

Snohomish County Executive
AARON REARDON



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 **I-5/124th Interurban Trail overcrossing**

County Executive Aaron Reardon today announced the Infrastructure Coordinating Committee, a sub-committee of Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT), has recommended funding approval for Phase 2 of the I-5/124th Street Interurban Trail Overcrossing Project.

The project is located north of the I-5/128th Street SW (SR 96) interchange. This important project will allow citizens to cross I-5 from east to west using the new pedestrian bridge away from the congested 128th interchange.

With these funds, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will be able to complete this key missing link of the Interurban Trail in 2007. The project also allows bikes and pedestrians to cross from east to west on 128th St.

Reardon said, "Funding improves safety condition and provides a long-term solution to the multiple conflict points between pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles at this busy Interchange."

Completion of the project connects the eight mile long Interurban Trail and provides a link for non-motorized travel between local residential areas, economic centers and the commercial district; improves area air quality and promotes clean technology and non-motorized vehicle travel.

The \$500,000 appropriation of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds will allow WSDOT to complete construction of the ramp connections to the bridge structure the was completed in 2006 allowing use by the public in the

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On April 4, Executive Reardon welcomed representatives from the International Association of Firefighters Local No. 2597 in recognition that contract negotiations between the Snohomish County and the Union were recently completed.

“I look forward to continuing to work with these highly respected and qualified firefighters and thank them for the great service they provide to our community,” says Executive Reardon.

“I am very pleased; Executive Reardon carefully examined the information from both sides of the negotiating table,” says Don Schwab Executive Board member of the Washington State Council of Firefighters. “The agreement benefits both Snohomish County and the professional Firefighters Local No. 2597.”

The agreement provides for equitable conditions of work and establishes proper standards of wages and hours and mutually strives to achieve peaceful adjustment of any grievances that may arise. The completed labor agreement has been ratified by the Union membership.

Reminder: 2010 Winter Games Team Hosting Workshop slated for April 11

SnoGold 2010 welcomes Washington State’s 2010 Program and communities throughout the greater Northwest for a “Community Strategies for Team Hosting” workshop and webinar from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 11 at the Edward D. Hansen Conference Center at the Everett Events Center, 2000 Hewitt Avenue.

“Snohomish County is the Northwest’s gateway to the games,” Executive Reardon said. “It is imperative we are organized and able to offer our services and resources to guests traveling through our county before, during and after the Games. This upcoming workshop is an opportunity to

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Aaron Reardon

better understand what it takes to host a team that would train in your community.”

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Executive Reardon encourages Snohomish County to “Dance Your Passion”

Executive Reardon proclaimed April 4, 2007 as Dorothy Jayne Studio day in recognition of Olga Foraponova and her elite DanceSport team from the Dorothy Jayne Studio. Olga and her team, along with community volunteers recently raised more than \$20,000 for charity at Everett’s first celebrity dance event, *Dance Your Passion*.

“Olga and her dancers have brought a tremendous service and a world class facility to Snohomish County,” says Executive Reardon. “I enjoyed the challenge, and believe me it was a challenge, that participating in the *Dance Your Passion* event presented.”

Executive Reardon was joined by his wife Kate, members of the Snohomish County Arts Commission and Maggie Dervin of the Everett Cultural Commission. The Dorothy Jayne studio is located in downtown Everett, information about the studio can be accessed online at [Dorothy Jayne Studio](#).

Snohomish County recognized for its efforts to plan for future growth

On Thursday, April 5 the Puget Sound Regional Council will award the Snohomish County Urban Center Demonstration Program a VISION 2020 award. The project is being honored as “an exceptional effort that promotes a livable region and exemplifies VISION 2020, the region’s growth management, economic and transportation strategy.”

Urban centers provide important regional benefits. Concentrating growth encourages transit use, ride-sharing and pedestrian traffic, thereby reducing traffic congestion, air pollution and fuel consumption. Centers make better use

existing infrastructure, reducing the need for tax dollars to build new urban infrastructure and also make the most from existing infrastructure.

In response to meetings with the neighborhood groups, questions posed by developers on the Demonstration Program and the more detailed analysis of the Centers neighborhoods by staff, changes were identified that would strengthen the Urban Centers Demonstration Program. These changes were adopted as part of the 10 Year Comprehensive Plan Update and became effective February 1, 2006.

Recent projects include:

- Newberry Square
- Esplanade at Mill Creek, a pedestrian oriented mixed-use development

[More information on the Urban Centers Demonstration Program](#)

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