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### **PROGRESS REPORT ON EDMONDS WATERFRONT ACCESS STUDY TO BE PRESENTED AT JANUARY 27 OPEN HOUSE**

**Attend Online or In Person at Edmonds Library, 4:30pm-7:30pm**

**(Edmonds, WA)** - Join City of Edmonds representatives and the Edmonds Waterfront Access study team for an open house at the Edmonds Library on **Wednesday, Jan. 27, from 4:30pm-7:30pm**, to learn about the progress and next steps of the Edmonds Waterfront Access Study. There will be no formal presentation. Instead, participants can drop by any time between 4:30 and 7:30pm to view meeting materials and provide feedback at the Plaza Room in the Edmonds Library on 650 Main Street, or access an online open house from Jan. 25 to Feb. 12, 2016, at <http://edmondswaterfrontaccess.publicmeeting.info>.

The City of Edmonds is working with the study team to analyze different ways to improve access to and from the waterfront, including access for emergency responders. The team received feedback on waterfront access concerns and potential solutions through its first round of public outreach in late 2015. Since then, the study team has been preparing a comprehensive

list of improvement concepts and refining the screening criteria, and would now like to share updates with the community on its progress. At this meeting, the study team will:

- Share the list of concepts being considered to improve waterfront access.
- Explain the next steps in the alternative screening process.
- Hear thoughts from the community on the criteria for comparing alternatives.

“Public input is crucial to the process of this study,” says Edmonds City Councilmember Mike Nelson, Co-chair of the Mayor’s Advisory Task Force to help oversee the study process. “We look forward to continuing to work closely with members of the community as the study team strives to improve critical access to the Edmonds waterfront.”

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 35-40 trains each day along the city’s waterfront and could eventually be blocked by up to 100 trains a day by 2030.

Free parking is available on-site at the Edmonds Library and on nearby streets for the January 27 open house. The venue is accessible via Community Transit routes 116, 130, 196 and 416. For more information, go to [www.edmondswaterfrontaccess.org](http://www.edmondswaterfrontaccess.org) , email [info@edmondswaterfrontaccess.org](mailto:info@edmondswaterfrontaccess.org) , or call 425-771-0235

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