

NEWS RELEASE

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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: **OPEN HOUSE – BELFAIR URBAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Mason County to Host Belfair Urban Improvements Project Open House

Mason County will host a public open house on Thursday, March 10, 2005 to present the findings of the Belfair Urban Improvements Feasibility Study. The open house will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Belfair Elementary School, 22900 NE State Route 3 (across from the Theler Center).

The Belfair Urban Improvements Project proposes to install a community-wide sewer system in Belfair and improve SR-3. The study looked at how to provide sewer service to Belfair and what improvements would be necessary to the existing treatment facility near Allyn. The study also examined construction of a third lane to be added to SR 3, and how the street improvements and sewer improvements could be coordinated.

The feasibility study identifies and examines the project needs from an engineering perspective, including various design options, environmental concerns, right-of-way considerations, traffic management issues, project costs, potential funding sources and possible construction sequencing.

The open house will be informal. Participants are welcome to arrive at any time during the event; however, the open house will conclude promptly at 7:00 p.m. Belfair Elementary School is wheelchair-accessible. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodation in order to participate are encouraged to contact the Mason County Public Works Office at (360) 275-4467 (this is a local call for Belfair residents). Persons with hearing impairments may access Washington State Telecommunications Relay Service at TTY 1-800-833-6388, Tele-Braille 1-800-833-6385, Voice 1-800-833-6384, and ask to be connected to (360) 275-4467, ext. 450, to reach the Mason County Public Works Office.

For further information, please contact Bill Tabor, Mason County Road Engineer, Mason County Public Works office: 427-9670 or 275-4467, ext. 453.

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