

Snohomish County Executive
AARON REARDON



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 **Aerospace Initiative**

Over the past several days, the Everett Herald has reported assertions that the County has committed resources to what they characterize as a “party” to celebrate the rollout of the first 787 Dreamliner. While the rollout of the 787 Dreamliner is clearly cause for celebration, the County has made no commitment of funds to support such an event, nor has any funding been requested from the County or my office. We have been, and continue to be a partner with the Economic Development Council, the Boeing Company, local governments and agencies to explore opportunities to capture the greatest benefit from the Dreamliner rollout for the people of Snohomish County.

I want to share with you my vision of the opportunity created by the Dreamliner rollout and how we as a County can capture the greatest benefit from this historic event.

For the past three years we have worked in partnership with the Economic Development Council to develop an aerospace initiative that has already returned dividends for our local economy. In 2006, I participated with the Governor as well as local business and civic leaders in the state trade mission to the Paris Air Show. The focus of that trade mission was the recruitment of five identified key aerospace suppliers and vendors. On that mission, by highlighting the successes we have achieved as a county and our aerospace initiative, we were able to secure the expansion or relocation of all five targeted companies to our region. The resulting new jobs and investments in our local economy are being felt by all. The Dreamliner rollout will bring about a gathering of the world’s aerospace giants and an unparalleled opportunity to continue our business

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recruitment and retention efforts.

Over the past several months we have participated on a steering committee of local business and trade leaders to develop ideas to promote visibility and economic development for Snohomish County in markets and industries both directly and indirectly tied to the development of the 787 Dreamliner. We have helped to facilitate these discussions and develop strategies to leverage the 787 Dreamliner rollout to strengthen the position of Snohomish County as the leading aerospace county in the United States.

Strategies being considered by the steering committee include business recruitment meetings, development of business recruitment packets, partnership with local media to promote sponsorship of economic development efforts, educational materials for children, a simulcast of the 787 Dreamliner rollout and advertising to reach out to visiting business leaders. While proposals have been developed, they have not been formalized nor has funding been identified by any entity to support these proposals.

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Sound Transit approves Snohomish County expansion

On Thursday, April 26 Executive Aaron Reardon announced the Sound Transit (ST) Board has approved a motion to finalize the Sound Transit 2 Regional Transit System Plan that extends Sound Transit light rail lines north to the Ash Way/164th terminus, including transit stations at Mountlake Terrace, Lynnwood Transit Center, Alderwood, and Ash/164th. The ST motion adopted on Thursday also includes funding for a Mukilteo Station parking garage, a permanent station in Edmonds for Sounder Commuter Rail, and additional service hours for ST Express Bus service.

Executive Reardon says, “Snohomish County is making a strategic investment in our major corridors for the 21st century and beyond.”

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon

The Sound Transit 2 System Plan, and the expansion of light rail to the Ash Way/164th terminus, is a culmination of months of negotiations towards creating a three-county mass transit system connecting major population centers in Snohomish, King and Pierce Counties.

Reardon, a Sound Transit Board member, thanked Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels and the Snohomish and Seattle Sound Transit delegations for their cooperation in achieving the expansion to the Ash Way/164th terminus. “This is a major collaborative step forward to reduce transportation congestion, provide transit options, promote safety and improve mobility,” says Reardon.

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Reardon honored by Washington Recreation and Parks Association

County Executive Aaron Reardon was named recipient of the Washington Recreation and Parks Association’s (WRPA) Citation of Merit for leadership in the creation and administration of the Snohomish County Enhanced Community Infrastructure Development Initiative (ECIDI). The Citation of Merit recognized Reardon’s commitment to parks.

“Parks are essential to Snohomish County communities,” Reardon says. “They contribute to neighborhood pride; provide active and supervised programs for youth, exercise and activity for health and vitality.”

