

NEWS RELEASE
February 24, 2009

MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
411 NORTH 5TH ST
SHELTON, WA 98584
(360) 427-9670 EXT. 419

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: APPROPRIATION REQUESTS FOR SOLAR STREET LIGHTING

The Mason County Board of Commissioners announced today that the County is actively seeking federal support for funding to purchase and install fifteen solar streetlights at intersections identified by Public Works that are heavily used by residential and commercial traffic with deficient intersection lighting.

Federal Appropriations Requests were submitted to U.S Senator Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray, and will also be submitted to House Representative Norm Dicks.

“Solar lighting will address lighting and safety issues for roadways with high volumes of traffic in Mason County’s semi-urban and rural areas. Using solar lighting, the County will be able to provide an efficient, reliable, economically sound solar street light structure. This will improve the County road transportation network in a cost effective and environmentally friendly manner and can be installed in a short time, giving many years of trustworthy use with minimum required maintenance,” said Charlie Butros, Director of Public Works.

Mason County is pleased to explore new ways to save energy and improve our environment and roadway safety.

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tim Sheldon
Chair

Lynda Ring Erickson
Commissioner

Ross Gallagher
Commissioner