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Ribbon Cutting for New Issaquah-High Point Trail Connector

The City of Issaquah will host a ribbon cutting ceremony 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Wednesday, November 28 to celebrate the opening of the new I-90 Issaquah-High Point Regional Trail Connector project. The event will be held at the west end of the new trail, at the point where the East Lake Sammamish Trail crosses under the I-90 freeway.

Parking is available and the site can be accessed by car by turning north off Gilman Blvd on 224th Avenue, a dead-end street located east of the Issaquah Post Office and directly across Gilman Blvd. from Rainier Avenue.

The public is invited to attend and participants will have the opportunity to join Mayor Ava Frisinger and others after the ceremony as the first group to use the new trail.

The Issaquah-High Point Trail Connector project constructed a multi-use bike and pedestrian trail consisting of a 10-foot paved surface with 2-foot gravel shoulders on either side. The project extends from the East Lake Sammamish Trail to the end of 1st Avenue NW, where it ties into a trail section recently completed by WSDOT that completes the link to Highland Drive at the Sunset Interchange.

The \$1.5 million project was funded primarily through state and federal grants obtained by the City of Issaquah along with matching funds provided by Issaquah and by King County. The City of Issaquah secured a grant through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program – Trails Category, which is administered by the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board (formerly the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation).

The project has local impact by connecting the Issaquah Highlands to central Issaquah, county-wide importance by completing an important link in the designated regional trail system, and significance at the State level by being part of the I-90 Cross State Trail System and the Mountains to Sound Greenway.

The Issaquah Department of Public Works/Engineering managed the design and construction of the trail project. King County will assume maintenance and operation of the trail as part of their regional trail system.

