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Online Survey Regarding Pedestrian Facility Access within Snohomish County Closing Monday, October 3

Snohomish County Public Works has one billion dollars worth of work to complete; Public feedback will help prioritize what gets fixed first

EVERETT, Wash., September 26, 2016 – Residents and those who work in or travel through Snohomish County have until Monday, October 3 to provide feedback on the accessibility of the county’s pedestrian facilities. Input will help the Public Works Department identify issues that keep the public and their families and friends from accessing curb ramps, crosswalks, pedestrian signals, sidewalks, bus stops, and alternate facilities in work zones within unincorporated Snohomish County. The feedback will also help Public Works prioritize the removal of barriers found during a self-evaluation study of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

The study found that 93 percent of Public Works’ curb ramps, 60 percent of its sidewalks, 60 percent of its pushbuttons, and 90 percent of its bus stop facilities do not meet current ADA standards. Additionally, it will take the department decades and more than one billion dollars to meet the standards. By doing this work, individuals with disabilities as well as anyone else who travels in the county will benefit.

To provide feedback, visit the online public meeting and take our survey and/or sign-up to participate in a focus group:

- **Online public meeting:** www.SnoCoADA.org – Learn about the results of Public Works’ self-evaluation study.
- **Survey:** <http://sgiz.mobi/s3/Snocoda-survey> – Provide feedback and help prioritize the removal of barriers.
- **Focus group:** <http://sgiz.mobi/s3/Snocoda-FocusGroup> – Sign up to participate in a mid-October focus group conducted by a private consulting firm. A monetary incentive will be provided by the consultant to participants who attend and contribute to the conversation.

Both the online public meeting and the surveys will be available through Monday, October 3, 2016.

Public Works announced its self-evaluation study and the online public meeting on September 1, 2016. You can read the press release [here](#).

Questions or comments can be directed to Ryan Peterson at 425-388-3488 ext. 2883 (TTY: 711) or Ryan.Peterson@snoco.org. For more information about the Public Works ADA Compliance Program and to read the draft self-evaluation study, visit www.snohomishcountywa.gov/pwADA.

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.

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