

NEWS RELEASE

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**TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN,
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COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE
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RE: MCLANE COVE BRIDGE OPENING CEREMONY: GRAPEVIEW LOOP ROAD

The Board of Mason County Commissioners is pleased to announce there will be a Bridge Opening Ceremony on Monday, July 21, 2008 at 3:00pm for the new McLane Cove Bridge.

As part of the overall rebuilding of Grapeview Loop Road (County Road Number 96140), Mason County Public Works replaced the McLane Cove Bridge (County Road Project 1729). The bridge crosses over an estuary of Case Inlet a little over 2.5 miles east of State Route 3 on the Grapeview Loop Road.

The bridge replacement project included demolition and removal of the existing wooden 2-lane structure (72' length with an out-to-out deck width of 26') that was constructed in 1953, rebuilt in 1968, and decomposed wooden pile caps replaced in 2002.

The new bridge is a pre-stressed concrete girder bridge with cast-in-place concrete deck approximately 110' long with a curb-to-curb width of 30'.

The project was completed and the bridge reopened on June 12, 2008. The Contractor, Five River Construction, Inc., out of Longview, Washington was able to complete the bridge replacement project over a month earlier than the scheduled reopening date.

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) provided federal grant funding for this project in the amount of \$1,321,149.00 the total cost of the project was \$1,607,302.31 (Amount includes preliminary engineering, construction & right of way).

If you have any questions about the Bridge Opening Ceremony, please contact Public Works at (360) 427-9670, Ext. 450.

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