DEPARTMENT UPDATE
PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: 2026-10-26

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Darryl Johnson, Public Works Director

ITEM TITLE: **Report: Public Works Dept. Update**

The following items are for your review and discussion at the October 26, 2026 BoCC Meeting

Public Works:

N7000W Road Vacation - A public hearing has been scheduled for the N7000W road vacation application on 10/26

W6000S Bridge Reconstruction – We have confirmed that all required permitting is in place. DL Beck has removed the existing bridge and has water re-routing measures in place. The new bridge is expected to be installed by the third of forth week of November.

Stateline Bridge Status – Scouring was discovered on one of the Stateline bridges over Teton Creek. The road condition has been addressed. Public Works is now trying to identify a temporary fix to shore up the upstream embankment prior to spring 2027 runoff. Eventually this structure will need to be replaced.

Road & Bridge:

Temporary Housing – Last year R&B reserved space through Tributary employee housing for out of valley employees in the event that someone needed to stay overnight as a result of winter plowing demands. This year the same arrangement is available at a monthly rate that is similar to what we paid for all of winter 2026. R&B did not budget for the unexpected rate change. We now are in need of identifying a temporary housing solution for our staff. Until an alternate solution is identified, R&B will plan on providing overnight accomodations and using the vacant Annex office for staff needing to spend the night in Teton Valley, I do not believe there is an immediate plan to occupy this office but suspect it will eventually be claimed by other departments. Public Works is looking for alternate solutions.

Solid Waste:

TVCR Remote Drop-off Locations – At the 10/13 BoCC meeting the Board approved a tip fee waiver submitted by TVCR for remote drop off materials. The Board was interested in current remote collection sites. TVCR currently manages the following remote drop off locations:

1. Stretchy Plastic – MD Nursery
2. Batteries – Driggs Welcome Center & Valley Lumber

Crew Building Update – Excavation for footers is complete. There has been a slight delay in obtaining the required building permit. The City of Driggs first needs to issue a utility connect permit. Neither the City nor the County could produce the original will serve letter so this issue needed to go in front of City Council. Hopefully the issue is resolved.

Facilities:

Operation Green Light - Operation Green Light for Veterans is a national initiative led by the National Association of Counties (NACo) to recognize and honor the sacrifices made by our military veterans. We also want to raise awareness of the unique challenges veterans face and help local veterans learn about the resources available to them and their families at the county, state, and federal levels. This year from November 4th - 11th, 2026, Teton County will show support and appreciation to our local veterans by illuminating all sides of the county courthouse in green.

This is the fourth year that Teton County will participate in this important initiative. In addition to illuminating the courthouse in green, the County will show support to our local veterans