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**Snohomish County Public Works and Watson Asphalt Paving Co., Inc.  
Recognized with the “Best County Paving Award – Western Washington”**

*Snohomish County presented with award for the second consecutive year*

**EVERETT, Wash., November 21, 2016** – For the [second consecutive year](#), Snohomish County Public Works was recognized by the [Washington Asphalt Pavement Association](#) (WAPA) and the [Washington Association of County Engineers](#) (WSACE) with the “Best County Paving Award – Western Washington.” The award was presented for the Snohomish County Rural Roads Preservation – Woods Creek Road project from South Lake Roesiger Road to Bollenbaugh Hill Road, north of Monroe. The award also recognizes Watson Asphalt Paving Co., Inc. which performed the work.

“Roads like Woods Creek Road are closely monitored by Public Works to ensure they stay in good condition for 15 to 20 years, if not more, after each repaving,” said Owen Carter, Snohomish County Public Works County Engineer and Deputy Director. “Without this project, Woods Creek Road would have continued to deteriorate reaching a poor condition within 4 or 5 years, which would have required costly repairs.”

The Paving Program’s goal is to preserve pavement while it is still in fair condition to maintain an appropriate level of safety, minimize damage caused by water, and preserve the roadway investment in the most cost efficient manner. Public Works reviews and rates major roadways every two years. Between 2011 and 2013, Snohomish County saw a substantial decrease in Woods Creek Road’s rating with signs of moderate to severe cracking and buckling. Due to this, the road was selected as one of 20 included in the county’s 2015 Paving Program.

To reinforce localized areas where the pavement and base were failing, Snohomish County’s road maintenance crews excavated and removed failing material and replaced it with a new and stronger base. Then Watson Asphalt Paving paved the road in 4.5 days – nearly 3 days faster than scheduled. The project entailed approximately 5 miles of pavement restoration, 2 inches in depth, using 8,257.5 tons of asphalt. Additionally, a more retro-reflective striping material was used along the roadway than what was previously there, increasing visibility and safety for the two-way traffic.

The project was funded by a Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Program grant for preservation work in rural areas and through Snohomish County's Road Fund.

For more information about:

- The paving and chip seal programs, visit [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/Resurfacing](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/Resurfacing).
- Public Works award recognitions, go to [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PWawards](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PWawards).

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

The Snohomish County Public Works Department employs approximately 600 staff members that develop and maintain county roads; control and manage surface water quantity, quality, and fish habitats; and oversee the recycling and disposal of solid waste. The department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Public Works, visit [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks).

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