board on the 2nd day of July A. D. 1895.

Third. That on the 7th day of July A. D. 1896, L. L. Hunter and John W. Schubert and Jacob Hoff were appointed viewers in the matter of said proposed road.

Fourth. That on the 9th day of Oct A. D. 1895, L. L. Hunter, one of the Viewers, filed in the office of the County Auditor the report of the viewers in writing, and that at the same time there was filed by the surveyor a map and the field notes of said proposed road as provided by law.

Fifth. That by an order duly passed by this Board on the 9th day of Oct A. D. 1895, the 8th day of Jan A. D. 1896 was set for hearing the report of the viewers and the consideration thereof, and that notice of the time and place where said hearing would be held has been given as provided by law. That on Jan 9th, 1896 the matter of establishing said road was deferred until Apr. 8th 1896

Sixth. (1.) That said report of the viewers shows the terminal points, course and length of the road as laid out and surveyed.

(2.) A description of each tract of land over which said road passes, with the names, place of residence or address of the owners, lessees and incumbrancers of each of said tracts, and the quantity or area of land taken from said road.

(3.) The estimated damages to each tract of land over which such road was laid out and surveyed, the same being as follows:

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(5.) The names of persons interested in lands through which said road passes to be reflected in consent to the establishment of the road and claimed damages, the same being as follows:

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(6.) That in their opinion the road should be established 60 feet in width.

(7.) That the probable cost of the construction of the road including all necessary bridges, culverts, and all clearing, grubbing and grading will be \$ 400.00

(8.) That in their opinion the road is — a necessity, and should — be established and opened.

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and the board having examined the report of the viewers, the map and the petition, the written consent and waivers of damages.....
and all other papers on file in the proceedings, and heard and considered all testimony and documentary evidence adduced for..... the establishment of the road,
and all persons interested in lands to be taken having consented to the establishment of said road, and having waived their claims to damages therefor, and the Board being satisfied that the said road would be of public utility,

It is Ordered by the Board all the members concurring, that the road petitioned for by H. T. Burdick and others be established as described in the report of the viewers and the surveyor, and as shown upon the map of the surveyor, and that from hence forth said road shall be a County Road of 60 feet in width, and that the same be opened according to law.

Done this 8th day of April A. D. 1896

W. H. Vance

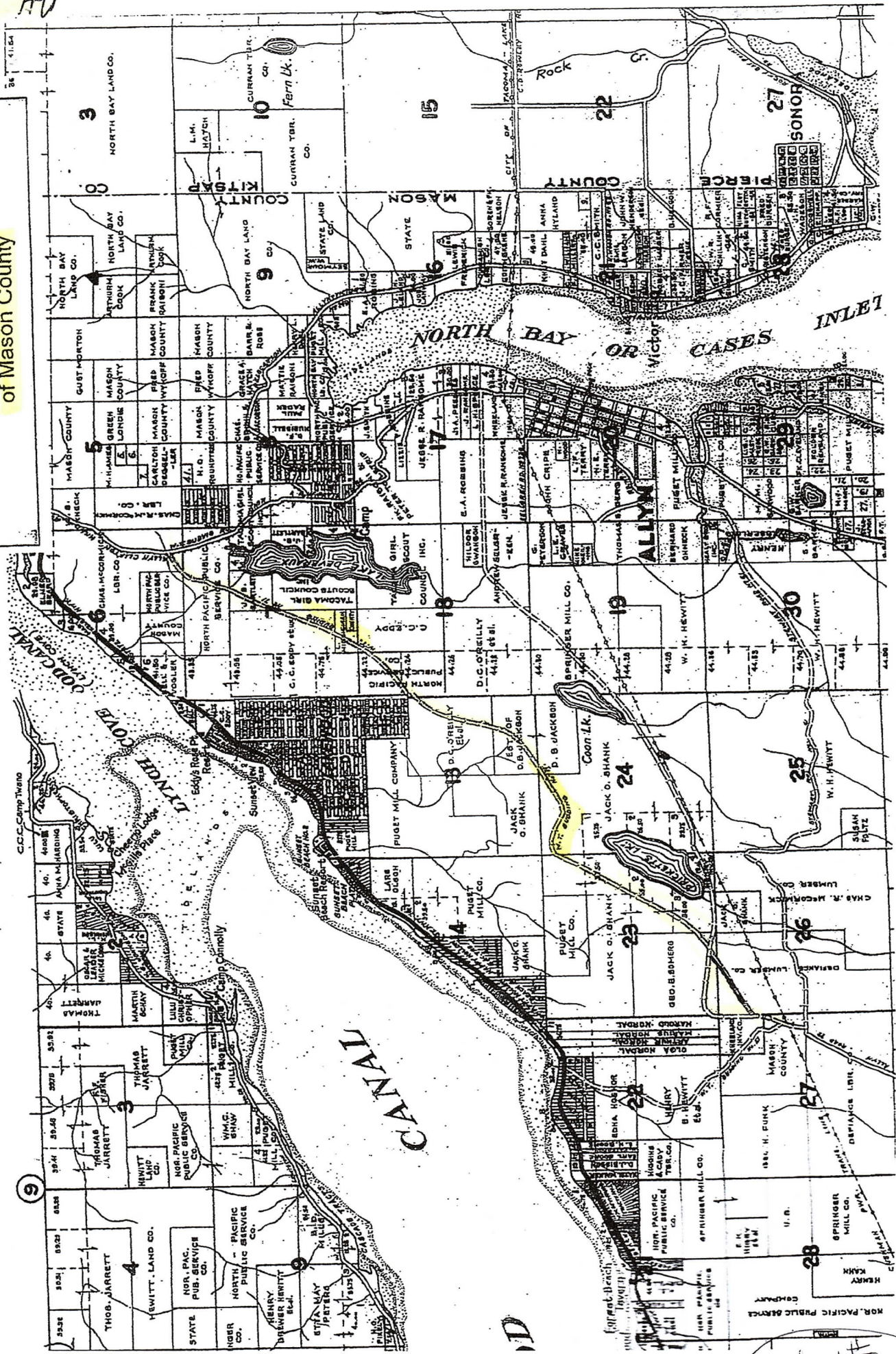
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ORDER OF ESTABLISHMENT. NO DAMAGES C.

The W.T. Buding Road, Now Kasok Rd

From the 1935 Edition of Metsker's Atlas of Mason County

LOWLAND MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Attach # 15

**ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY PLANS
RASOR ROAD/TRAILS ROAD TO SR 106 (W.T. BUDDING)
COUNTY ROAD PROJECT 1473**

WHEREAS, right of way acquisition procedures of Mason County require that the Board of County Commissioners approve road design drawings prior to right-of-way acquisition; and

WHEREAS, in the past, the road right-of-way plans have been approved by the Board of County Commissioners and executed by the Chairperson of the Board, in a 24" x 36" mylar form; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works now has the capability of producing computer drawings of the road right-of-way plans in a paper form; and

WHEREAS, for right-of-way acquisitions purposes, it is advantageous for the Board of County Commissioners to approve the right-of-way plans; thereby allowing the Department of Public Works to proceed with right-of-way appraisals and acquisition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Mason County Commissioners hereby approve the Road Right-of-Way Plans for the proposed construction on Rasor Road/Trails Road to SR 106 (W.T. Budding), Road No. 62310, County Road Project No. 1473.

DATED this 26th day of March, 1996.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Mary Jo Cady
Chairperson

[Signature]
Member

William O. Hunter
Member

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Clerk of the Board

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