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TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN, SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE SUN

RE: Public Works Department

Effective April 27, 2004, Bill Tabor will assume the responsibility as Acting-Public Works Director in place of Jerry Hauth, who is no longer employed by Mason County.

The Commissioners are confident that Bill, who is presently Deputy Director, will meet the challenge. The department has an excellent management team and a dedicated staff who will do what is necessary to maintain the department's performance and accomplish its projects during the transition period.

The county will begin immediately to identify a new Director who can contribute to the management team, direct the department in a climate of declining resources and increased demand for services, and who is responsive to the citizens we serve.

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