

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

February 17, 2015
Regular Meeting – 7 p.m.

- [Presentation](#) by 44th District Representative Mark Harmsworth
- [Presentation](#) on Historic Downtown Snohomish Update
- [Public Hearing](#) on 2014 Comprehensive Plan Amendments
- [Public Hearing](#) on 2015-2035 Parks, Recreation Open Space Long Range Plan
- [Action](#) to amend SMC 3.28 regarding the Sale and Lease of Real Property
- [Action](#) to approve Fund Closures – Adopt Ordinance 2286

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<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-Agendas-1>

State Route 9 Funding Proposed in Senate Transportation Bill

Constructing a new bridge on State Route 9 over the Snohomish River is one of the major projects in Snohomish County that would be funded by a State Senate transportation proposal released on February 12.

The proposal would allocate \$145 million to the project for building a bridge to handle southbound traffic on SR 9. The existing bridge would be kept in place and dedicated to northbound traffic. The bridge is seen as a key choke point for SR 9 congestion, especially as other portions of the highway, both north and south of the river, are widened for congestion relief.

“We’ve been calling for state investment to build this new bridge on SR 9 for more than five years,” said Mayor Karen Guzak. “Our City has been instrumental in forming the SR 9 Coalition with the Cities of Lake Stevens, Marysville and Arlington as all of these communities have a stake in seeing capacity improve on this highway. We appreciate the commitment that many of our legislators, especially Senator Steve Hobbs, have shown in supporting and promoting this needed highway project.”

Senator Hobbs, who is the ranking minority member of the Senate Transportation Committee, was apparently instrumental in negotiating some of the projects that were included in the Senate’s transportation package that includes \$570 million in total for Snohomish County projects.

The SR 9 Coalition has worked closely with Senator Hobbs and other legislators in both the House and Senate regarding the needs to improve capacity and reduce congestion on SR 9. The Snohomish City Council has consistently ranked the SR 9 improvements among the top goals of the City annually.

Annually for the past five years, the Economic Alliance Snohomish County, the Snohomish County Committee on Improved Transportation, Snohomish County Cities and Towns, and Snohomish County government have collaborated in supporting a list of some \$1 billion in high priority highway improvement projects for the County, and SR 9 projects, including the Snohomish River Bridge project, have been among those priorities.

Vote Snohomish for the Coolest Small Town in America!



According to *Budget Travel*, Snohomish, WA is one of a select few that qualified for the final round of “America’s Coolest Small Towns Contest-2015”. In the fall of 2014, the magazine conducted a nominating round of voting. That first round eliminated hundreds of entries, and boosted 15 cool towns to the top, including Snohomish. On January 22, the final round of voting officially began.

“Look, we feel we have a great chance at winning this thing,” said Debbie Carlson-Gould, Promotions Director for Historic Downtown Snohomish association. “We’re the only town in Washington to make the cut!”

How can Snohomish win? Everyone should vote early and vote often—people can cast a vote every 24 hours until the end of the contest period. Remind friends, family, and neighbors to do the same. And don't forget to talk it up, and share the contest video (<https://vimeo.com/116608289>) and photos on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram (tag them #ACST2015) to help campaign for our cool town. VOTE HERE: <http://tinyurl.com/CoollestSnohomish>.

“We want all of Washington in on this, and we want them voting every day,” Carlson-Gould continued. “The whole state, and all our communities, could benefit from a surge in publicity, especially since the State Legislature eliminated spending on tourism promotion a few years ago.”

Voting will close at 11:59 p.m. on February 25. Only one town will be named “the coolest” for 2015, earning themselves a year’s worth of bragging rights and the top spot in a feature and story in Budget Travel magazine and website. So keep on voting! VOTE HERE: <http://tinyurl.com/CoollestSnohomish>



AWC College Scholarship Opportunity

Deadline March 2, 2015

The Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Center for Quality Communities promotes municipal leadership development and civic engagement. They are offering six \$1,250 scholarships to high school students who plan to pursue a post-secondary degree in fall 2015. Each city can nominate one candidate for the scholarship.

To be eligible for this scholarship the student must reside in the City of Snohomish limits ([Map](#)) and the student must: (1) be involved or have been involved with a City government or with a community/school leadership activity; (2) be eligible to graduate from high school or complete home school or receive a GED in spring/summer 2015; (3) be a Washington state resident; and (4) plan to continue education in the 2015-2016 academic year at an accredited college, community college or trade school on a half-time or more basis.

Students interested in applying for this scholarship should submit an application available at <http://cfqc.org/Howdolapply.aspx>, which will include a personal essay and letter of recommendation from a non-relative, directly to the City of Snohomish by 5:00 pm on March 2, 2015. Applications can be dropped off in person at City Hall or mailed to Snohomish City Hall, Attn: AWC Scholarship Application, 116 Union Ave., Snohomish, WA 98290. Applications will then be reviewed by Mayor Guzak and one nominee for Snohomish High School will be selected. The City of Snohomish scholarship nominee will be submitted to AWC Center for Quality Communities by March 13, 2015.

2015 Calendar:

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 16
City Hall CLOSED

City Council

Tuesday, February 17
Regular Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Gilbertson Board Room
1601 Avenue D

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