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Work starts on 'final link' of Lundeen Park Way Extension

Snohomish County Public Works is starting construction in late May on the Lundeen Park Way Extension project northwest of Lake Stevens. This roadway is the final link in a long-planned traffic improvement program designed to help provide improved circulation of vehicles and pedestrians in the area. The completed roadway will better connect the Lundeen area neighborhood to important east-west arterials and increase access for emergency vehicles to growing neighborhoods. All these improvements are consistent with direction the Growth Management Act gives the County in planning for its growth.

"This is actually five projects in one," says Andy Thompson of Wilder Construction, lead contractor on the \$8.3-million project.

Over the coming two construction seasons, crews will reconfigure the intersection of Lundeen at SR 9 and construct a new intersection on SR 204 at Market Place; install traffic signals at those two intersections plus two others on Lundeen at 10th Street NE and at 15th Street NE; construct a 180-foot steel bridge over a small tributary to Weiser Creek; build a new roadway between the existing dead end at the east end of Lundeen and SR 204; and widen the entire corridor from SR 9 to SR 204 to three lanes.

The new roadway configuration will include one traffic lane in each direction, a center-turn lane, bicycle lanes, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, planter strips and drainage improvements. Traffic impacts will be minimal during work on the bridge and the new section of roadway.

Traffic will be much more affected by the intersection work at SR 9 and SR 204. That work has not yet been scheduled. Snohomish County Public Works and the Washington State Department of Transportation will inform the public well in advance of any work at those intersections.

Crews have begun setting up construction trailers near Vernon Road and SR 204, and will begin next week on clearing brush and trees and installing erosion-control measures. Construction will begin the first week of June and could be completed as early as late 2005.

For more information, contact Project Engineer Sam Filetti at 425-388-6698. For information on other major road construction projects, call the Snohomish County Road Construction Hotline at 1-866-SNO-ROAD (866-766-7623) or visit the web at www.co.snohomish.wa.us and type in "Roads Central" in the search box.

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