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June 30 meeting to update Granite Falls Alternate Route project

Citizens, tribes and interested agencies are invited to attend a public meeting on Wednesday, June 30 to discuss progress on the Granite Falls Alternate Route (GFAR). The meeting will be held from 7-9 p.m. in the Granite Falls Community Center, 101 East Pioneer.

Representatives from the City of Granite Falls, Snohomish County, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will present design recommendations and provide updates on funding, the environmental process and other aspects of the project.

The public will have a chance to ask questions following a staff presentation at 7:30 p.m. Included in the presentation will be computer-generated traffic simulations prepared by project consultants.

The Granite Falls Alternate Route is a new, 2.1-mile road that would divert commercial truck traffic away from downtown Granite Falls. The proposed route would run north of the city between SR 92 and the Mountain Loop Highway. Construction could take place as early as 2007, pending environmental approval and funding availability.

The new alignment would serve as a strategic freight corridor for the region and would reduce travel times and barriers to freight movement and other highway traffic. It also would increase mobility and safety for local traffic and pedestrians, improve response time and access for emergency vehicles, and reduce congestion in downtown Granite Falls. These benefits would support economic and cultural redevelopment consistent with the Growth Management Act (GMA) and the local Comprehensive Plan.

The meeting site is accessible to persons with disabilities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made on request. To make arrangements in advance, or for more information on the meeting, please call Wayne Lee at 425-388-3789. (TDD users may call WA Relay Center at 711.)

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