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## **Snohomish County 2022 Public Works Annual Report: *Moving Forward and Building a Better Future* Now Available Online**

*Online story map format gives residents an interactive experience*

**EVERETT, Wash., February 17, 2023** – Improving the lives of Snohomish County residents while maintaining high safety standards continues to be Public Works primary goal. The 2022 calendar year was no exception and one of the best examples of this work as a whole. The Snohomish County 2022 Public Works Annual Report: *Moving Forward and Building a Better Future* chronicles the accomplishments of the largest department in the county during a year with many external challenges and emergencies. The report is [now available online](#) and presented as an interactive story map.

“The challenges of 2022 were persistent and complex, but it brought out the best in our staff,” Snohomish County Public Works Director Kelly Snyder said. “Despite everything that happened, our employees continued to give the people of Snohomish County the great customer service they have grown to expect from our Solid Waste and roads divisions. This annual report shows how our employees moved the County forward and worked to build a better future.”

Public Works staff faced many unique challenges including railway slowdowns in the transportation of garbage from County facilities to the landfill, winter snow and ice storms, and returning to in-person events, among many others.

Snohomish County employees worked on numerous road and solid waste projects and activities during 2022. Public Works highlights include:

- Emergency response to two major winter storms
- Completion of the third and final project, 35th Ave SE – Phase II, to upgrade a critical five mile north/south roadway corridor between Mill Creek and Bothell
- Management and coordination of garbage storage and removal due to railway slowdowns
- Completion of the Snohomish County Road Safety Plan
- Solid Waste facility improvements
- Preservation and repair of more than 1,600 miles of county roads
- The completion of Phase I of the North Creek Trail active transportation project
- Processing of more than 560,000 tons of garbage at numerous Solid Waste facilities

- and much more

The report outlines how public resources were utilized in 2022 and how the county leveraged local, state and federal grants to stretch local tax dollars.

The digital document is best viewed in the Chrome web browser and can be experienced on any internet connected device.

### **About Snohomish County Public Works**

Snohomish County Public Works is responsible for approximately 1,600 miles of county roads, more than 200 bridges and manages about 200 traffic control signals. The department also processes more than 560,000 tons of garbage per year. Its mission is to focus on safety and mobility while practicing fiscal responsibility and preserving the environment. Public Works has won numerous state and national honors for its work and is the largest department within Snohomish County government with approximately 500 employees plus seasonal staff. Its main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201.

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