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Snohomish County Receives \$3.1 Million in Grants for Road Safety Improvements

Washington State Department of Transportation selects intersection, curve improvement projects for funding

EVERETT, Wash., January 21, 2020 – Snohomish County continues to focus on preventing vehicle accidents. That focus will receive a boost in funding from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) as it selected two county Public Works projects to receive a total of \$3.1 million in grant funding from the federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

“Our residents’ safety is Snohomish County’s top priority,” Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers said. “With the county’s continued growth, we take every opportunity to maintain and enhance the safety of our transportation infrastructure.”

The grant will fund more than \$1.3 million in rural road curve improvements, which includes an upgrade in signage and some applications of high friction surface treatment (HFST). It will also help fund the construction of intersection improvements at 84th St NE (Getchell Rd) and 163rd Ave NE, a block west of State Route 92, with a grant of \$1.8 million.

The two lane 84th St NE is a main connecting road between Marysville and Arlington. The 163rd Ave NE intersection is currently stop controlled and the intersection improvements will be designed to improve intersection safety and traffic flow.

“Our funding team works hard to obtain grants to stretch our limited County funds,” Snohomish County Engineer Doug McCormick said. “This HSIP grant will help us continue to implement our safety programs and the projects we have identified.”

Snohomish County Public Works has received more than \$8.1 million in HSIP funding during the past seven years. Those grants have funded nearly 20 HFST applications, eight enhanced pedestrian enhancement crossings, guard rails, and new signage.

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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