

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners (BCC)  
FROM: Dan Johnson, Director  
RE: Proposed Gates on Clackamas Road  
DATE: June 25, 2024

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### REQUEST:

Will the BCC hold a public hearing to permit two gates and a “Road Closed” sign to be installed on Clackamas Road between the Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and Minuteman Way?

### BACKGROUND:

Clackamas Road is a dead-end County Road between Minuteman Way and the Union Pacific Railroad in the Clackamas Industrial Area. The public road only serves two property owners in addition to the railroad and a small piece of property owned by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). Currently, there is a collection of campers and recreational vehicles using the right-of-way obstructing access and resulting in garbage piles, waste, and hazardous debris.

Partnering agencies (Transportation and Development, Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office and County Counsel) have been coordinating and in discussions with adjoining property owners on how best to deal with the issue. Options have included, but are not limited to, coordinated clearing of the roadway, vacation of the right-of-way and gating of the roadway.

Per Clackamas County Code 7.03.090.M, gates are prohibited on public roads unless the BCC holds a public hearing and there is approval from 100% of the landowners that access from or adjoin the road right-of-way to be gated.

In this case, there is approval of 100% of the landowners to gate the road in question and one of the property owners has offered to acquire and construct the gate at each end of the road.

In addition, if the BCC approves a “Road Closed” sign, it will be easier for the County to ensure the area remains clear.

If the Board approves gating and posting the road, the County will work with the Sheriff’s Office, Health Housing and Human Services, District Attorney’s office and others to facilitate transitioning the occupants out of the roadway and removal of the remaining debris. As with prior efforts this engagement with the occupants would provide sufficient time to relocate and include an in-depth discussion on available housing alternatives and services.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the BCC direct Staff to schedule a public hearing to permit two gates and a "Road Closed" sign to be installed on Clackamas Road between the Union Pacific Railroad (UP) and Minuteman Way.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Dan Johnson*

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Director

Attachments:

Exhibit A – Aerial photo

Exhibit B - Site photos



Exhibit B: Site photos

