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SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF
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RE: Belfair Transportation Partnership Act Projects

In 2005, the Legislature approved funding for many state transportation projects in the Transportation Partnership Act. Several projects are included in the Act to improve portions of the State's transportation system in Mason County. Of these, the Belfair Bypass and the State Route 3 Improvements in Belfair projects are critical to improving the traffic congestion and mobility through the Belfair area of Mason County.

In addition to the funding, the Act established a schedule for the expenditures of the projects. The schedule reflects expenditures for the Belfair Bypass Project to be between 2005 and 2009 and for the State Route 3 Improvements in Belfair project to be between 2007 and 2013.

This proposed schedule sequence allows the Bypass Project to be completed before construction work starts on the State Route 3 Improvements in Belfair. Belfair Bypass's availability for use while the work proceeds in downtown Belfair on the State Route 3 Improvements would reduce the adverse effects on the community.

The Mason County Commission remains committed to full funding of all the Olympic Peninsula transportation projects approved by the 2005 Legislature and supports the current sequence of the Belfair Projects.

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