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**RE: City of Poulsbo Noll Road Corridor Project History**

## **Background**

The Noll Road Corridor was identified as needing future improvements in the City's first Transportation Study. This study was undertaken in 1992 in anticipation of the City's first Comprehensive Plan in 1994. A route alignment was selected in that report. Starting from the North (purely arbitrary – not indicating construction priority) the route begins with improvements to an existing gravel road/driveway at the intersection of Lincoln and Maranatha Roads intersection to the North, continuing South through relatively unimproved right of way to the Noll/Mesford/Languanet intersection. The improvements continue from there on existing Noll Road through the Noll/Hostmark intersection to where Noll intersects with Storhoff Road. Continuing further to the South, a new alignment was recommended continuing South along the current Storhoff road and connecting to SR305 at the SR305/Johnson Road intersection.

This recommended alignment has continued relatively unchanged since then through various plans, studies and community steering committees.

In the present day, growth patterns (both current and predicted), as well as predicted traffic and the associated predicted levels of service in East Poulsbo have indicated that the City needs to begin the construction of these planned improvements. The first improvement in the corridor was completed in late 2012 with the completion of the Lincoln Road Roundabout at the intersection of Lincoln and Noll Roads.

The following is a brief project history from the initial 1992 study to the present.

## **1992 - 2000**

1992 Transportation Study Final Report, Bell-Walker Engineers

The report was led by a citizen advisory committee, and went through a public hearing. It evaluated projects in the 1991 City's 6-year transportation plan. The current planned alignment for the Noll Road corridor was selected as recommended alignment.

The City's 1994 Comprehensive Plan includes current planned alignment for Noll Road corridor in Transportation Improvements, as well as in the City's 1994 to 1999 6-Year TIP. This project continues to be in the City's Capital Facilities Plan and 6-year TIP from this point forward to the present, always with the same alignment shown.

## **2000 - 2010**

Work began in 2004 on the 2006 Transportation Plan, contracted to David Evans and Associates. The report was published April 2004, and the current planned alignment for Noll Road Corridor continued to be the recommended alignment.

The Noll Road Corridor Study project was initiated in 2007, contracted to Parametrix, Inc. The study resulted in the Noll Road Corridor Plan published in December 2008. The current planned alignment for Noll Road Corridor continued to be the recommended alignment. The Corridor Study was led by a steering committee including members of the public, and underwent multiple public meetings and extensive scrutiny by the public.

The Noll Road Corridor plan was published in 2008, presented to City Council and adopted by the City Council in early 2009.

Engineering for roadway improvements, including a shared use path connecting along Hostmark street and continuing down Noll Road to the Poulsbo elementary school, began in 2009 and a federal grant was applied for through the ARRA Stimulus Funding program and the grant was awarded.

## **2010 - Present**

Engineering for the roundabout at Lincoln and Noll roads was initiated in 2010, and federal grant funding for construction was applied for.

Construction of the Hostmark/Noll roadway improvements and shared use path were completed in 2011.

A federal grant was awarded for the construction of the roundabout at the Lincoln/Noll Road intersection and the project was completed in late 2012.

In 2013 the City Council selected the Noll Road Corridor project as the City's highest priority project and a federal grant for preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition was applied for. The grant was awarded, and Parametrix was selected as the design consultant with engineering beginning in 2015.

Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to begin in mid-2016.