ECIDI is an innovative strategy designed to speed the delivery of more than 40 essential transportation, parks and surface water infrastructure improvement projects. These projects will reduce traffic, improve roadway safety, expand recreational opportunities, improve water quality and reduce flooding. Most ECIDI park projects will be constructed and open for public use in 2007.

The WRPA is a professional organization representing park and recreation professionals and elected officials. The award was presented at the organization’s recent annual conference.

 **Snohomish County Public Works
receives national award**

The new Puget Park Drive Extension in south Snohomish County has been named *National Transportation Project of the Year* in the \$2-10 million category by the American Public Works Association (APWA).

The new roadway is a landscaped half-mile long boulevard located along the southern border of Willis Tucker Community Park providing park access and a more convenient neighborhood route to Cathcart Way and State Route 9.

“I am very proud of our Public Works staff for completing this project ahead of schedule and \$268,000 under budget,” says Executive Reardon. “The team also worked closely with area residents to guide the design of the roadway, and made significant changes based on what they heard.”

Low impact development (LID) features, context sensitive design and attention to detail make this a model of progressive engineering. It is the first project in Snohomish County’s history to receive an APWA national award.

The extension includes 13 “rain gardens” constructed along the length of the project to manage storm water runoff. Gaps in the curbing, or “curb cuts,” allow rainwater to drain away from the road and be absorbed eliminating the need for catch basins, and reducing construction costs and maintenance costs.

Included in the project design is the County’s first raised “table top” intersection built for the safety of the many residents who walk and jog in the area. Raised crossing areas make pedestrians more visible to drivers and slow traffic.

To learn more about the project and view photos, visit the County’s web site www.snoco.org and search “Puget Park Drive.”

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Reardon appoints domestic violence advocate to Criminal Justice Commission

On Friday, April 27 Executive Reardon appointed Teresa Cox to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Criminal Justice Priorities. The Commission was established to advise the County Council on public safety initiatives and programs, and will make recommendations on funding options for new or enhanced programs.

“Teresa will be an exciting addition to the Commission,” says Executive Reardon. “She brings a wealth knowledge and expertise to the table as well as the drive to truly make a difference in our community.”

Teresa has been an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Everett since 2001. In 2002, she became the first Community Prosecutor for the City, coordinating agencies and citizens in a plan for a proactive approach to crime. In 2003, she became the City’s dedicated Domestic Violence Prosecutor, responsible for the review, charging and prosecution of all non-felony domestic violence cases responded to by the Everett Police Department. Teresa has provided training to law enforcement and regularly speaks to community organizations throughout Snohomish County to educate and increase public awareness concerning domestic violence.

“We are fortunate to have so many qualified experts in criminal justice serving Snohomish County,” says Cox. “To be able to combine the enthusiasm and dedication among them with the voices of our residents is an especially exciting endeavor, and I am thrilled to be a part of that.”

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Cox is the Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Snohomish County Center for Battered Women, sits on the Board of Directors for Snohomish County Legal Services, and is an active member of the Snohomish County Domestic Violence Coalition. Teresa also participates in the Snohomish County Fatality Review Panel, and is a volunteer member of the Snohomish County Sheriff's Cold Case Team which reviews unsolved homicide cases. In 2006, Washington Women Lawyers of Snohomish County presented Teresa with the Annette Tupper Advocacy Award, presented annually to the individual in Snohomish County who best exemplifies selfless service to the victims of violence.

DUI/Traffic Safety Task Force recognizes award recipients

The Snohomish County Driving while Under the Influence (DUI)/Traffic Safety Task Force acknowledged 2007 award winners at recent ceremonies held at the Everett Public Utility District Auditorium.

“This year’s award recipients have helped save lives in Snohomish County. We applaud their efforts,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon.

Award recipients include law enforcement officers, high school students, concerned citizens, area businesses and others who have contributed to traffic safety in 2006.

This is the twenty-fourth year that the DUI/ Traffic Safety Task Force has been involved in Snohomish County traffic safety and enforcement.

[List of the 2007 award recipients](#)

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