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## Lack of Leadership in Long-Term Financial Planning and Concerns Continue On Borrowing to Pay Debts

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In the latest edition of the county council's weekly budget commentary, [Inside the Budget #2](#), the focus is the lack of leadership in planning for Snohomish County's future financial needs, said Fred Bird, the council's public information officer.

"Within the last week," he said, "most of the county's departments and offices presented their proposed 2008 budgets to the council and several of these presentations revealed serious shortcomings in the recommended budget, principally inadequate financial planning and a lack of leadership in producing a strategy to pay for critical future infrastructure needs."

The council cited a failure to offer a realistic plan for funding millions of dollars in future road improvements outlined in the county's capital improvement plan, a failure to plan for the full costs of implementing new, mandatory storm water management regulations, and a failure to fund an important city/county planning partnership project.

See [Inside the Budget #2](#) for further details.

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**NOTE:** The County Council is currently examining the County Executive's proposed 2008 county budget. **INSIDE THE BUDGET** will be published periodically during this review period.

### Budget Public Hearing Nov. 5th

The County Council will hold its first public hearing on the County Executive's proposed 2008 county budget on November 5, 2007, beginning at 1:30 PM, in the Jackson Board Room, on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of Admin East, 3000 Rockefeller Ave., Everett, Washington 98201. Please call 425-388-3494 for additional information.

### Public Testimony

Public testimony on the proposed budget may also be giving via the County Council's Public Testimony web site. Go to [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) and click on [Inside the Budget Update](#) under the **Spotlight** heading.

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