



Snohomish County Council

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Council Looks to Enhanced CIDI

The Snohomish County Council has proposed an Enhanced Community Infrastructure Development Initiative with increased road projects to get traffic moving and provide guaranteed funding. The proposal adds transportation and surface water projects, and guarantees funding for the 20th Avenue project and for key parks such as Meadowdale.

The council introduced a new ordinance this morning and set June 14th at 10:30 a.m. for a public hearing on the proposal.

County Council Vice Chair Dave Gossett said, "This proposal will have a major positive impact on our communities while not raising any new taxes. It's fiscally responsible and helps solve problems now rather than waiting years into the future."

The plan builds on the \$12.6 million dollar proposal forwarded to the council by the executive. The E-CIDI includes an additional \$21.4 million in important road projects which will improve traffic flow and safety. There would also be \$1.1 million in added surface water management projects. The total package of improvements proposed by the council totals about \$35.1 million. Funding would come from bonding revenue from the road fund and possible use of the real estate excise tax.

Council Chair Kirke Sievers said, "This takes what has been a good idea, but puts real impact behind it. The county will use its excellent bond rating to jump start projects that the community has wanted for years."

The E-CIDI makes added key investments in roads in south, southwest and north Snohomish County while continuing to fund the east county roads already in the project. These include projects on Bev-Ed Road, 51st Avenue NE and at 180th Street SE at 35th.

Councilmember Dave Somers added, "This guarantees the SE 20th project is funded, rather than sitting back and hoping for a state grant. And if we do get the grant, we'll have money available for other key projects. I am also very happy to be able to secure some funding for Highway 2 safety improvements.

Highway 2 is notoriously one of the most dangerous and consistently overlooked roads in our state.”

“Not a day goes by that I don’t hear a complaint about north county traffic,” said Councilmember John Koster. “Enhanced CIDI will make a difference for our communities.”

Councilmember Gary Nelson indicated he is not supportive of the program at the higher funding level. Nelson said, “I’m concerned that this level of bonding will tie the hands of future councils in meeting the priorities of our citizens, including the operational needs of the county.”

The Enhanced CIDI projects include:

Project	Dollar Amount
Executive’s Original CIDI proposal	
20 th Street SE (91 st Ave. SE to US-2)	\$ 5,435,000
128 th St. Vicinity Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 1,400,000
Countywide Walkway Improvements: Marine Drive	\$ 485,000
Countywide Walkway Improvements: 110 th Street	\$ 133,000
Countywide Walkway Improvements: Locust Way	\$ 233,100
Countywide Walkway Improvements: 47 th Dr. NE	\$ 108,000
Countywide Walkway Improvements: 143 rd St. SW	\$ 150,000
Countywide Walkway Improvements: 91 st Ave SE	\$ 94,000
Council Additions to CIDI proposal	
20 th Street SE (91 st Ave. SE to US-2)	\$ 565,000
34 th Ave. NW and 128 th St. NW Intersection	\$ 1,000,000
51 st Ave. NE & 136 th St. NE Intersection	\$ 1,750,000
51 st Ave. NE & 100 th St. NE	\$ 1,750,000
4 th Ave. W & 108 th St. SW Intersection	\$ 2,200,000
52 nd Ave. W (Bev-Ed Rd.): Lynnwood C/D to Shelby Rd.	\$ 2,739,000
Bev Ed Rd. 52 nd W. to Picnic Pt. Rd./Shelby Rd.	\$ 1,564,000
35 th Ave. SE & Seattle Hill Rd, Intersection	\$ 2,220,000
35 th Ave. SE & 180 th St. SE Intersection	\$ 1,000,000
Eastshore Dr.: 164 th St. SW to Cascadian Dr; 2 nd Ave. W. to Martha Lake Airport Rd. Sidewalk	\$ 3,000,000
North Road & Jonathon Rd. Intersection realignment	\$ 630,000
180 th St. SE & Broadway Ave. Intersection	\$ 1,500,000
US 2 Safety Coalition Matching Funds	\$ 1,500,000
Total Transportation Projects	\$29,456,100
Surface Water Management Projects Added	
Eastmont Drainage Improvements	\$ 885,000
Retrofit Detention Pond 4 th Ave. SE (NC-NP-13)	\$ 218,000
Remove abandoned road crossing of Point Creek (PS-PP-31)	\$ 16,000
Total SWM projects added	\$ 1,119,000

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