

Milton Construction Update
Milton Way Pedestrian Improvement Project

The City of Milton is pleased to announce that construction will begin next week on the City's Milton Way Pedestrian Improvement Project. This project will add new sidewalks to the north side of Milton Way between 17th Avenue and 23rd Avenue. Also, included in this project will be new curbs and gutters, street trees, planter strips, conversion of the overhead electrical, phone and cable services to underground and paving the roadway to provide a new driving surface.

Milton Way is one of the City's primary thoroughfares and this project will greatly improve the visual and functional aspects of this street. This project is another big step in the City's efforts to improve the walkability of the City. This project is especially important in the City's efforts to provide complete streets - providing a street network that takes into account all modes of transportation including pedestrians and transit.

Milton Way is part of one of the City's primary Pierce Transit's bus routes. New sidewalks encourage citizens to walk and utilize bus routes for their daily work, shopping, and entertainment.

With the close proximity of the nearby Discovery Primary, Endeavor Intermediate, and Surprise Lake Middle Schools this project will provide a much improved sidewalk network encouraging students to walk to school in a safe and efficient manner.

Funding for this \$1.6 million project comes from a variety of sources. A couple of years ago the City of Milton competed for and was successful in receiving a \$692,000 grant from the federal government through the Puget Sound Regional Council. Receiving grants, such as these, offsets the amount of funding that Milton tax payers have to provide, freeing up this money to be used on other projects around the City. Other funding for this project include the City's Water, Stormwater and Electrical funds, and private utility companies.

The public should see construction starting the end of May or early June with construction activities lasting until October.

The driving public should expect delays when driving through this area during normal business days- Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. No complete closures of the road are expected.

Public notice boards have been posted near the construction site and will provide the public with information about what to expect during construction.

For additional information, see the City's website at <http://www.cityofmilton.net/> or contact Mark Howlett at 253-831-4271.

