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Johnson Parkway and SR 305 Roundabout Construction to Start this Summer

The City of Poulsbo is delighted to announce that the Johnson Parkway and SR 305 Roundabout Project (formerly known as the Noll Road Project) will be moving forward and will advertise for construction bids this week. This a local \$18 M to \$21 M project which includes more than \$11M in State and Federal Grant funds.

The City of Poulsbo, in collaboration with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Kitsap County, is embarking on the construction of improvements at the intersection of Johnson Way and SR 305. The project is the final result for this intersection of extensive public involvement including the City's 2008 Noll Road Corridor Study and the collaborative multi-jurisdictional efforts of the SR305 Corridor Study. The existing connection to SR 305 via the Noll Road intersection causes traffic delays and is a safety concern for motor vehicles and non-motorized users. This project will provide safer access to SR305 with the construction of a roundabout at the new intersection of Johnson Road and a non-motorized tunnel crossing at SR305. Upgraded transit stops near the roundabout and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB's) will be provided for safer access and transit.

In addition to constructing a roundabout, the project will construct a brand-new roadway connection from the roundabout to the north connecting at the current intersection of Noll Road and Storhoff Road. A 14-foot wide shared-use path will be constructed adjacent to the new roadway, extending from Lemolo Shore Drive to the end of the project at the intersection of Storhoff Road and Noll Road. The project will replace the final fish passage barrier on Bjorgen Creek with a 14-foot wide fish friendly box culvert. The project also incorporates roadside landscaping and public art into the new construction as required of publicly funded infrastructure projects.

Work on the Johnson Parkway Project is expected to start as early as this summer and at the latest in March 2021. SR 305 will always maintain two lanes of traffic; however, citizens should expect some delays during construction with occasional traffic control flagging needed. The construction is expected to take up to a year and a half. The project construction cost is estimated in the \$16 to \$19 million range. The project is funded by a variety of federal and state grants, utility funds, and City funds. A critical portion of the project funding is provided by the Washington State Legislature's 2015 Connecting Washington program.

For more information on this project visit the City's website at <https://cityofpoulsbo.com/engineering-capital-projects/> or contact the Engineering Department at 360-779-4078.

