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Edmonds Fares Well in State Budget Package

*Funding Approved For Numerous Projects Involving Civic Field,
Fishing Pier, ECA, Senior Center, Water Quality and
Transportation Safety Improvements*

(Edmonds - WA) Edmonds got good news from Olympia this week, in the form of approved funding for numerous enhancements and safety improvements to the city. While Governor Inslee signed the General Fund Operating Budget late Tuesday night, averting a State government shut-down, the Legislature passed both a capital budget and a transportation revenue bill that will greatly benefit Edmonds. Although final companion measures related to the State budget are still being wrapped up, the Legislature's bipartisan work came together in the end to address many local and regional concerns.

Highlights for Edmonds include:

- Over \$2.8 million for Parks and Recreation, which will facilitate acquisition of Civic Field, rehabilitation of the Fishing Pier and other parks enhancements.
- Funding for major transportation projects, including \$10 million for major safety, capacity and aesthetic enhancement of Highway 99 and \$500,000 for the at-grade railway crossings alternatives analysis along the Edmonds waterfront .
- \$250,000 for much-needed repairs to the leaky roof at the Edmonds Center for the Arts.
- \$1.25 million for the redevelopment of the Senior Center – a keystone in helping leverage additional grant funding.
- \$634,000 for a stormwater filtration project at Meadowdale Park to reduce peaks flows, erosion and pollutants in Perrinville Creek, a tributary of Puget Sound.

“For anyone who lives or works in Edmonds, as well as for our many visitors, these State allocations will make possible very welcome enhancements to our community,” said Mayor Dave Earling. “For their tireless work over the last few months, I wish to publicly thank our dedicated members of the Legislature who serve us in the 21st and 32nd districts.”

Additionally, on the transportation front, the Legislature passed statutory authorization to enable local cities to raise the vehicle license tab fee from \$20 up to \$40 per year to fund local Transportation Benefit Districts (TBD) with the intent to fund local transportation needs, including street maintenance and pavement repair.

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