

Snohomish County Executive **AARON REARDON**



Priorities in Action



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County converts hybrids to all-electric vehicles

Snohomish County has converted two of its Toyota Prius hybrid vehicles to fully electric vehicles as part of the Plug-in Center PHEV Pilot Project of Washington.

The vehicles were fitted with plug-in electric conversion kits, as well as data monitors, in November at Wenatchee Valley College's automotive training facility. The two vehicles can be parked and charged at the county's McDougall fleet shop, parking garage and Cathcart fleet center.

The conversion kits use lithium battery packs charged via standard 120-volt outlets. Under optimal conditions, the battery packs provide an all-electric equivalent range of approximately 30 miles. Recharging an empty battery takes about 5.5 hours.

Each vehicle also is equipped with data loggers, GPS units and cellular modems to collect real-time vehicle performance data. The data will be analyzed and archived by Idaho National Laboratory (INL) in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Vehicle Testing Activity. Data from Snohomish County's vehicles will be studied along with information from about 130 other converted vehicles nationwide.

Snohomish County has continually been working to reduce its impact on the environment, especially in terms of fleet improvements. The county recently received a \$57,299 state grant to retrofit 24 diesel vehicles, further reducing the county's overall pollution emissions. Since 2005, emission-reduction improvements have been made to an additional 109 diesel vehicles.

Snohomish County also was recently honored as the third best

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government green fleet in North America by 100 Best Fleets, a national award co-sponsored by Government Fleet Magazine and other fleet organizations.

The statewide PHEF Pilot Project is sponsored by Washington Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) and the Port of Chelan County.

Wenatchee, Chelan County, Douglas County PUD, Energy Northwest, Snohomish County, the University of Washington, Benton County PUD, Walla Walla Community College, McKinstry and Green IT Alliance are participating in this phase of the pilot project. Each organization provided its own vehicles.

 **“Night of 1,000 Stars” focuses on traffic safety**

Snohomish County will join its counterparts throughout Washington state Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12-13, for the 18th annual “Night of 1,000 Stars” traffic safety emphasis patrol.

Local officers will kick off the event at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Everett Police Department’s South Precinct, located at the intersection of Everett Mall Way and West Mall Drive. Media are invited to meet with law enforcement and to schedule ride-alongs during the event.

The primary purpose of this safety patrol is to remove intoxicated drivers from roads. In addition, officers will be on the lookout for people who speed, drive aggressively or violate other traffic laws.

Impaired driving caused by alcohol – or another drug – is a leading cause of motor vehicle deaths. During last year’s “Night of 1,000 Stars,” 201 drivers were removed from Washington roads and arrested for driving under the influence.

Officers in Snohomish County were responsible for the arrest of 22 impaired drivers.

“We are very fortunate in Snohomish County that our law enforcement agencies make traffic safety a high priority every day, but especially during the winter holidays,” said Tracy McMillan, Snohomish County’s DUI and Traffic Safety Task Force Coordinator. “Extra law enforcement officers will be out looking for impaired drivers. If you are going to be out celebrating, arrange for a taxi or a designated driver.”

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Sincerely,



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The “Night of 1,000 Stars” symbolizes the badges that will be worn by the estimated 1,000 officers on duty during this annual emphasis patrol. This is a cooperative effort involving the statewide Community DUI/Traffic Safety Task Forces, the Washington Traffic Safety Commission and law enforcement agencies throughout Washington.

For more information, contact Tracy McMillan at Tracy.McMillan@co.snohomish.wa.us or 425-418-3410.

 **Future of Flight: You Bring the Camera, We'll Bring Santa and Mrs. Claus**

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand for free photos (bring your own camera) Sunday, December 14, 2008, at the Future of Flight Aviation Center in Mukilteo. As part of the 3rd anniversary, the Future of Flight Aviation Center is celebrating by inviting everyone to enjoy the Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour for half price (December 14, 2008 only), \$7.50 adults, \$4.00 children 15 and under.

Guests must be 4 feet tall to take the Boeing Tour. No advance reservations will be taken, and Boeing Tours will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Tours operate at 9am, 10am, 11am and 1pm, 2pm, 3pm. Santa and Mrs. available between 10am and 1pm.

As a bonus, both gift stores, The Boeing Store and the Future of Flight Store will offer storewide discounts and free gift wrapping.

The Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour is open from 8:30am – 5:30pm daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The Future of Flight Aviation Center is a unique learning and interpretive facility designed to let visitors experience the marvel of commercial jet aviation and production. It celebrates the historic accomplishments of the last 50 years since the first flight of the Boeing 707 and highlights the technological possibilities for powered, winged flight during the next 50 years.

The 73,000-square-foot Future of Flight facility includes a 28,000-square-foot Aviation Gallery with interactive exhibits and displays, 9,000-square-foot, rooftop observation deck overlooking Paine Field, Boeing Tour Center, conference space for 250 people, special event space for groups of up to 750

people, a 240-seat theater, 125-seat café, Future of Flight Store and Boeing Store.

Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour, 8415 Paine Field Blvd., Mukilteo, WA 98275, 425-438-8100, www.futureofflight.org.

Contractors sought for Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station

The Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station project took a big step forward this week when Sound Transit, along with the state Department of Transportation, announced that the search for qualified contractors to build the station is underway.

This very important freeway station will be built in the Interstate 5 median at 236th Street Southwest in Snohomish County. The project includes a pedestrian bridge connecting the freeway station to the Mountlake Terrace Park-and-Ride. The new station will allow ST Express buses to serve Mountlake Terrace, where Community Transit's new park-and-ride garage is scheduled to open Feb. 8. The overall project will increase bus speed and reliability and improve safety. Groundbreaking is scheduled for next year.

The Mountlake Terrace Freeway Station is the second Snohomish County freeway station. In September, The South Everett Freeway Station opened in September.

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