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Snohomish County’s 2018 State and Federal Funding Awards Twice 2017 Total

Washington State Transportation Improvement Board grants \$4 million for 180th St SE – Phase I project

EVERETT, Wash., November 29, 2018 – Snohomish County Public Works’ ability to leverage local tax dollars with state and federal grants allows the department to stretch traditional funding sources and complete more projects. The county recently received notice that the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) has approved more than \$2.78 million in federal funding for two separate projects while the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) has approved \$4 million for 180th St SE – Phase I. That brings the total outside funding for county projects to more than \$15 million awarded to Public Works during 2018.

“Snohomish County continues to prioritize our transportation network, working to improve safety and relieve chokepoints,” Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers said. “This increase in funding from our partners is another sign that we are successfully leveraging our local dollars and building stronger regional and statewide support for our projects.”

Snohomish County Public Works was granted more than \$7.3 million in state and federal funding during 2017.

With the TIB grant, 180th St SE – Phase I is now fully funded for construction. The project will widen the road from State Route 527 to 23rd Ave SE to five lanes, add sidewalks, bike lanes, curbs, and gutters.

The PSRC stated that it awards funds to the highest priority projects that will improve local and regional mobility. The most recent PSRC funding will be split between 35th Ave SE – Phase II (\$2 million) and the Snohomish County Rural Roads Preservation program (\$782,000).

“This helps us in two very different and distinct areas of the county,” Snohomish County Public Works Director Steve Thomsen said. “The improvements to 35th Ave SE between SR 524 and 180th St SE are critically important as it is a main north/south corridor in one of our fastest growing areas. The Rural Roads Preservation program will help us to maintain the transportation infrastructure outside of the more urban areas and will be used with local funds to overlay Kayak Point Rd and 140th St NW.”

Earlier this year the county received more than \$3 million for the Airport Road/128th St SW Overlay through the National Highway System Asset Management program. Snohomish County was also selected by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for \$345,000 in federal funds for the Marsh Road Spot Safety

Improvements, \$360,000 for Center Road Pedestrian Safety Enhancements, and \$250,000 for 52nd Ave W Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements.

Snohomish County also received more than \$1.2 million from the Washington State Department of Ecology for pedestrian facilities around Lake Stickney, which is located between the cities of Lynnwood, Mukilteo, Everett and Mill Creek, and more than \$417,000 from WSDOT in state and federal funds for improvements to the railroad crossing at 240th St SE near Woodinville.

Snohomish County's Phase I of the North Creek Regional Trail project was recently awarded \$1.64 million from the PSRC in addition to a \$1 million construction grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office during the spring.

About Snohomish County Public Works

The Snohomish County Public Works Department constructs and maintains county roads; controls and manages surface water quantity, quality, and fish habitats; and oversees 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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