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Public Invited to Weigh in on Narrowed List of Alternatives to At-Grade Rail Crossings along Edmonds Waterfront at Open House Sept. 14th

***Final Open House Before Advisory Task Force Makes Recommendations to Mayor;
Attend Online or In Person at Edmonds Library next Wednesday, 6-8pm***

(Edmonds, WA) – City of Edmonds representatives and the Edmonds Waterfront Access Study team are inviting the public to weigh in about a narrowed list of potential alternatives for at-grade rail crossings along the Edmonds waterfront at an Open House on **Wednesday, September 14th, from 6-8pm**. The Open House will be held in the Edmonds Library Plaza Room at 650 Main Street and is the final open house to be hosted by the Mayor's Advisory Task Force before members present their recommendations to the Mayor.

The City of Edmonds has been working with its partners to study different ways to improve access to and from the waterfront, including access for emergency responders. Since its first three public meetings, the study team has received a great deal of feedback, screened a list of possible ideas and then evaluated those ideas as possible solutions to improving waterfront access. At this next open house, the team will:

- Share the results of the Level 2 evaluation process
- Review alternatives being considered for recommendation
- Explain how public input has and will be used up to this point
- Discuss next steps in deciding the recommended alternative(s)

The presentation will begin at 6:15pm, with an open house before and after the presentation to view displays, talk with the project team and leave comments. The Edmonds Library offers free parking on-site and on nearby streets. The venue is also accessible via Community Transit Routes 116, 130, 196 and 416. People can also review meeting materials and provide input by accessing an online open house from Sept. 12 - Sept. 28, 2016: edmondswaterfrontaccess.publicmeeting.info.

A total of \$680,000 has been contributed to the Edmonds Waterfront Access Alternatives Analysis study by the State Legislature, the City of Edmonds, the Port of Edmonds and Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway 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 at-grade railroad crossings at Dayton and Main Streets, which are currently blocked by 35 to 40 trains each day along the city's waterfront and could eventually be blocked by up to 100 trains a day by 2030. More information about the Edmonds Waterfront Access study can be found at edmondswaterfrontaccess.org.

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