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## **Snohomish County Tomorrow Hosts Program on Congestion Management**

*Second program in year-long series looking at ways to effectively address traffic congestion*

**EVERETT, Wash., September 19, 2016**—Growing more frustrated with the congestion you endure each day? Consider this: the Seattle area ranks as the 7<sup>th</sup> worst region in the country for traffic congestion with the average person spending 63 hours per year in traffic. Learn more about this in a presentation titled “Stuck in Traffic” scheduled for September 28, 2016. This talk by Craig Helmann of the Puget Sound Regional Council will begin at 6:15 p.m. in Public Meeting Room #1 of the Snohomish County Administration Building East at 3000 Rockefeller Avenue in Everett.

Mr. Helmann will be joined afterwards by Peter Rogoff, CEO of Sound Transit, and Emmett Heath, CEO of Community Transit. They will discuss the factors contributing to traffic congestion in Snohomish County and the measures that cities, the county, the region, and the state are currently taking to address it. They will focus on innovative, effective ways to ease congestion, as well as what other agencies, businesses, and community members can do to help address it.

“This is the second in a year of educational programs that will examine traffic congestion and is sponsored by the Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT) Steering Committee,” said Cynthia Pruitt, SCT Coordinator. “Members of the public are encouraged to attend, learn more, and provide input about this problem that impacts every driver and passenger on a daily basis.”

For more information please visit <http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/168> or contact Cynthia Pruitt, SCT Coordinator, at 425-388-3185 or [Cynthia.Pruitt@snoco.org](mailto:Cynthia.Pruitt@snoco.org).

### **About Snohomish County Tomorrow (SCT)**

Snohomish County Tomorrow is a cooperative forum with representatives from Snohomish County and 19 of its cities, as well as from the Tulalip Tribes. The group’s primary function is to oversee Countywide Planning Policies – written policies on growth management from which the county and cities’ comprehensive land use plans are developed.

### **About the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)**

PSRC’s mission is to ensure a thriving central Puget Sound now and into the future through planning for regional transportation, growth management and economic development.

**About Sound Transit**

Sound Transit plans, builds and operates regional transit systems and services to improve mobility for Central Puget Sound.

**About Community Transit**

Over the past three decades, Community Transit has grown from a small, local bus service into a leader in providing transportation options for the Puget Sound region. From a thriving vanpool program to *Swift* (the state's first bus rapid transit line), Community Transit has been at the forefront of helping Snohomish County residents to think transit first.

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