

**Upcoming City Council
Agenda Items
March 3, 2015**

**6:00 p.m. Transportation
Benefit District Board**

Meeting:

- Action to approve warrant policy.
- Discussion regarding 2015 projects

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting:

- Action to amend Transportation Benefit District Interlocal Agreement
- Discussion regarding Capital Facilities Plan Element
- Discussion regarding Police Station Remodel

The agenda list above is partial and tentative. For further information, click here for the City website:

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

2015 Calendar:

**Parks and Recreation
Board**

Wednesday, February 25
7:00 pm
City Hall Conference Room
116 Union Avenue

**City Advocates for State Route 9 & Rail
Funding with Legislators in Olympia**

In meetings with key state legislators this week, the City advocated for funding needed to improve State Route 9 and the Eastside Rail Corridor.

Mayor Karen Guzak and City Manager Larry Bauman met with senators and representatives involved in transportation funding to request that the legislature fund the Snohomish River SR9 Bridge project as well as the \$10 million needed to upgrade tracks for the Eastside Rail Corridor between Snohomish and Woodinville.

Constructing a new bridge on State Route 9 over the Snohomish River Bridge is one of the major projects in Snohomish County that would be funded by a recently released State Senate transportation proposal. The House of Representatives Transportation Committee also placed this project on its list two years ago.

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.

The Eastside Rail Corridor between Snohomish and Woodinville is currently owned by the Port of Seattle. However, Snohomish County is working to purchase this section of the rail corridor. Among the early uses envisioned for the corridor is the County's construction of a pedestrian/bicycle trail as well as offering opportunity for a privately operated excursion train between the two cities.

The SR 9 Coalition has worked closely with Sen. Steve 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.

In addition to meetings with individual legislators, City representatives also attended a legislative reception regarding transportation funding that was organized by the Economic Alliance Snohomish County with the support of the Snohomish County Committee on Improved Transportation.

Applicants Sought for Snohomish Economic Development Committee

Applicants are being sought to fill vacancies on the City of Snohomish Economic Development Committee (EDC).

The applications are due to City Clerk Torchie Corey by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2015, at City Hall, 116 Union Avenue, Snohomish, WA.

The Economic Development Committee member term runs for two years and will expire March 31, 2017.

The Economic Development Committee is composed of ten members for the purposes set forth in Ordinance 1976 which are as follows:

- (1) To clarify and interpret the elements of the Economic Development Strategy;
- (2) To provide a forum for the coordination of information among entities identified as having economic development roles;
- (3) To recommend priorities and establish a means to monitor progress on goals; and
- (4) To provide such other advice and guidance as is consistent with furthering the Economic Development Strategy.

Due to the expertise required to perform the duties of the Committee, appointed members are those with an interest in the City as a result of either living, working, owning property or business, and/or belonging to one of the City's civic organizations. All City board and commission members are volunteers serving without compensation.

Applications are available at City Hall and may also be downloaded from the City web site:
www.SnohomishWA.gov