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Granite Falls Alt. Route groundbreaking set for July 2

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon, U.S. Senator Patty Murray, U.S. Congressman Rick Larsen, local officials and residents will gather Thursday, July 2, to celebrate the long-awaited groundbreaking of the Granite Falls Alternate Route.

The project, more than 12 years in the making, is being funded through a combination of local, state and federal money. Other project partners include the state's Freight Mobility Board, Transportation Improvement Board, federal transportation funds, city of Granite Falls and Snohomish County.

The 1.9-mile, two-lane alternate route will divert truck traffic away from downtown Granite Falls and serve as a strategic freight corridor for the region, improving freight mobility, reducing congestion and improving public safety.

The new road will head north from State Route 92 west of Granite Falls, then curve eastward around the city and connect to the Mountain Loop Highway just north of Gun Club Road.

As many as 50 jobs will be created during construction of the bypass. Additional new jobs could occur as Granite Falls moves ahead with downtown redevelopment when the new route is completed.

The groundbreaking celebration will be from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the intersection of Engebretsen and Jordan roads in Granite Falls.

For more information on the project or event, contact Tina Hokanson at (425) 388-3789.

For federal funding information, contact Amanda Mahnke in Congressman Rick Larsen's office at 202-420-8356 or Senator Murray's press office at 202-224-2834.

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