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## **OPEN HOUSE TO SHOW IDEAS FOR HIGHWAY 99 SUBAREA PLAN**

*Feedback sought to help shape area's future*

**(Edmonds, WA)** Ideas for the Highway 99 area's future will be shown at an open house sponsored by the City of Edmonds on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. The public is welcome to attend the open house anytime between 7:00 and 8:30 pm at Edmonds Swedish Hospital, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, 21601 76<sup>th</sup> Ave W., Edmonds.

Planning for the Highway 99 area got underway late last year. The project includes identifying future transportation improvements—both pedestrian and vehicular, as well as options for future land use and next steps the City can take to achieve the vision. Ten million dollars is reserved in Washington State's transportation budget for improvements in this area. Environmental impacts will be considered in the plan too.

The May 19 open house follows a March 24<sup>th</sup> workshop where over 50 attendees participated in a visioning exercise and instant polling. Results from the workshop and other input have been refined and incorporated into draft scenarios that will be on display at the May 19 open house.

Draft scenarios will propose short and long-term visions for the Edmonds' Highway 99 area. Input can be provided on the scenarios, especially for potential transportation and development impacts. Attendees may also suggest topics for the environmental review process. City staff and consultants will be at the open house to answer questions and hear comments.

The purpose of the Highway 99 subarea planning project is to create a vision and help secure funding for the corridor.

Historically, the corridor developed with little planning guidance. Taking a more proactive approach is intended to establish a "big picture" view of the future, based on community goals such as transportation, land use, and safety. The plan will have action steps to help implement the vision.

By late 2016, a draft Highway 99 Subarea Plan is expected to be ready for public review. It will be revised as needed and considered by the Edmonds City Council for adoption.

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