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RE: COUNTY ROAD PROJECT 1910 NORTH SHORE ROAD M.P. 11.121

Mason County Dept of Public Works sent the final design package, for the road repair at milepost 11.121 on the North Shore road, to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on Friday, March 6, 2009 for their final review and approval prior to Public Works advertising the contract for bids. Public Works anticipates FEMA's review will require two weeks.

Following review and approval by FEMA, Public Works will put the approved contract out for bid. Contractors will have approximately four weeks to examine the design and submit their bid. Once bids are open, the bids will be tabulated and a contractor will be tentatively selected. The bid tabulations and selected contractor will be forwarded to FEMA for review and approval prior to award of the contract.

Damage incurred when a portion of the road collapsed during the December 3, 2007 storm and flood event, resulting in a slide approx. 75 feet long with cracking that indicates potential slides for an additional 100 feet. The road was closed to all through traffic in July 2008 due to the roads' damaged condition and concerns for public safety.

If you have any questions about the County Road Project, please contact Public Works at (360) 427-9670, 275-4467, or 482-5269, Ext. 450.

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