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To Matt Niehus, Public Works Director

City of Mukilteo

Mukilteo Sign Project: Frequently Asked Questions

1. How long will it take to build the signs?
 - a. Signs will be fabricated in a metal shop and the time frame will depend on availability of the materials and the production backlog at the time the order is placed. At this point we anticipate it may take 3 to 4 months from design to final built sign.

2. How long will it take to install the signs?
 - a. Based upon similar sized gateway signs installed for other cities and depending on the weather, we expect a range from 1 to 3 days per sign location.

3. Will installation of signs impact traffic on the speedway?
 - a. As part of developing the final construction plans, minimizing traffic impacts will be a requirement. At the most, traffic impacts are anticipated to be limited to a few hours.

4. Is there budget for construction?
 - a. City Council allocated \$400,000 for construction and installation of new signs and landscaping in the 2024 budget.

5. When will the existing signs be replaced?
 - a. Final design is expected to be completed in Spring 2024. After that, construction documents can be developed in the Summer/Autumn, with construction occurring towards the end of 2024.

6. What are the signs made of?
 - a. Materials will be consistent for highway and city gateway signs: powder-coated or painted, aluminum or steel panels, stone masonry, and/or natural wood accents with special consideration given to recycled and repurposed materials.
 - b. During final design, items such as weather durability, graffiti/vandalism, WSDOT requirements in roadways, maintenance, and budget will be factors considered before making final decisions on materials and finishes.

7. When is the next public meeting?
 - a. The next public meeting to get feedback on final design concepts will be February or March of 2024.
8. Can we provide comments later?
 - a. A survey will be available on the City's website where typed comments can be submitted.
9. Who do we contact for more information on the project?
 - a. Matt Nienhuis, Public Works Direction, mniehuis@mukilteowa.gov
10. How did the sign locations get chosen?
 - a. Locations for the new signs are mostly based on the existing locations of signs along the major arterials into the city.
 - b. The signs in the two parks are based on their natural setting and most visible placements.
11. Why can't the existing signs just be repainted?
 - a. The wood of the existing signs is rotting, and the paint is peeling off or gone entirely. The existing signs are also too small and are hard to see to be effective as gateway landmarks.
 - b. Replacing the signs was identified as a priority by City Council.
12. Is there lighting?
 - a. Currently the existing signs are not lighted and there is no power available at these locations.
 - b. Lighting and addition of power will be considered in the next design stage and will need to be analyzed based on the potential additional cost.
13. Will the signs be accessible?
 - a. As signs located in or next to highways, they will need to meet visibility and legibility criterion for drivers. The design will be guided by the Federal Highway Administration standards for guide and highway signs.