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## County Council Approves CIDI Proposal to Jumpstart Needed Infrastructure Projects

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*Executive Reardon Praises County Council for Approving  
Community Infrastructure Development Initiative (CIDI) Plan*

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon praised the County Council for its approval today of Community Infrastructure Development Initiative (CIDI), a proposal that will speed the delivery of 46 needed infrastructure projects while saving taxpayers millions of dollars.

“I am very pleased,” said Executive Reardon. “Snohomish County has taken a bold step toward a strong and healthy future thanks to the hard work of the County Council, Executive office and County staff.”

“I particularly want to thank Council Chair Kirke Sievers and Vice-Chair Dave Gossett for their leadership and partnership. Also, Councilmen Dave Somers and John Koster deserve recognition for their role in championing the infrastructure needs in areas of rapid growth,” said Executive Reardon.

An innovative approach, CIDI leverages the County’s improved bonding capacity to build needed infrastructure projects as much as ten years early, thereby avoiding the high cost of inflation and rising interest rates. CIDI requires no new taxes. Bonds will be paid off by using existing, dedicated fund sources, much of which are generated from growth such as impact fees from new development and real estate taxes levied on the sale of new homes. Revenue from the County road fund and County park impact fees will also be used.

“CIDI will help reduce traffic congestion and fix dangerous choke points,” said Executive Reardon.

Snohomish County is one of the fastest growing counties in Washington State. As the County grows, maintaining the quality of life that residents have enjoyed for

generations is a priority for Executive Reardon. CIDI will reduce traffic congestion, improve road and sidewalk safety, improve drainage, and increase parks and recreation facilities to keep pace with growth as well as the expectations of new and existing County residents.

Upon approval, Executive Reardon signed the Ordinance authorizing the issuance and public sale of limited tax general obligation bonds. The bond sale will occur on June 26.

Said Executive Reardon, “Through CIDI, we carry on our commitment to build a legacy for Snohomish County that we will be proud to pass on to our children.”

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