



May 5, 2008
Media Contact:
Carmen Palmer
253-299-5503
carmenp@ci.sumner.wa.us

PRESS RELEASE

William Pugh Confirmed as New Public Works Director

Sumner, WA— On May 5, the City Council confirmed the hiring of William Pugh as Public Works Director to follow the retiring Bill Shoemaker. Pugh served the City of Tacoma’s Public Works Department for many years and will begin in Sumner on May 21.

In Tacoma, Pugh served a variety of roles over 34 years. Most recently, he served as Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director, a role that had him managing the largest department in Tacoma’s general government with 900 employees and a biennial budget of approximately \$900 million. Throughout his career, Pugh was responsible for the operations of the Tacoma Dome and Cheney Stadium, worked to attract investment in the city and establish Tacoma as a destination city, and partnered with the Tacoma School District to develop an environmental education program.

“Bill Pugh brings a huge level of talent and experience to Sumner. Frankly, hiring him is a great opportunity and I’m very proud ‘little old Sumner’ could do it,” said Mayor Dave Enslow. City Administrator John Doan commented, “Bill recently sponsored a program called Community Based Services: staff from different departments got together with the community to address their needs. This kind of initiative really matches well with Sumner’s mission and vision.”

Pugh is filling the position previously held by Bill Shoemaker, who is retiring from his long career in construction and public works.

###