







**19 June 2019** – Wednesday 2:00pm to 4:00pm Snohomish County 2020 Hotel/Motel Small Fund Grant Application Workshop. Where: Willis D. Tucker Community Park Gary Weikel Room, 6705 Puget Park Drive, Snohomish, WA 98296. Do you have an idea for an event that would bring overnight visitors to Monroe? Come to the LTAC funding workshop to learn how to apply for tourism funds that can be used to promote and put on your event.



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The effort to fund the Paradise Lake Road interchange and roadway widening between Malty and Monroe took a giant step forward in the 2019-2021 State Transportation Budget thanks to our State elected officials, Senators Wagoner and Palumbo, and Representatives Eslick, Sutherland, and Kloba.

The 2019-2021 budget includes \$12.8 million toward designing the Paradise Lake Interchange and \$10 million originally allocated in 2025-2027 has been moved into the 2021-2023 biennium. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is scheduled to install the metering ramps at the Echo Lake Road interchange this summer.

The total project cost to complete the Paradise Lake interchange and roadway widening is estimated at \$180 million (in 2019 dollars). \$90 million for the interchange and \$90 million for the roadway widening. The \$12.8 million in funding for the current design phase was provided through the Model Toxics Control Act (MACA). We will need to continue to work together with our state elected officials and community partners to ensure that further design and construction funding is included in the next transportation package in 2021.

The effort to finish 522 started in 2016 when Councilmember Low joined Monroe Mayor Geoffrey Thomas and other concerned community members to form a coalition to push for funding to finish the last two phases of SR522.

Coalition members include Economic Alliance of Snohomish County, Senators Wagoner and Palumbo, Representatives Eslick, Sutherland, and Kloba, the cities of Sultan and Duvall, Fire District 7, and the Monroe School District.

Last year, the City of Monroe funded a marketing campaign that featured a short video, a project website, bumper stickers and pins to help state legislators outside our region understand the impacts that SR 522 has on our community. Residents and business owners were invited to attend a community meeting in January before the start of the state legislative session to learn how to advocate for funding to finish the last two phases of the project. Representatives from WSDOT and our state legislators shared the plans to finish the roadway and explained how increased funding through the gas tax is needed to complete the project.

In February, local elected officials and area residents visited state legislators in Olympia to lobby for funding in the 2019-2021 state budget. Altogether our efforts paid off. If you want to learn more about the push to fund the project or join the coalition of community members, the next #Finish522 Community Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12 at 6:30pm at Monroe City Hall located at 806 W. Main Street in Monroe. For more information visit the office Finish522 website at [www.finish522.com](http://www.finish522.com).