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RE: BELFAIR FUTURE ROADS OPEN HOUSE & WORKSHOP

Mason County will hold a public open house and workshop on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at North Mason School District Board Office room (71 E. Campus Drive; Belfair, WA) to present the draft future roads map for the Belfair Urban Growth Area (UGA).

County staff and a citizen advisory committee have developed a draft roads map to assist the County in establishing future roadway connections, extensions and access to properties as development occurs in the UGA. Proposed road locations consider places where access to the SR-3 bypass could be made and where viable connections back to downtown Belfair can be provided. Roads are aligned with future water and sewer lines and critical areas are avoided as much as possible in setting the proposed alignments.

The future roads as mapped are not exact locations, but are intended to show where connections need to be made and the types of roads that would be required. It isn't the goal of the plan to tell property owners exactly where the roads will go. Construction of the roads will occur gradually over a lengthy period of time. Developers will design and construct the roads during the development process, consistent with the future road map.

County staff and committee members will dispense information and collect comments and suggestions at the meeting.

For more information, contact Kell McAboy, Land Use Planner at 360.427.9670 ext 363 (from Shelton) or 360.275.4467 ext. 363 (from Belfair).

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