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RE: Open House Scheduled for Belfair Urban Improvements Project

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Mason County will host an open house in Belfair on Monday, June 28 to solicit public input on several proposed urban improvements there.

“No one knows Belfair better than the people who live and work there,” explains County Administrator Ron Henrickson. “We need the public to help us identify key issues and considerations.”

The proposed roadway and utilities project encompasses improvements, including installation of a sewer system and a storm water management system, are needed to help protect Hood Canal. The project also includes widening State Route 3 through town to add a center left-turn lane, as well as adding sidewalks, improved pedestrian crossings and landscaping.

The open house will take place from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Mary E. Theler Community Center, 22871 NE State Route 3, Belfair. The event will be informal; participants can drop in any time during the open house and stay as long as they like. Those who attend will be able to talk directly with members of the engineering consulting team the county has hired to conduct the study, including Project Manager Loren Sand, Perteet Engineering, Inc.

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