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## ***NOTE IMPORTANT CORRECTION***

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### **Correction: Environmental Assessment issued February 15**

#### **Public invited to March 1 hearing for SR 524 Road Improvements *NEPA Environmental Assessment issued; comments due by March 16***

Residents in the Lynnwood/Bothell area are invited to attend an informal public hearing March 1 to learn about and comment on the proposed State Route (SR) 524 Road Improvements project and the project-related Environmental Assessment (EA) document. The environmental hearing will be held from 6–9 p.m. in the Canyon Park Junior High School Gymnasium at 23723 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SE in Bothell.

The event will give residents a chance to view plans, maps and exhibits; submit written and verbal comments; and discuss the project with staff from the four co-lead agencies: the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Snohomish County and the City of Bothell.

#### **The Proposed Project**

The project is intended to improve traffic flow, sight distance and safety along SR 524 (196th Street SW) between 24th Avenue W. and SR 527 (Bothell-Everett Highway). The proposed improvements include widening the existing two-lane road to five lanes, with a center turn lane, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, curbs, gutters and sidewalks through most of the corridor. New traffic signals would be provided at some intersections, and replacement bridges would be constructed at the North Creek and Swamp Creek crossings. The roadway would be realigned at the west end of the project area to eliminate the sharp “S-curves” and minimize impacts to a large, adjacent wetland.

The County plans to complete the project in three separate stages:

- Stage 1A will improve the eastern portion from Royal Ann Road to SR 527.
- Stage 1 will improve the western portion, from 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue W. to 10<sup>th</sup> Place W.
- Stage 2 will improve the middle portion, from 10<sup>th</sup> Place W. to Royal Ann Road.

The \$46-million project will require state and federal funds, in addition to local and regional funds, some of which have not yet been secured. To date, only Stage 1A is fully funded and scheduled for construction in 2005-2007.

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The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment was issued February 15, initiating a 30-day comment period. The EA is now available for public review and comment. If you would like to receive a copy or submit written comments on the document, please call Tony Stigall, Sr. Environmental Planner, at 425-388-3488, ext. 4511, or email him at [tony.stigall@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:tony.stigall@co.snohomish.wa.us). Written comments are due by March 16, 2005. All comments received in writing and at the March 1 hearing will become part of the hearing record. The County will respond to each comment in writing as a part of the FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact) document. A copy of the FONSI will be sent to each person who comments on the EA.

### **Accommodation and Accessibility**

The meeting site is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring reasonable accommodation may request written materials in alternative formats, sign or foreign language interpreters, physical accessibility accommodations or other reasonable accommodation by calling Wayne Lee, Public Involvement Specialist, at (425) 388-3789, or by emailing him at [wayne.lee@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:wayne.lee@co.snohomish.wa.us). Persons with hearing impairments may call the County's text telephone line at (425) 388-3700 or the Washington Relay Center at 711.

The meeting site is on Community Transit Route 120. For driving directions to the hearing, please check [www.co.snohomish.wa.us/roads/RoadsCentral/196th.htm](http://www.co.snohomish.wa.us/roads/RoadsCentral/196th.htm).

*Ayudenos planificar futuros proyectos de transporte. Hay servicios de traduccion disponibles. Para mayor informacion, llame Diana Williams al (425) 388-3584 (TDD/TTY 1-800-6388).*

*Tài li?u theo ngôn ngữ? ch?n l?a s? làm theo yêu c?u. Cho d?ch v? thông d?ch, vui lòng g?i Jason Letran s? 425-388-3488, x4370. (nh?ng ngư?i dùng TDD/TTY g?i Trung tâm ti?p âm Washington s? 1-800-6388.)*

The co-lead agencies ensure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1987 and related statutes by prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, national origin and sex in the provision of benefits and services. For more information on Title VI, please call WSDOT Title VI Coordinator at 360-705-7098. Spanish and Vietnamese interpreters will be available.

### **For More Information**

- On the meeting: Wayne Lee, Public Involvement Specialist, 425-388-3789 or [wayne.lee@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:wayne.lee@co.snohomish.wa.us)
- On the project design: Sam Filetti, Project Manager, 425-388-6698 or [sam.filetti@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:sam.filetti@co.snohomish.wa.us)
- On environmental issues: Tony Stigall, Environmental Lead, 425-388-4511 or [tony.stigall@co.snohomish.wa.us](mailto:tony.stigall@co.snohomish.wa.us)

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