

Informal Public Hearing

Wednesday
August 22, 2007
6–8 p.m.

Granite Falls High School
405 N Alder Ave.

- View plans, maps, exhibits
- Talk with staff
- Submit comments

Questions?

Please contact:

- Crilly Ritz, Environmental Review, Snohomish County Public Works, 425-388-3488 ext. 4586; email: Crilly.ritz@co.snohomish.wa.us
- Eric Nordstrom, Design, Snohomish County Public Works, 425-388-3488, ext. 4649; email: eric.nordstromi@co.snohomish.wa.us



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SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Granite Falls Alternate Route

August 2007

Public Hearing (Open House Format)

- NEPA Env. Assessment Issued on August 8
- Public Hearing Scheduled for August 22
- Comments Due September 7

You are invited to an informal open house environmental public hearing on August 22 to learn about the proposed Granite Falls Alternate Route and to review and comment on the Environmental Assessment (EA). Come anytime from 6-8 p.m.; there is no formal presentation.

The EA was prepared to meet National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements and was issued August 8, 2007

initiating a 30-day comment period that ends on September 7, 2007.

The co-lead agencies on the project are the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Snohomish County Public Works and the City of Granite Falls. Comments received by September 7 will be considered by FHWA in its review of the project.

The Description

The proposal is to construct a 1.9-mile alternate route to divert truck traffic away from downtown Granite Falls and serve as a strategic freight corridor for the region. The new road would run north from SR 92 west of Granite Falls, then curve north and east around the town and connect to the Mountain Loop Highway just north of Gun Club Road.

The roadway would have two 12-foot wide roadway lanes in each direction with 8-foot wide shoulders. Three roundabout intersections have been designed to convey traffic flow and accommodate the large-sized trucks that would pass through them.

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Current Status of the Project

Timeline

Construction is expected to take two years and may begin as soon as 2009. However, depending on permit approval and funding availability may not begin until 2010.

Funding

Construction cost is estimated to total \$24 million. Federal, State of Washington, Snohomish County and City of Granite Falls funds will be used to construct the alternate route.

Environmental Review

An Environmental Assessment (EA) was issued on August 8, 2007. The EA describes potential environmental impacts that could result from the proposed project and suggests mitigation measures that could prevent or minimize these impacts. The EA is available for public review and comment at the Granite Falls City Hall and Library, Snohomish County Public Works, and County website (www.snoco.org, search "Granite Falls Alternate Route").

You may submit written comments:

- at the meeting on August 22,
- by email: crilly.ritz@co.snohomish.wa.us, or
- by mail: Crilly Ritz, Snohomish County Public Works, 3000 Rockefeller Ave., M/S 607, Everett, WA 98201

All comments received in writing and verbally at the August 22 hearing will become part of the hearing record. A written response and a copy of the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) document will be sent to each person who comments on the EA.

**Comments are due
by Sept. 7, 2007.**

Accommodation and Accessibility

The meeting site is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring reasonable accommodation may request written materials in alternative formats, sign language interpreters, physical accessibility accommodations or other

reasonable accommodation by calling Tina Hokanson, Communications Specialist, at 425-388-3789, or by emailing her at tina.hokanson@co.snohomish.wa.us. People with hearing impairments may call the County's text telephone line at 425-388-3700 or the Washington Relay Center at 711.

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Seria un tradutor en el reunion el 22 de Agosto. Si tiene preguntas, por favor contacto Diana Williams, Snohomish County, (425) 388-3488, x3584 ou diana.williams@co.snohomish.wa.us

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