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New work on Centennial Trail moves forward

Snohomish County will soon begin work on the long-anticipated second phase of the Centennial Trail, stretching from Arlington to the Snohomish/Skagit County line.

This section of the Centennial Trail – a paved multipurpose recreational trail that will serve walkers, bicycles, equestrians and others – will stretch eight miles along an abandoned railroad right-of-way starting at Burke Street in Arlington and ending at a trailhead located on the Snohomish/Skagit County line.

“Thousands of individuals and families will take advantage of this wonderful park asset once completed,” Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon said. “The Centennial Trail offers an excellent cross-section of Snohomish County to horseback riders, bikers and walkers.”

The trail crosses the old railroad trestle over the Stillaguamish River, elevated above the valley and featuring outstanding sunsets and rich vistas. The trail continues to historic Bryant where a trailhead will be located. There it crosses to the west side of Highway 9, passing through a wooded area until it reaches Pilchuck Creek, where the crossing will feature a newly constructed steel bridge. The trail then parallels Tributary 80 and passes through the Pilchuck Tree Farm, where it finally arrives at the northernmost trailhead.

The county received 17 bids for the work. The low bid, which is expected to be accepted Wednesday by the Snohomish County Council, was submitted by Strider Construction. Their bid for the entire project, including all of the alternates, was \$4,858,500, substantially under the recorded engineer’s estimate. The work is expected to take a year.

“I want to thank everyone who has participated in this county effort to construct this trail, including the Snohomish-Arlington Trail Coalition for its advocacy, volunteerism and contributions.”

The Trail Coalition has been active since the 1980s when the group got behind the county’s efforts to acquire the abandoned railroad right-of-way.



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