



City Manager's Friday Newsletter

City Participates in "Rail Week" Events Supporting High-Speed Corridor for Northwest

Snohomish's Rails and Trails Advisory Committee (RTAC) and City staff were among the 80-some advocates for rail services that made a trip from Seattle to Portland to learn more about the potential for high-speed passenger rail service between Eugene, OR, and Vancouver, BC.

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is in the process of applying for a \$900 million grant under President Obama's economic stimulus program that is designed to support the development of at least several high-speed rail corridors in the nation. The mayors of Vancouver, BC, Portland, OR, and Eugene, OR, participated in the Portland event held May 27.

RTAC member and former Snohomish Mayor Ann Averill participated in the Portland event with City Project Manager Ann Stanton and City Manager Larry Bauman. The trip provided ample opportunities to network with various elected and non-elected individuals who are advocates of expanded passenger rail services. The Portland area's Trimet light rail services and the suburban Portland area's WES commuter rail systems were also part of the tour.

One of the key recommendations delivered by the RTAC to the City Council during a May 19 workshop was for the City to develop a stronger leadership position supporting commuter rail services between Snohomish and the eastside communities of Woodinville, Redmond, and Bellevue. The commuter rail project could eventually become feasible with the planned purchase of the Eastside Rail Corridor by the Port of Seattle.

The "Rail Week" activities were organized by the Cascadia group, a transportation policy organization that is part of the Discovery Institute based in Bellevue. In addition to the trip to Portland on Amtrak's Cascades passenger train, the program also included a presentation on May 29 at the Cabbage Patch Restaurant in Snohomish's Historic District. The Friday luncheon focused on a transportation district formed by local governments in California's

Sonoma and Marin Counties that is currently funded and under design.

The northern California SMART commuter rail service may be a model that could be used to support commuter rail services along the Eastside Rail Corridor.



Portland "Rail Week" participants at the Beaverton, OR, station for the WES commuter rail service. The train at left is a diesel multiple unit (DMU) that has been discussed as the type of train that could provide commuter rail service between Snohomish and Bellevue.

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY 2005 STORMWATER MANUAL ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

OPEN HOUSE FOR DEVELOPERS, CONTRACTORS, AND DESIGN PROFESSIONALS

**JUNE 3, 2009
6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
CITY HALL
116 UNION AVENUE
SNOHOMISH, WASHINGTON**

The City of Snohomish invites all developers, contractors, and design professionals to attend an Open House regarding the upcoming adoption of the Washington State Department of Ecology 2005 Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington, hereinafter referred to as the manual.

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At the Open House, the City will be providing information regarding its adoption of the manual and how the manual will affect future construction and development within the City of Snohomish. Additionally, City staff will be present to answer any questions and to provide comparison between the currently adopted 1992 Washington State Department of Ecology Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington and the manual.

The City encourages all developers, contractors, and design professionals to attend this Open House to become familiar with the new stormwater regulations that will affect future construction and development in the City of Snohomish.

Please contact Karen Latimer, Public Works Operations Manager, by phone at (360) 568-3229 or by email at latimer@ci.snohomish.wa.us if you have any questions.

✧ ✧ **Calendar 2009** ✧ ✧

City Council

Tuesday, June 2
Regular Meeting - 7 p.m.
Gilbertson Board Room
1601 Avenue D

Planning Commission

Wednesday, June 3 - 7 p.m.
Gilbertson Board Room
1601 Avenue D

***Applicants Sought for
Snohomish Planning Commission***

Applicants are being sought to fill a vacancy on the City of Snohomish Planning Commission. The applications are due to be received by 4:00 p.m. on June 26, 2009, at City Hall, 116 Union Avenue in Snohomish.

The term runs for six years, and the Commission considers and reviews land-use, regional and comprehensive plan issues, and makes recommendations to the City Council regarding both code and policy matters related to land use and community planning. The Planning Commission may recommend moratoria and/or interim land-use controls and hold public hearings as deemed necessary by the City Council.

Members of the Planning Commission must live within the existing city limits or within the City's urban growth boundary as defined by the most current adopted Community Development Plan Map. All City board and commission members are volunteers serving without compensation.

The vacancy was created by the retirement from the Commission by Kathleen Lince, who served as a Board Member for five years.

Applications are available at City Hall and may also be downloaded from the City web site: www.ci.snohomish.wa.us.