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## **Snohomish County Public Works Receives Infrastructure Grants**

*More than \$12 million will fund road, trail, and bridge improvements*

**EVERETT, Wash., Nov. 10, 2023** – Snohomish County motorists and pedestrians will see improvements to county infrastructure during the next several years thanks to more than \$12 million in state and federal grants that will fund bridge seismic upgrades, road and trail improvements, and intersection enhancements.

The U.S. Federal Highway Administration awarded Snohomish County Public Works federal grants for two road improvement projects in various locations and a bridge improvement project in the northwest section of the county. Public Works also received state funding for planning improvements in Everett near 128<sup>th</sup> St SW.

“Snohomish County continues to prioritize safety improvements on our roadways for drivers, pedestrians, and other users. Public Works is grateful for these funds so that our designers, engineers, and specialists can continue our mission to improve multimodal connections for our community,” Public Works Director Kelly Snyder said. “We are good stewards of public funds and value the trust of our taxpayers.”

One grant, valued at nearly \$3 million, will fund safety improvements on county roads through the federal Highways Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The improvements include left-turn warning signs, intersection flashing beacons, and upgrades to signage, among other safety improvements at seven locations. The project has an anticipated completion date in 2028.

A second HSIP grant, valued at more than \$4.3 million, will fund a roundabout at the intersection of S. Machias Rd and Dubuque Rd near Lake Stevens. Engineers expect the project will reduce traffic delays during morning and evening peak hours, increase protection for Centennial Trail users, and increase traffic safety for left-turn movements. The project is proposed for construction in 2027-2028.

A third grant, through the federal Local Bridge Program and valued at more than \$4 million, will fund seismic improvements to Larson Rd Bridge 101, spanning the south slough of the Stillaguamish River west of Silvana. The bridge was built in 1962, prior to current seismic design standards. The project is planned for construction in 2027.

Finally, a fourth grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation’s Pedestrian and Bicycle Program will fund planning work and design of much-needed improvements in the 128<sup>th</sup> St SW vicinity from 8<sup>th</sup> Ave W to the Interurban Trail.

Public Works’ Traffic and Environmental Services division staff actively seeks and applies for grants to help fund county road projects. For additional information, visit the program planning page at [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/206](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/206)

New grants awarded to Snohomish County Public Works projects:

- \$3 million HSIP grant for safety spot improvements in seven locations
- \$4.3 million HSIP grant for intersection improvements at S. Machias Rd and Dubuque Rd
- \$4 million Local Bridge Program grant for seismic improvements to Larson Rd Bridge 101
- \$900,000 WSDOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Program planning for improvements in the 128<sup>th</sup> St SW vicinity.

**About Snohomish County Public Works**

Snohomish County Public Works is responsible for approximately 1,600 miles of county roads, more than 200 bridges and manages about 200 traffic control signals. The department also processes nearly 600,000 tons of garbage per year. Its mission is to focus on safety and mobility while practicing fiscal responsibility and preserving the environment. Public Works has won numerous state and national honors for its work and is the largest department within Snohomish County government with approximately 500 employees plus seasonal staff. Its main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, WA 98201. Visit [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks) or follow the department on [Facebook](#) and [X](#) (formerly Twitter) for more information about Snohomish County Public Works.

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