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## **Reardon to sign RTID's *Blueprint for Progress***

**Package to appear on November ballot**

Tomorrow, County Executive Aaron Reardon will sign the proposed Regional Transportation Investment District's (RTID) *Blueprint for Progress*, which recommends improvements for major roads and bridges in the most congested corridors in Snohomish, King and Pierce counties. The *Blueprint for Progress* will be combined with Sound Transit Phase 2 to create a "*Roads & Transit*" plan to appear on the November 2007 ballot in each of the three counties.

Snohomish County Council Chair Dave Gossett will join Reardon at the **1pm public signing on Wednesday, July 11, 2007** at the **intersection of Paradise Lake Road and SR 522** in Maltby. The County Council approved the ordinance on June 27, 2007. The *Blueprint for Progress* includes \$1.534 billion (\$ 2006) in transportation investments for Snohomish County, of which \$127 million (\$ 2006) is dedicated to improvements on SR 522 including a new interchange at Paradise Lake Road and completing the widening of SR 522 to four lanes from I-405 to US 2.

"The *Roads & Transit* plan will give voters a choice on a corridor-based roads package that will improve transportation mobility for both people and freight," said Reardon. "The signing of RTID's *Blueprint for Progress* culminates years of planning to create a transportation system connecting major population centers in Snohomish County."

If approved by voters, the *Blueprint for Progress* package road investments would focus on major County corridors, including improvements to I-5, US 2 and the Trestle, SR 99, SR 522, SR 524 and SR 531. Combined with Sound Transit Phase 2, the proposed transit investments include light rail service northward from the University of Washington to 164<sup>th</sup> Street/Ash Way via Northgate, Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace and Lynnwood.

For more information on the *Roads & Transit* plan, please visit: [www.roadsandtransit.org](http://www.roadsandtransit.org)

For additional information about the public signing on July 11, please contact Katie Kuciemba, Snohomish County Executive Office, at 425.388.3783.