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Snohomish County Employee with More Than Three Decades of Service Promoted to Public Works Deputy Director and County Engineer

Doug McCormick looking to incorporate opportunities for innovation, safety and efficiency in transportation infrastructure

EVERETT, Wash., July 10, 2017 – After a competitive recruitment and selection process, Doug McCormick, P.E. has been named Snohomish County’s new Public Works Deputy Director and County Engineer. Effective July 1, he oversees day-to-day operations and long-range planning for the construction and maintenance of county roads. McCormick, who was promoted to Public Works Transportation and Environment Services Division Director in November 2016, has worked more than three decades in transportation infrastructure planning.

“Doug’s broad experience and knowledge of local and regional challenges makes him an excellent fit for this role,” Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers said. “His track record of successfully partnering with local cities and organizations is also an asset as we look to the county’s rapid population growth and future transportation needs.”

Finding opportunities to incorporate new innovative technologies that bring more efficiency and safety to county roads is something McCormick says he will continue to do in his new position. “I am proud of the Vision Zero partnership we made with Microsoft, the city of Bellevue, and the University of Washington,” Public Works Deputy Director and County Engineer McCormick said. “It is an example of a technology-based project that can improve transportation safety. This collaborative project is developing cutting-edge software that can predict and therefore prevent traffic deaths and serious injuries.”

Another project McCormick cited is the county’s current work to improve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. This program is making county roads more accessible and safer for all residents.

“Doug is the perfect choice for this position. He has 27 years of experience with Snohomish County in multiple roles,” Snohomish County Public Works Director Steve Thomsen said. “He has experience with the development of complex county budgets, multi-year capital improvement plans, long range transportation plans via the county’s comprehensive planning process, and grant writing strategies.”

McCormick began working for Snohomish County as a design engineer and has also been a project manager, design supervisor, manager responsible for construction, program planning and environmental services, and division director. He worked for the Washington State Department of Transportation for five years prior to joining the county. McCormick is a University of Washington graduate with a Civil Engineering degree and is a licensed Professional Engineer.

About Snohomish County Public Works

The Snohomish County Public Works Department constructs and maintains county roads; controls and manages surface water quantity, quality, and fish habitats; and oversees 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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