

RATIO OF SECONDARY STATE HIGHWAYS TO COUNTY ROADS
WITHIN WASHINGTON COUNTIES

County	State Secondary Mileage (1)	County Road Mileage (2)	Percentage of State Secondary to County Road
San Juan	0	242	0.0
Spokane	59	2570	2.3
Klickitat	31	1040	3.0
Columbia	15	502	3.0
Okanogan	50	1679	3.0
Kitsap	26	825	3.2
Whitman	65	1957	3.3
Stevens	59	1553	3.8
Benton	35	847	4.1
Kittitas	23	530	4.3
Pend Oreille	23	523	4.4
Garfield	22	490	4.5
Jefferson	17	362	4.7
Skamania	12	234	5.1
Lincoln	112	2047	5.5
Douglas	95	1652	5.8
Grant	120	1940	6.2
Asotin	23	367	6.3
Walla Walla	63	1001	6.3
Yakima	105	1645	6.4
Snohomish	104	1593	6.5
Whatcom	61	882	6.9
Pierce	95	1364	7.0
King	158	2216	7.1
Adams	105	1485	7.1
Mason	36	501	7.2
Chelan	45	574	7.8
Thurston	70	852	8.2
Lewis	86	1001	8.6
Franklin	74	809	9.1
Clark	89	884	10.1
Ferry	69	582	11.9
Cowlitz	68	524	13.0
Island	56	396	14.1
Skagit	108	687	15.7
Pacific	50	303	16.5
Grays Harbor	89	524	17.0
Clallam	77	441	17.5
Wahkiakum	21	117	17.9

(1) Compiled from Washington State Highway Commission Annual Traffic Report for 1955. (2) Compiled by The State College of Washington.

GOLDENDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

GOLDENDALE, WASHINGTON

May 2, 1958

Mr. Henry Miller, Chairman
Klickitat County Commissioners
Goldendale, Washington

Dear Henry:

Over the past several years, much has been said regarding the need for improvement in the road from Goldendale, through Klickitat, to Lyle. We wish to compliment you Commissioners for your efforts to have the road added to the State Highway system, and to re-affirm our desire to assist you in any way that we can.

The J. Neils Lumber Company, a subsidiary of the St. Regis Paper Company, is probably the largest industry in our County. Their plant is located in Klickitat. The Gas-Ice Corporation has a dry-ice production plant within a few miles of Klickitat. With these two large industries located on this road, it is imperative that the road be in good condition.

This road wends its way through one of the most scenic spots in Washington - the Klickitat River Canyon. This river is one of the best Steelhead fishing streams in the Northwest. This scenery and recreation is available to and enjoyed by people from all parts of the country.

With this industrial and recreational use, we feel that the road should properly be a part of the State highway system. The people using the road would be better served by a transfer to the State.

If we can be of any assistance to you, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,


Ray Perry
President

Gas-Ice Corporation

200-A MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING
SEATTLE 1, WASHINGTON
TELEPHONE MAIN 7500

May 1, 1958

Mr. Henry Miller, Chairman
Klickitat County Commissioners
Goldendale, Washington

Dear Sir:

Referring to the matter of putting the road from Goldendale to Lyle through Klickitat into the State Highway system, we would like the privilege of entering our plea for the road to be declared a State Highway.

This is the only access road to our dry ice plant at Klickitat, Washington. We have to move all our truck shipments of dry ice over same. We supply the Atomic Plant at Richland with both liquid CO₂ and dry ice as well as customers all over the Pacific Northwest depend upon our ability to get the product we manufacture at Klickitat to them.

We believe the road should be made a State Highway and should be maintained to such an extent that our product can be moved out by truck at any time of the year.

Sincerely,

GAS-ICE CORPORATION

BY *H. F. Newbern*
H. F. NEWBERN, President

C.C.-Mr. Jack Newbern, Mar.
Gas-Ice Corporation
Klickitat, Wn.



J. NEILS LUMBER COMPANY

A DIVISION OF ST. REGIS PAPER COMPANY

HIGHEST QUALITY FOREST PRODUCTS SINCE 1895

KLICKITAT, WASHINGTON



MILLS:

Klickitat, Washington
Libby, Montana
Troy, Montana

SALES OFFICES:

New York
Chicago
Minneapolis
Portland

April 25, 1958

Mr. Henry Miller
Klickitat County Commissioner
Goldendale, Washington

Dear Mr. Miller:

You again have our support in your efforts to have the Goldendale-Klickitat-Lyle road made a part of the state highway system.

This road is important to us for commercial reasons, as it supports our community. Traffic is too heavy for continuation under the county system, and we know we can be better served under the state system. The present road makes for heavy maintenance expense on private vehicles. We feel the entire area would benefit if this road was placed under the state highway system.

We hope that your efforts at Yakima will produce the results to accomplish the objective of placing this road on the state system.

