

Snohomish County Executive
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Priorities in Action



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 **Reardon ends tenure as Sound Transit chair**

On Thursday, I completed my tenure as chair of the [Sound Transit](#) Board of Directors, handing the baton to the capable hands of Pierce County Executive Pat McCarthy.

It has been my pleasure to serve as board chair for the past two years, not only on behalf of the residents of Snohomish County, but for all who call the Puget Sound home. We have seen some exciting changes during this time, and Sound Transit continues to move forward with plans for increasing transit options for the region.

Despite a continued difficult economy, we achieved many milestones in 2011. For example, we watched as ridership increased by about 9 percent from a year earlier, and nearly 23 million passengers rode on our trains and buses.

In Snohomish County, we opened the [Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station](#) and made significant improvements to the [Edmonds Sounder Station](#).

This week, we took another major step toward expanding mass transit to Snohomish County, unanimously directing staff to move ahead with environmental studies to identify a light-rail route along the Interstate 5 corridor. This is a big step for thousands of commuters who travel between Snohomish and King counties every day.

Next year, I will continue to serve the residents of this county as vice chair alongside King County Councilwoman Julia Patterson. Also representing you on the Sound Transit board are Mukilteo Mayor Joe Marine and Everett Councilman Paul Roberts.

In the future, we'll see the continued extension of light rail throughout the county as well as other projects that will help us move a growing population from one destination to another. For more information on this work, click [here](#).

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DUI patrols ready for 'Night of 1,000 Stars'

For the past 21 years, law enforcement agencies throughout Washington have conducted “Night of 1,000 Stars” impaired-driving traffic-safety emphasis patrols, with each star symbolizing the badge worn by an on-duty law enforcement officer.

This year’s “Stars” patrol is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16 and 17, across the state, including Snohomish County.

“Emphasis patrols help keep our roads safe from impaired drivers,” Reardon said.

The statewide enforcement will coordinate available resources to remove impaired drivers from our roads. Impaired driving caused by alcohol or another drug is the primary reason people die in motor vehicle crashes.

Officers will also be on the lookout for people who speed, drive aggressively, are not wearing a seatbelt, or violate other traffic laws. Wintertime driving can be hazardous, but when mixed with alcohol or drugs it becomes deadly.

Remember to celebrate safely and choose your ride:

- Avoid beverages with alcohol.
- Make plans to have a designated sober driver **before** going out.
- Arrange to stay overnight if necessary.
- Use a taxi.

Take the car keys of impaired friends and arrange a safe ride home for them.

The “Night of 1,000 Stars” is a cooperative effort involving the statewide Target Zero Traffic Safety Task Forces, the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, and law enforcement agencies throughout Washington.

Human Services seeks end to housing barriers.

Snohomish County’s Human Services Department is gathering input on community residents’ experiences when trying to find housing for

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Specifically, it is conducting an online survey to measure the impacts of potential housing discrimination and housing choice in Snohomish County. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires communities receiving federal funding for housing and development activities to analyze barriers to housing choice.

Snohomish County is conducting the study because it receives more than \$5 million annually in federal grants from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs. These funds are used to support affordable housing and community development projects for low-income people, families and neighborhoods.

Through the result of the survey, and a series of community meetings and focus groups being planned for January, the county's Human Services Department is looking to identify housing barriers and ways to improve access.

Two versions of the survey are available. One version is for residents; the other survey is for social-service providers, housing providers and real-estate professionals (landlords, property managers, real-estate agents, lenders).

The survey for residents can be found [here](#). A Spanish-language version of the resident's survey is available [here](#).

The stakeholder survey may be found [here](#).

Paper copies and translated copies of the resident surveys in Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Arabic and Somali also are available upon request from the Human Services Department. Service and housing providers may also request paper copies of the resident surveys for program participants.

For additional information, contact Sue Tracy at sue.tracy@snoco.org or at 425-388-3269.

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