

Snohomish County Public Facilities District Lynnwood Project

Project Description:

The new Lynnwood Convention Center will be located at the City's main gateway – the intersection of 196th and 37th, right off of I-5. This magnificent and contemporary facility will be 55,000 square feet in total, with 23,000 square feet dedicated specifically toward meeting and exhibition space.

Scheduled to open in spring of 2005, the Lynnwood Convention Center will be the cornerstone of Lynnwood's revitalization and a catalyst for Snohomish County's economic development. The Convention Center will stimulate business in the retail and hospitality sectors, and advance the overall financial strength of the area. A study by Columbia Hospitality states that the Convention Center will generate a total economic impact of \$13.7 million.

The new Lynnwood Convention Center is a key component of the City Center Project. The project's vision is to transform the commercial area between Alderwood Mall and 44th Avenue West into a vibrant and attractive "Downtown" district.

Phase one (of the two phase construction project) has already begun with demolition and site preparation. This phase is expected to be complete by the end of the year. Phase two will include building site work and construction. The construction contract will be awarded in December 2003. Construction will start the first quarter of 2004 and be complete by spring 2005.

Funding comes from sales tax revenue that would otherwise go to the state of Washington, and from hotel/motel taxes. No new taxes will be needed to build the Convention Center.

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