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I-5 and 116th Street

Phase 4 begins early 2018 with limited short overnight closures

TULALIP, Wash. -- November 22nd, 2017 -- The Tulalip Tribes is leading this interchange improvement project for many, many years. Last year saw the completion of Phase 3 of the interchange improvements that replaced the existing three-lane bridge with a six-lane bridge and connected the widening of 116th east and west of the interstate. Phase 4, which will begin construction in early 2018, will construct new wider ramps with more turning lanes and remove the existing ramps. The existing two ramp intersection signals will be removed and combined into one ramp signal on the center of the bridge over I-5. This one signal will put the interchange in to a Single Point Interchange configuration, which will have enough capacity to handle the growth in the area for the next 20 years. Phase 4 is the final phase of interchange improvements for this project.

Construction of Phase 4 will begin 'on the ground' very early in 2018 and be completed in the fall of 2018. Impacts to traffic during construction will be even less than they work during the construction of Phase 3. I-5 closures are limited to a handful and they are short overnight closures of 8 hours or less. Ramps will be narrowed and shifted with restriping, traffic safety drums, and concrete barriers in the early phases of construction. Ramps will each have a few overnight closures to shift traffic lanes and lay asphalt over the course of the summer 2018. The street will stay open in both directions except during the erection of the signal bridge on top of the bridge over I-5. This one time closure is planned for one night in the late summer of 2018. These limited impacts to traffic during construction should not delay drivers significantly in 2018.

We are very excited to see the completion of this regional interchange improvement next year and we are thankful for the partnering, support and participation by BIA, FHWA, WSDOT, Snohomish County, City of Marysville and Community Transit to develop and implement these improvements for our community and the greater Snohomish County and State of Washington.

We are equally excited to focus our attention again on safety and access improvement needs to the interchanges that serve The Tulalip Tribes Indian Reservation and City of Marysville including 88th St NE Interchange and 4th St Interchange.

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About the Tulalip Tribes

The Tulalip (pronounced Tuh'-lay-lup) Tribes, successors in interest to the Snohomish, Snoqualmie, Skykomish, and other allied tribes and bands signatory to the 1855 Treaty of Point Elliott. Our tribal population is over 4,500 and growing, with 2,500 members residing on the 22,000 acre Tulalip Indian Reservation located north of Everett and the Snohomish River and west of Marysville, Washington. Tribal government provides membership with health and dental clinics, family and senior housing, human services, utilities, cultural activities, schools, childcare, and higher education assistance. The Tulalip Tribes maintain extensive environmental preservation and restoration programs, both on and off the Reservation, to protect the Snohomish region's natural resources that include marine waters, tidelands, fresh water rivers and lakes, wetlands, and forests. Developable land and an economic development zone along the I-5 corridor provide revenue and services for these efforts. This economic development is managed through Quil Ceda Village, the first tribally chartered city in the United States, providing significant contributions back to the community and environment that benefit the entire region. The governing body is the seven-member Tulalip Board of Directors. For more information, visit www.tulaliptribes-nsn.gov.

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