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Statement from Mayor Cooper: Welcoming Dick's Drive-In and Celebrating Economic Development

"After months on anticipation, the Seattle based Dick's Drive-In Restaurants opened their new location today in Edmonds. The Edmonds Dick's Drive-In is the first new location in 37 years and the first outside of the City of Seattle. Opening six weeks ahead of schedule, Dick's Drive-In in Edmonds will employ 35 new jobs and serve up their celebrated food and drink to the community that fought hard to win their support.

The opening of the new Dick's Drive-In in Edmonds is a big deal to our community. It was a highly competitive process and the City of Edmonds should be proud that the Spady family picked our city to site their first location outside of the City of Seattle. I would like to thank the Spady Family and the staff of the City of Edmonds for their tireless work to make this possible. With Edmonds winning the competitive process and the project finishing six weeks ahead of schedule, it should be a clear message that the we here in the City of Edmonds are serious driving economic development that bring great services and great jobs to our community.

On a personal note, I recall fond memories of nights after Edmonds High School football games, piling in the back of someone's car and heading down Highway 99 to the Dick's on Holman Road. I am excited for the residents of our community and the high school students of today; that they can experience the same timeless experience of Dick's burgers and shakes on a Friday night-but this time right in Edmonds' backyard."