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Executive Proposes Community Enhancement Initiative

County Executive Aaron Reardon today proposed for Snohomish County Council approval and funding, details of the Community Enhancement Initiative announced in his February 27, 2007 State of the County Address.

The Community Enhancement Initiative proposal is the first two years of an initiative to promote community involvement in infrastructure planning and development and to speed the delivery of neighborhood transportation, surface water, solid waste and park projects.

Reardon says, “This partnership between citizens and the County allows us to identify and prioritize neighborhood projects that more accurately reflect local community needs.”

The initiative specifically seeks the involvement of community groups, parent-teacher-student associations; youth sport leagues, school districts and similar organizations.

The proposal also establishes a Community Enhancement Team to partner with communities to identify and implement Park, Surface Water and Roads projects for implementation beginning in 2007.

The initiative sets a target of \$1.6 million for Community Enhancement Contracts in partnership with local community organizations in 2008 and calls for accelerating identified high-priority projects – safer intersections and sidewalks near schools; farmland protection while enhancing salmon habitat; and, the beautification of local detention ponds – with a total two-year target for expenditures of \$4.6 million.

The Initiative also calls for a partnership with the Sultan Fire District and the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency to support disposal of green waste that would otherwise be burned and installation of American with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant facilities on County walkways and intersections.

The program is a continuation of Community Infrastructure and Development Initiative (CIDI) launched by Executive Reardon last year. The initiative was approved by the County Council and is already at work delivering 46 critical infrastructure projects to neighborhoods across Snohomish County.

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