



STAFF REPORT

To: Summit County Council

From: Jami Brackin 

Date: July 15, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration and possible approval of Resolution 2020-12 adopting the amended county class B and class D road maps.

On March 21, 2018, the Summit County Council passed Resolution 2018-05 which adopted the electronic GIS County Road Map as the “official” map required by Utah law to be kept.¹

Title 72 of the Utah Code classifies the state’s highway system and designates the county governing body as the highway authority within the jurisdiction who exercises sole jurisdiction and control of class B² and class D³ roads within the county.

Class B roads are those roads which the County maintains and for which we request and receive gas tax funds from the State.⁴ We are required to maintain maps of the Class B system to submit to the state for the tax request. Class D roads are the other roads which while still public, do not receive regular maintenance nor do we receive any special tax funding for the maintenance.⁵ We are also required to maintain a Class D road map including all RS 2477 roads.

In 2018 staff recommended and the Council approved as the highway authority, the electronic version of the road maps as the official map for the County. At the time of its passage, staff informed Council that while best efforts had been made to make it accurate, inevitably errors or omissions would be brought to our attention and that it was our intent to regularly review and re-approve the official map.

Since 2018, staff has worked with property owners on changes to the map as set forth below, and where applicable, have attached legal or other documents to support that change.

¹ [Utah Code §72-3-107](#)

² [Utah Code §72-3-103\(4\)](#)

³ [Utah Code §72-3-105\(4\)](#)

⁴ [Utah Code §72-3-103\(1\)](#)

⁵ [Utah Code §72-1-105\(1\)](#)

CHANGES Since 2018

Clark Canyon/Deer Hollow	Extended public right of way designation consistent with County Commission directive
Hoyt's Peak	Add (erroneously omitted)
Timberline	Designated as Class D per plat & 2015 county directive
East ½ of Gines Lane	Change from city to county road
South Willow Road	Change from city to county road
South Fork of Weber	Change from Class D to Class B
Weber Wild Road	Change from private to public (class D)
Walker Court (Silver Springs)	Change from public to private
New Park Blvd (E of Highland)	Change from public to private
Engen Loop (Kilby Road)	Change from private to public (class B)
Brown's Lane	Change upper portion from class B to private
Spring Canyon	Add class D from end of class B to South Fork (Chalk Creek) consistent with 2013 Court Order

It should also be reported that since we have put the road maps in electronic form and made them easily accessible to the public on the County's website, the number and frequency of calls and requests and the hours of staff time devoted to those calls has greatly diminished. Deputies responding to calls involving the roads have been able to easily access and determine the status of the roads. Hunters no longer need to call every fall to determine if they can legally access the hunting area on a public road. Development applicants can also search and have used the map system as part of the application process. Overall, staff believes the goals have been achieved and having the electronic version has been a great success.

With the commencement of the 2020 fire season, Summit County through its various departments, Districts, and cooperating agencies, has also tried to update the wildland fire evacuation plans and routes. It is hoped that a layer may be added to the existing road map, which would show evacuation routes for neighborhoods like Summit Park and Pinebrook, as well as cabin areas in the Weber drainage, and other high mountain cabin areas. The current process is to have each HOA or neighborhood prepare a plan based upon the Summit County Community Evacuation Planning Template which can be found at www.summitcounty.org/firewarden. The proposed plans would then be evaluated by a team for viability and once approved, the evacuation routes for that neighborhood would be placed on the map. Currently there are 3 evacuation routes out of Summit Park which have been proposed and which we would like to add to the map as part of this approval. Two routes are roads located on property owned by Snyderville Basin Recreation District as open space (emergency egress allowed) and one involves a connection between the Summit Park and Timberline neighborhoods which is on public roads.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending the approval and passing of Resolution 2020-12 adopting the amended GIS road map system as the official county class B and class D road maps and authorizing staff to include emergency evacuation routes as part of the system as they are approved by the fire authorities.



SUMMIT COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-12

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE AMENDED SUMMIT COUNTY CLASS B AND CLASS D ROAD SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Summit County Council has been designated pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §72-3-103 and § 72-3-105 as the highway authority for all Class B and Class D roads within Summit County; and

WHEREAS, Class B roads are those improved roads which Summit County generally maintains, and Class D roads are those historical roads within the County that are public roads and rights-of-way, but generally do not receive any maintenance.

WHEREAS, Summit County annually provides to the Utah Department of Transportation a map of all Class B roads for which the County is requesting and receives state funding for maintenance as required; and

WHEREAS, Utah Code Ann. §72-3-105(5) requires that the County "prepare maps showing to the best of its ability the class D roads within its boundaries which were in existence as of October 21, 1976;" and

WHEREAS, each year citizens of Summit County as well as law enforcement officers and other departments and agencies have need to know the status of roads within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Summit County GIS maps, including the road maps are available for public viewing at www.summitcounty.org and are continually maintained by the County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Summit County Council as the highway authority of Summit County, that the Class B and Class D road maps as amended and existing on the Summit County GIS system on-line at www.summitcounty.org are hereby re-adopted as the official Class B and Class D road maps for Summit County with the changes indicated by staff in the staff report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff is authorized to include emergency wildland fire evacuation routes on the Class B and Class D road maps as a benefit to the public and as improved communication regarding emergencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff is encouraged to bring to the Council for adoption, amendments and updates to the road maps on the GIS system on a regular basis to improve the use by the public, the Utah Department of Transportation, Summit County personnel and others.

ADOPTED by the Summit County Council, this 15th day of July 2020.

SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL

Douglas Clyde, Chair

Date

ATTEST

Kent Jones
Summit County Clerk

Date