



City Manager's Friday Newsletter

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

October 3:

6:00 p.m. Workshop:

- Discussion regarding the 2014 budget requests for City Council, City Manager and Planning & Development Services departments

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting:

- Action regarding a professional services agreement for water rights legal consultation
- Discussion regarding City utilities as related to the 2014 budget

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Economic Development Committee

Tuesday, September 24 - 7:30 a.m.

City Hall Conference Room

116 Union Avenue

The Bickford Avenue Overpass Over Highway US 2 is Open!!

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has completed the new bridge overpass and westbound onramp to US 2. The US 2/Bickford Avenue intersection was the site of more than two dozen collisions between 2006 and September 2013. More than

20 involved drivers turning left from Bickford Avenue onto US 2. The newly opened overpass will help reduce the risk of serious collisions at the intersection by taking traffic over US 2 rather than across US 2.

The total project cost for the intersection improvements and culvert replacements was approximately \$22 million. This project received a \$17 million grant from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission that provided funding for construction.

The culverts beneath US 2 that carry water runoff from the roadway and surrounding areas were deteriorating. The corrugated metal pipes were corroded, allowing water to seep in under the roadway and causing the material beneath the highway and median to settle. WSDOT repaired and maintained the culverts, but they had reached their maximum lifespan. As part of this project, these culverts have now been replaced.

EASTBOUND RAMPS TO BE OPENED LATER: Crews are continuing to build the new US 2 eastbound on- and off-ramps. The ramps will open later this month.



City of Snohomish Mayor Karen Guzak at the dedication of the new overpass earlier this week.

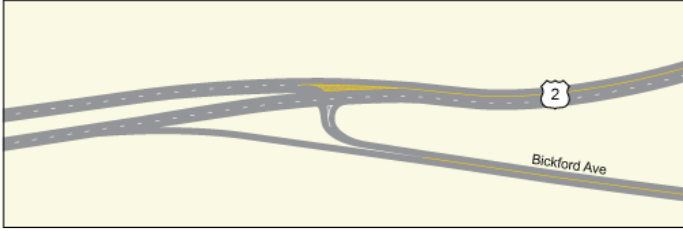
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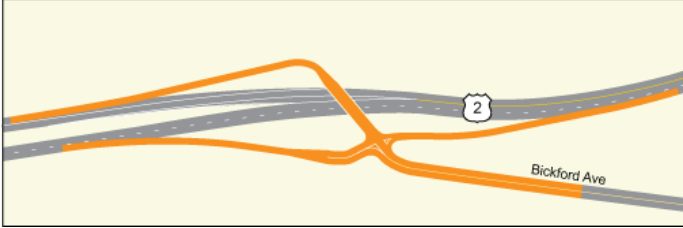
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US 2 - Bickford Avenue Intersection Safety Graphics (WSDOT)

Before

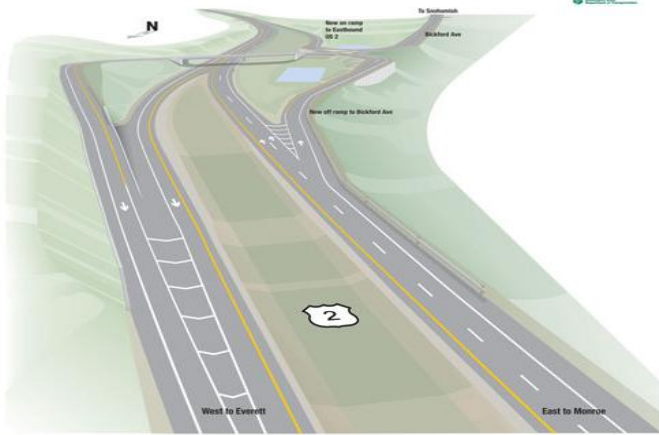


After



An overview of the new intersection improvements

US 2 Bickford Avenue Intersection Safety Improvements



A drivers-eye view of the new Bickford overpass