Yours very truly,

J. NEILS LUMBER COMPANY

Paul Wonderly
Paul Wonderly
Resident Manager

PW/od

Goldendale, Washington
April 28, 1957

Klickitat County Commissioners
Henry Miller, Chairman

Gentlemen:

Goldendale Grange No. 49 in it's last session voted unanimously in favor of putting the Lyle-Goldendale road, now in District 2 into the state Hiway system.

This road is used daily by delivery trucks from Lyle on U.S. 830 through Klickitat and Blockhouse to Goldendale. It is also used frequently by freight trucks. This area has become quite popular for transient fisherman and hunters. This road leads to one of the best steelhead waters in the state; moreover the Klickitat area is famous for deer hunting. The Mount Adams recreation area draws many tourists during the summer and the closest route to that area from the East is over this particular road.

We in Goldendale Grange feel that in the best interest of good government, both County and State, this Lyle to Goldendale road should be a State operated highway.

Respectfully yours,



Raymond C. Hill, Master
Goldendale Grange, No. 49

rh/hm

Lyle Wash.

May 6 - 1958

Mr Henry Miller

Dear Sir

This is to inform
you that Columbia
Grange No 87 wish to
go on record as favoring
the proposal of turning
the Lyle Klickitat
road over to the State

Sincerely

Columbia Grange No 87

Secretary Shirley Tanner

Klickitat County

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
MRS. GRACE M. FERRY

G O L D E N D A L E W A S H I N G T O N

May 12, 1958

Mr. Henry A. Miller, Chairman
Klickitat County Board of Commissioners
Goldendale, Washington

Dear Mr. Miller:

Because of my interest in the welfare and safety of the school children who travel in school buses in our county, I support your efforts in converting the road from Goldendale to Lyle, through Klickitat, to a State Highway.

Practically the whole length of this road is utilized as a school bus route from Goldendale, Klickitat and Lyle school systems.

I feel it would be advantageous and appropriate from the standpoint of convenience and safety of our school children to make this highway a part of the State highway system.

Sincerely,

Grace M. Ferry

Grace M. Ferry,
County Superintendent
of Schools

GMP:lc

MID-COLUMBIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SUBJECT: Lyle-Klickitat-Goldendale
State Highway System

ATTENTION: Board of County Commissioners
Honorable Henry A. Miller
Chairman

Dear Sirs:

This is a vital matter to the entire area. This road is used extensively by all the adjacent counties; Yakima, Skamania, Clark and even Hood River and Wasco Counties in Oregon. It serves a fast growing, industrial, scenic, and recreational area unexcelled.

The J. Wells Lumber Company, a unit of the St. Regis, is expanding by leaps and bounds, and an additional processing plant is now under serious consideration in this vicinity.

The "Dry Ice" production on this highway is another growing industry. The State Fish Hatcheries is another important industry. As for the scenic and recreational attractions to our tourists, it is unsurpassed anywhere in the state. For a large part it is a river grade along the picturesque Klickitat River bordered by foothills of the Great Cascades, sheltered from the gorge winds and snows.

Personally, I have travelled this road for about thirty years, and it has never been in better condition than now, and I have heard many others say the same. The new grade, through the City of Klickitat was a decided improvement.

The Goldendale branch, of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railway Company; a feeder branch of the two large trans-continental railroad systems, The Great Northern and The Northern Pacific systems, runs parallel with this highway from Goldendale to Lyle; and largely contributes to the agricultural needs of the community.

I brought this matter to the attention of the Commercial Club group, at our last meeting, and they were unanimously in favor of the change.

Congratulations, and wishing you the best of continued success.

Yours very sincerely,

Russell F. Niblock

Lyle, Washington
May 14, 1958

CITY OF GOLDENDALE

GOLDENDALE, WASHINGTON

May 14, 1958.

Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners,
Goldendale, Wash.

Mr. Henry Miller-Chairman.

Dear Sir:

I most sincerely support and hope that the section of highway from Goldendale to Klickitat to Lyle can and should be integrated into the State Secondary Highway System.

This should be done on the basis of fairness to our County in view of the State's intention of returning to our County a portion of Highway No. 8, which they will no longer maintain in the very near future, and yet it is a very vital and necessary road in our County.

I recommend that you make this proposal to the Joint House-Senate Fact Finding Committee, Mrs. Julia Butler Hansen, Chairman, at their meeting in Yakima, May 16th, for their consideration.

Yours truly

George B. Nesbitt
Mayor of Goldendale

LUMBER AND SAWMILL WORKERS UNION

LOCAL No. 2805

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR

A. F. OF L.

Klickitat, WASHINGTON

13 May 1958

To. Mr. Harry Miller Commissioner
Klickitat, County
State of Washington
Goldendale, Washington

Attention Mr. Miller,

As I set here to write this one of many letters that has been written on this subject.

The reason for this letter is to ask you to do all in your power to have the road system from Goldendale Washinton, to Klickitat, Washington to Lyle, Washington have this put on the State of Washington Hyghway system.

We the Members of Local Union #2805 of Klickitat, feel that due to the increase of traffic that is now using this road necesitates that utmost importance in this case.

We also feel that the amount of sportsman that use this road to travel on to hunt and fish in this arrea and enjoy the beaty and splendor of mother nature should have something beside a trail to travle on.

