

Introduction

1 What is the purpose of this County Engineer’s Report?

This report is meant to summarize the investigation done so far on the potential new Rhodes Lake Road East Corridor, to provide information to the Pierce County Council for their decision on whether to establish that corridor.

2 What does it mean to “establish” a corridor?

Corridor establishment is a formal action in which the County Council, by ordinance, decides:

- That a new road corridor is a public necessity
- That a particular location is best for that new corridor

Establishment does not require construction of a roadway, nor does it provide funding or even a schedule for construction.

3 Where would the new corridor be located?

If established and constructed, the new corridor would create a link between the current western end of Falling Water Boulevard East on the plateau south of Bonney Lake and 128th Street East in the Puyallup Valley. The location of the corridor is shown on Exhibit 1. It is important to note that the subject establishment as shown on the latter exhibit is exclusive of any existing roadway, including 128th Street East or the bridge crossing to the immediate east.

4 What would the new corridor look like?

If constructed, the new corridor would be a major roadway, with both 4-lane and 2-lane segments, as shown on Exhibit 1. Potential typical roadway sections are shown on Exhibit 5 of this report. The 4-lane portion of the new corridor would require substantial amounts of earthwork to climb the steep hillside on the east side of the Puyallup River Valley, and would therefore be visible both from the valley and from South Hill.

Exhibit 1

Rhodes Lake Road East Corridor Establishment

