

## City Of SeaTac Starts Key Roadway Project

**SeaTac, WA (June 15, 2016)** – The City of SeaTac has begun the construction of the South  $28^{th} - 24^{th}$  Avenue road extension that will provide far-reaching and significant economic development and transportation benefits to the region.

The project will make a connection between South 188<sup>th</sup> Street in SeaTac to South 208<sup>th</sup> in Des Moines and provide a new south access to both the airport and the soon to open Angle Lake light rail station and 1,050 stall parking garage. The \$14 million project is a partnership jointly funded by the City, the Port of Seattle, Sound Transit and the State of Washington Department of Transportation, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board and the Transportation Improvement Board.

SeaTac Mayor Michael Siefkes emphasized: "This project is possible because of the partnership and coordinated efforts of all of our partners. The extension of this roadway and the connection to the south will provide a wide range of benefits to both our city and the region."

In addition to improved access, the project will decrease congestion on International Boulevard (SR-99), create a new freight corridor, serve the Des Moines Creek Business Park and open large tracts of currently un-served property for development. Local officials estimate that over 4 million square feet of new development can be facilitated by this new transportation corridor.

SeaTac's Acting City Manager Joe Scorcio added: "From an economic development perspective the benefits of the southern extension of South 24<sup>th</sup> cannot be over-stated. Unlocking new development sites and the jobs, tax revenues and increased mobility are keys to this community's future."

The project's design includes several elements that will accommodate the future 509 extension project which was part of the legislature's comprehensive transportation package and is currently being planned and scoped.

## About the City of SeaTac:

Incorporated in February 1990, the City of SeaTac is located approximately midway between the cities of Seattle and Tacoma. The City of SeaTac is 10 square miles in area and has a population of 28,251. The City is a vibrant community, economically strong,

environmentally sensitive, and people-oriented. The City boundaries surround the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, (approximately 3 square miles in area) which is owned and operated by the Port of Seattle.

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