



City Manager's Friday Newsletter

Construction Status First Street and Avenue D Traffic Signal Project

The City is pleased to announce that the First Street and Avenue D Traffic Signal Project will be entering its final stage of construction next week.

Phase I activities for the project were completed several months ago and the project was intentionally shut down to wait for the traffic signal components to arrive. Phase II activities will include: installing traffic signal poles, pedestrian push button poles, street lights, street signs and traffic signal controller equipment, and finally, powering up the traffic signal to make them fully operational.

A rough timeline of these remaining items is as follows:

Week of January 7th - Install traffic controller equipment and begin installing traffic signal poles.

Week of January 14th - Install street lights and continue installing traffic signal poles.

Week of January 21st - Install pedestrian push button poles and continue installing traffic signal poles.

Week of January 28th - Install street signs and finish installing traffic signal poles.

Week of February 4th - Phase II closeout items and power up traffic signals to make them operational.

Intermittent lane closures should be expected for First Street and for Avenue D for the remainder of Phase II activities.

The overall concept behind the intersection modification is to allow for better traffic flow and safer pedestrian travel across the intersection. The addition of the signal will allow for more efficient thru traffic along Avenue D as well as force traffic to stop while pedestrians can cross utilizing new push button crosswalks. Bulb-outs have also been added to offer additional traffic calming. This will especially be noticed for eastbound traffic as the

necking-down of the intersection and the raised cross walk across First Street on the east side of Avenue D will help to slow down vehicles as they enter historic downtown Snohomish.

The City is looking forward to getting this intersection operational. The cost seems small compared to the benefit especially when considering that just about 80% of the project is being funded through a \$657,900 Transportation Improvement Board grant. The remainder of the traffic signal improvements is paid by traffic impact fees, which were charged to new growth.

Pictured below are two photos taken at the completion of Phase I.



View looking west down south side of First Street at its intersection with Avenue D



View looking SE across the First & D intersection from the intersection's NW corner

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Public Safety Commission

Tuesday, January 8 - 5 p.m.
Fire District 4 Training Annex
1525 Avenue D

Design Review Board

Wednesday, January 9 - 7 p.m.
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