



## City of Edmonds Media Release

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### **MAY 11<sup>TH</sup> RIBBON CUTTING EVENT TO CELEBRATE COMPLETION OF 'MISSING LINK' ON 228<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN EDMONDS**

***City's Largest Capital Project in More Than 15 Years Improves Access and Safety  
By Connecting Highway 99 to 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue West***

**(Edmonds, WA)** - Members of the community are invited to attend a ribbon cutting celebration at 2pm Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, to mark the completion of the largest capital improvement project in the City of Edmonds in more than fifteen years: the completion of the 'missing link' of roadway on 228<sup>th</sup> Street from Highway 99 to 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue West. The \$7.83 million dollar 228th Street Southwest Corridor project to improve pedestrian, cyclist and traffic safety was completed on time and on budget with the support of federal, state and local funds. The finished project also improves traffic access by providing another route for commuters to travel between Edmonds and Mountlake Terrace, with connections to transit and Interstate 5.

"We are thrilled to announce the completion of this project. It will greatly increase safety margins for all modes of travel at the difficult intersection at 76<sup>th</sup> Ave. W and SR99 by eliminating dangerous turning movements at that location. It also provides two new signalized intersections on 228<sup>th</sup> St. SW at both SR99 and 76<sup>th</sup> Ave. W. That will create a new east/west corridor between Edmonds and Mountlake Terrace, including direct access to the Park and Ride facility. It will also provide a safe pedestrian crossing phase at both of these new signals" says

City of Edmonds Public Works and Utilities Director Phil Williams. “I wish to thank our crews who did a tremendous job in delivering this huge project on time and on budget.”

The project completes the missing link of roadway on 228th Street Southwest from Highway 99 to 76th Avenue West by creating a direct connection between Highway 99 and various regional transportation facilities for southwest Snohomish County. Construction began in June 2015. The finished project includes numerous improvements to traffic and pedestrian access and safety, including:

- Extending the center median on Highway 99 to restrict the southbound left turn from 76th Ave to Highway 99.
- Providing a safer left turn at the new signalized intersection at Highway 99 and 228th Street, with protected left turn phasing for northbound and southbound movements.
- Adding a traffic signal at 228th Street and 76th Ave.
- Adding bike lanes, sidewalks, and lighting on both sides of 228th Street.
- Utilizing a partnership between the City of Edmonds and City of Mountlake Terrace to complete a pavement overlay that includes reconstructing part of Lakeview Drive in Mountlake Terrace.
- Adding storm water detention vaults, infiltration galleries, and bio-swale within the project limits to improve drainage, as well as water and sewer upgrades.

The project costs were funded by Federal grants (\$5.4 million), State grants (\$1.5 million), and local funds.

### Ribbon Cutting Location Map



For more information, visit the City’s web page devoted to this project at <http://www.edmondswa.gov/228th-st-hwy-99-corridor-improvements.html>

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