We the membership of Local Union #2805 would appreciate any and all attention that you can give to having this issue brought befor the State of Washington Hyghway committee.

We honestly feel that some of the money that has been spent over on the other side of the mountain should also be spent on this side. After all the town of Klickitat supports one of the Major industries of the State of Washington and it is time that we had some recognition.

Thank you for your kind and considerate attention to this matter.

Verry Truly Yours

Walter L. Greenfield
Walter L. Greenfield
Recording Secretary.

KLICKITAT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Goldendale, Washington

May 13, 1958

The Board of County Commissioners
of Klickitat County
Goldendale, Washington

Attention: Mr. Henry Miller
Chairman of the Commission

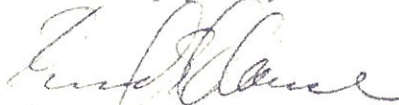
Gentlemen:

This is in regard to the ownership and control of the Lyle-Klickitat-Goldendale highway.

Because of the alternate nature of this road to State Highways 830 and 97 it carries an unusual amount of traffic of an interstate, intercounty and intercommunity nature. This road is carrying a large volume of goods and produce to market from industries and farms thus creating an unusual amount of traffic for a county road system. Therefore, it is the opinion of this Commission that this road should be taken over as part of our Secondary State Highway System. We urge you to make every effort to this end.

You Commissioners are to be complimented on the high degree of maintenance and condition of this road. A number of our group commented that this road is in the best condition that they have ever seen it.

Sincerely yours,



Emmet E. Clouse
1958 Chairman

STATE OF WASHINGTON
THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME

Goldendale Wash., May 14 1958

Sportmen's Usage along the Lyle, Klickitat, Goldendale Road

Camping in this area is generally done in connection with Hunting and Fishing season's. There is considerable camping allowed on private land as well as public. There are two area's used although undeveloped. These are owned by the Department of Game for further public access to the Klickitat River. All camping is done along the River. Camping in Hunting season is usually greater than in Fishing season. As many as twenty to twenty-five camps have been observed on week ends during Deer season. This road which parallels the Klickitat River open's the way for tremendous Steelhead fishing pressure through the month's of April to October. No complete survey is available as only periodical check's are made of the area. On week ends this area has the greatest pressure as it is quite popular with the Yakima and Benton county resident's. In the general Trout season traffic is considerable heavy on the Goldendale end of the road to get into some local streams. This road is used for the entering and leaving of such streams. An example of 2 to 3 hour spot checks on fishermen on opening and other week ends of the season taken on this road near Goldendale are the following.

In 1956, opening week end 164 fishermen with 1143 fish; second week end 48 fishermen with 294 fish; third week end 74 fishermen with 541 fish.

In 1957, opening week end 258 fishermen with 2232 fish; second week end

70 fishermen with 183 fish.

This type of traffic continues for most of the day with approximately three people per car.

Entry to the most popular Deer hunting areas are made from both ends of this road by Clark and Skamania county's and, Yakima, Benton and Franklin county's residents.

The entrance to the Klickitat Game Range is on this road approximately 17 miles west of Goldendale. Since this Game Range is quite new no complete break down of man days of hunting has been tabulated.

Spot checks made on both the Lyle and Goldendale ends of the road for about a 4 hour check show that on October 13, 1957 there were 649 Hunters with 64 Deer. From spot checks held near Lyle on opening week ends or following Saturday's and Sunday's in past seasons show greater amount's of traffic. All records are not available here. From 250 to 350 cars or approximately 1000 to 1300 people were checked on any of these Saturday's or Sunday's through the season with little variation. This Road enters the major hunting areas of Central Klickitat County to other roads leading into adjacent hunting areas.

The number's of Hunters had remained fairly consistent from 1953 - 1955 with an increase of use the past two hunting seasons.

Harold A. Hartung

Goodnoe Hills, Washington
May 15, 1958

Mr. Henry Miller
Chairman of the Klickitat County Commissioners

We, the executive board of District No. 3 Improvement and Development League which comprises an area from Alderdale, Washington to Cliffs, Washington in Klickitat County and which will all be adjacent to the John Day Dam Pool hereby request that the State Highway Department be asked to take over and maintain the highway running from Lyle, Washington through Klickitat, Washington through the Blockhouse area and into Goldendale for the reason that we feel that the area serviced by this road is becoming chiefly a recreational area. Fishermen, hunters, rock hunters, picnickers and week-end vacationers are chiefly the people who use this road now.

We feel that under these circumstances and due to the fact that the impending construction of the John Day Dam will bring problems to us involving the building of farm to market roads and the cost of professional planning for the development of our river area communities will tax our limited tax structure to every possible dollar and more that can be raised locally.

We would appreciate if the State Highway Department would shoulder this responsibility because this expense of maintenance has become too great for the County to bear due to outside recreational traffic and the expense of future developments necessitated by the imposition of Federal structures.

Wilford Imrie
President, District No 3

Wilford G. Imrie