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## **Snohomish County Receives Grant for Construction of 35<sup>th</sup> Ave SE – Phase II Project**

*Washington State Transportation Improvement Board grants \$5 million, project to start in spring*

**EVERETT, Wash., December 9, 2019** – Snohomish County Public Works’ ability to leverage local tax dollars with state and federal grants allows the department to stretch traditional funding sources and complete more projects. The county recently received notice that the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) has approved a \$5 million grant for 35<sup>th</sup> Ave SE – Phase II. The grant enables Snohomish County to start construction on the project during spring 2020.

“Snohomish County works hard to improve safety and relieve chokepoints across its transportation network,” Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers said. “All of us spend too much time sitting in congestion, and this funding allows us to continue improving transportation infrastructure. We sincerely appreciate the support we receive from our funding partners such as the TIB.”

With the TIB grant, 35<sup>th</sup> Ave SE – Phase II is now fully funded. The project will add continuous center turn lanes, sidewalks, bike lanes, curbs, and gutters from State Route 524 to 180<sup>th</sup> St SE.

“This is an extremely important project in one of the fastest growing areas of the county,” Snohomish County Public Works Director Steve Thomsen said. “The improvements to 35<sup>th</sup> Ave SE between SR 524 and 180<sup>th</sup> St SE are critically important as it is a main north/south corridor between Mill Creek and Bothell.”

The 35<sup>th</sup> Ave SE – Phase I, Seattle Hill Rd, and 180<sup>th</sup> St SE – Phase I projects, all in the same area between Mill Creek and Bothell, also received TIB grants. The 35<sup>th</sup> Ave SE – Phase I and Seattle Hill Rd projects have been completed and 180<sup>th</sup> St SE – Phase I will begin construction during spring 2020.

### **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](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/PublicWorks).

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