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Contract Award authorized for SR305 & Johnson Road roundabout construction

City of Poulsbo and WSDOT team up on safety & mobility improvement project

Poulsbo WA – The City Council authorized the award of the contract on June 10, 2020 for the SR305/Johnson Parkway-South Segment Noll Road Construction Project. The contract was awarded to the lowest responsive bidder, ACI-Active Construction, Inc., for \$15,323,323. The city received 9 bids for this project ranging from \$15.3 M to 19.5M.

The selected contractor, ACI - Active Construction, Inc., is a civil contractor that has been building projects in the Pacific Northwest for over fifty years. ACI specializes in underground utilities, site preparation, road construction, wetland mitigation, project management and site remediation.

A roundabout will be constructed at the intersection of Johnson Road and SR305 to improve traffic mobility and to provide safer access to SR305. Also being built is a non-motorized tunnel crossing, providing the only separated pedestrian and bicycle crossing of SR305.

Upgraded transit stops near the roundabout and Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFB's) will provide safer transit access.

The newly built road (Johnson Parkway) will connect South Noll Road traffic to the new roundabout. The newly built Johnson Parkway will provide a safe connection between east and west for schools, neighborhoods, and regional non-motorized networks.

A 14-foot wide shared use path is being built alongside Johnson Parkway, extending from Lemolo Shore Drive to the intersection of Storhoff Road and Noll Road. This new shared use path will provide a safe connection to existing schools, Lemolo Shore Drive, and future regional Sound to Olympics trail.

Replacement of the final fish barrier on Bjorgen Creek with a 14-foot wide fish friendly box culvert will improve fish passage for a variety of salmon species in North Kitsap County.

Construction could begin as early as September 2020 and at the latest March 2021. The project is expected to be completed within a year and a half of construction start.

The contractor will maintain two lanes of traffic. Delays caused by occasional periods of flagged traffic control should be expected.

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.

Multi-lane Roundabout

A roundabout at this intersection offers the greatest <u>safety</u> benefit by reducing the potential for severe collisions, while improving connectivity and economic development opportunities along the corridor.

Studies have shown that <u>roundabouts</u> are safer than traditional stop sign or signal-controlled intersections. The Federal Highway Administration determined that roundabouts increase traffic capacity by 30 percent to 50 percent compared to traditional intersections.

Hyperlinks within the release:

- Roundabouts: www.wsdot.wa.gov/safety/roundabouts/
- Safety: <u>www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnT1HXo7p_4</u>

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