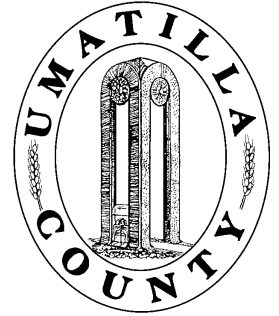


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Public Hearing

Pendleton, Ore. -- The Umatilla County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to accept comments on proposed road improvements to the intersection of Westland, Lamb and Walker Roads. The intersection is located just east of Interstate 82. "Before the county makes a significant investment in road improvements, the Board of Commissioners would like advice from area residents," said Board Chairman Dennis Doherty.

"The Board does not typically hold public hearings for road improvements. However, given the mix of heavy truck and vehicle traffic and potential growth in that area, the Board wanted to get as much input as possible from the public," said Hal Phillips, Public Works Director.

The county contracted with Access Engineering who will present three options for changes to the intersection. Copies of the design options are available in advance of the hearing at the Stafford Hansell Government Center and the Board of County Commissioners Office in Pendleton.

The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Stafford Hansell Government Center, 915 SE Columbia Dr, Hermiston. For additional information please contact Laura Headley in the Board of Commissioners Office at 278-6204.

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