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Snohomish County Public Works Receives National Award

The new Puget Park Drive Extension in south Snohomish County has been named *National Transportation Project of the Year* in the \$2-10 million category by the American Public Works Association (APWA).

The new roadway is a landscaped half-mile long boulevard located along the southern border of Willis Tucker Community Park providing park access and a more convenient neighborhood route to Cathcart Way and State Route 9.

Low impact development (LID) features, context sensitive design and attention to detail make this a model of progressive engineering and the first project in Snohomish County's history to receive an APWA national award.

The extension includes 13 "rain gardens" constructed along the length of the project to manage storm water runoff. Gaps in the curbing---"curb cuts" permit rainwater to drain away from the road and be absorbed eliminating the need for catch basins, and reducing construction costs and maintenance costs.

Included in the project design is the County's first raised "table top" intersection built for the safety of the many residents who walk and jog in the area. Raised crossing areas make pedestrians more visible to drivers and slow traffic.

"I am very proud of our Public Works staff for completing this project ahead of schedule and \$268,000 under budget" said Executive Reardon. "The team also worked closely with area residents to guide the design of the roadway, and made significant changes based on what they heard."

Snohomish County Public Works Engineers Sam Filetti and Bassam Al-Ali managed the design and construction phases of the project. GG Excavation Inc. was the construction contractor.

To learn more about the project and view photos, visit the County's web site www.co.snohomish.wa.us . Type "Puget Park Drive" in the search box.