FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

To: Edmonds City Council
   The Edmonds Beacon
   My Edmonds News
   The Herald of Everett

Contact: Bertrand Hauss, Transportation Engineer
         bertrand.hauss@edmondswa.gov / 425-771-0220

CITY SECURES FUNDING TO FIX ‘MISSING LINK’ ON 238TH STREET

STATE GRANT TO ADD MISSING SIDEWALKS AND CROSSWALK ON 238TH ST. SW
BETWEEN HIGHWAY 99 AND STATE ROUTE 104

(Edmonds, WA) - The City of Edmonds has successfully secured a $372,300 grant from the State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to complete sidewalk and pedestrian improvements on 238th St. from Highway 99 to State Route-104. TIB’s competitive grant program received 378 grant applications statewide from cities and counties. Approximately 1/3 of these grant applications, including the 238th Street project, were funded.

“This project will fill in the missing pieces of sidewalk on the north side of 238th street where it connects two busy state highways”, said Mayor Dave Earling. “This will provide a safe, accessible, pedestrian connection between two important transportation corridors.” It is the latest in a string of grant-funded sidewalk projects that Edmonds has successfully developed. “We will continue to place emphasis on the City’s non-motorized transportation network” said Earling.

The City will provide $118,700 in matching funds for a total project cost of $491,000. The project will construct approximately 1,000 feet of new sidewalk on the north side of 238th St. and upgrade pedestrian curb ramps to meet the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. A new mid-block pedestrian crossing with solar-powered flashing beacons will be added to provide a safer crossing for pedestrians. This segment of 238th St. is served by Community Transit and the project will provide a continuous sidewalk between Highway 99 and State Route 104.

The design phase will begin in 2016 with construction anticipated to begin in 2017.

###