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## **CITY CLOSES SUNSET AVENUE NORTH TO THROUGH TRAFFIC TO PROTECT PEDESTRIANS**

***Pilot Project Starts Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, Noon***

**(Edmonds, WA)** - Edmonds Mayor Mike Nelson, with support of Acting Edmonds Police Chief Jim Lawless, announced the limited closure of Sunset Avenue North to through traffic and parking as of Friday, April 17, 2020 at Noon. Sunset Avenue will be closed from Edmonds Street to Caspers Street. Local traffic – motorists bound for residences along this stretch of Sunset – is permitted.

“Due to increased crowds, people have been walking in the street to maintain six feet social distance, while drivers are passing through on this already narrow road. With the nicer weather, increased numbers of vehicles and pedestrians were leading to a situation where it seemed like just a matter of time before someone got hurt,” said Edmonds Mayor Mike Nelson.

We expect to see even bigger crowds on the walkway as the weather turns nice.

This limited closure goes into effect Friday at Noon and is considered a pilot project. It may be altered based on what happens in the coming weeks.

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