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TETRA TECH ENGINEERING RECOMMENDED FOR ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

Study Will Analyze Ways to Solve Rail Conflicts at the Edmonds Waterfront

(Edmonds, WA) - Mayor Dave Earling announced today that a Task Force of citizen volunteers and affected stakeholders has recommended Tetra Tech Engineering be hired to conduct an analysis of alternatives to address safety and traffic concerns caused by increasing train volumes blocking railroad crossings at Dayton and Main streets along the Edmonds waterfront. Tetra Tech was selected from a group of five highly qualified companies that submitted proposals to the City.

Tetra Tech, with 13,000 employees, is a multi-disciplinary technical organization with three major offices in Washington State. The Project Manager for Tetra Tech will be Rick Shaefer, who has been an Edmonds resident for more than 32 years. Tetra Tech has partnered with Parametrix, Inc., Enviroissues, Walker Macy, and J.L. Patterson to complete this analysis.

“Tetra Tech presented Edmonds with a highly experienced team from top to bottom,” says Mike Nelson, Edmonds City Council Member and Co-chair of the Task Force. “I especially liked their creative ideas and techniques for involving the public in this process.”

A total of \$690,000 has been contributed to the Alternatives Analysis study by the State Legislature, the City of Edmonds, the Port of Edmonds, Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway, Sound Transit and Community Transit in response to the growing problems resulting from increasing train volumes blocking vehicle, pedestrian and emergency access to and from the Edmonds waterfront. The study aims to determine the best feasible alternatives to the two at-grade railroad crossings at Dayton and Main Streets, which are currently blocked by 35-40 trains each day along the city’s waterfront and could eventually be blocked by up to 100 trains a day by 2030.

“We have worked for several years to assemble funding to complete this important work,” says Edmonds Mayor Dave Earling. “It’s exciting to be at a point where we can move forward and develop solutions to this important public safety issue.”

The next step in this process will be a public meeting and comment period to give Edmonds citizens an opportunity to suggest new ideas or variations on older ideas for addressing the above issues. Details for a community meeting planned for November will be provided by October 15th. For more information, please contact Bertrand Hauss, the City’s Transportation Engineer, at Bertrand.hauss@edmondswa.gov, or at (425) 771-0220.

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