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Snohomish County Celebrates Completion of Nearly 3-Mile Shoulder Improvement

New drainage facilities and an 8-foot wide shoulder will enhance travel for pedestrians and cyclists on Broadway Avenue in Snohomish, WA

EVERETT, Wash., October 10, 2016 – Snohomish County has completed shoulder improvements on Broadway Avenue as part of the ongoing effort to provide accessible pathways to pedestrians and cyclists across the county. The new 8-foot wide shoulder improvements on Broadway Avenue extend nearly three miles between Yew Way and 164th Street SE in Snohomish, WA. The addition will make it easier for pedestrians and cyclists to travel along the route without competing for space with motorized vehicles. In addition to the widened shoulder, Snohomish County also installed two stormwater detention vaults under the roadway and three detention ponds to help alleviate drainage issues.

Join Snohomish County Public Works and Councilmember Hans Dunshee at the **Broadway Avenue improvement project public celebration:**

- **When:** Tuesday, October 18, 2016 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Horseshoe Grange #965 – 16424 Broadway Ave, Snohomish, WA 98296
- **What:** To mark the completion of the project, area residents, businesses, and bike clubs are invited to attend a public celebration to thank them for their patience, support, and cooperation during construction. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

Facts about the improvement project:

- Nearly three miles of shoulder improvements were constructed to provide more space to pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists that share the roadway. Broadway Avenue is a popular bike route that links King County and Snohomish County. This route is shown on the [Community Transit Snohomish County Bicycle Map](#).
- Construction began in July 2015 and was completed in October 2016.
- 7,188 tons of asphalt were used for the 8-foot wide shoulder.
- Two new stormwater detention vaults are located 17 feet below the ground and store an estimated 152,000 gallons of water combined.

The \$6.19 million construction cost was primarily funded by King County and managed by Snohomish County as part of an agreement related to the construction of the Brightwater Wastewater Treatment Plant. The agreement provided a total of \$70 million for a variety of community assets that include pedestrian and traffic safety improvements, habitat mitigation, and parks in the vicinity of the treatment plant in south Snohomish County. This was the last Public Works transportation project to receive Brightwater funding. Other completed projects include Sno-Wood Road, 228th Street SE, 45th Avenue SE, 49th Avenue SE, and 57th Avenue SE. The North Creek Trail design and property acquisition phases also received Brightwater funding and construction funding is currently being sought.

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About Snohomish County Public Works

The Snohomish County Public Works Department employs approximately 600 staff members that develop and maintain county roads; control and manage surface water quantity, quality, and fish habitats; and oversee the recycling and disposal of solid waste. The department's main office is located at 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, WA 98201. For more information about Snohomish County Public Works, visit www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks.

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