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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Phase I of Stewart Road to be Celebrated with a Toast**

**WHERE** 14405 Stewart Road in Sumner, Washington (the north side of Stewart Road)

**WHEN** Wednesday, November 17, at 2 pm

**WHO** Sumner Mayor Dave Enslow, Tom Ballard of Transportation Improvement Board, Pierce County, State of Washington

**EVENT SPONSORS** City of Sumner, BergerABAM, Goodfellow Brothers Inc.

**PHOTO OPPORTUNITY** In honor of completing this major milestone toward removing the “bottlenecks” on Stewart Road, the City of Sumner and its partners will be toasting the project with bottles of Stewart Sodas.

**Sumner, WA** – To kickoff the completion of Phase 1 of the Stewart Road Corridor Improvements project, the City of Sumner will be hosting a public celebration. Phase 1, of the proposed four-phase major roadway reconstruction project, widens and rebuilds the heavily traveled North Pierce County arterial, between the White River and Lake Tapps Parkway East (167 to 136th Avenue). The \$7 million project, mostly funded by Pierce County and the Transportation Improvement Board, adds bottleneck relief, pedestrian and bicycle amenities, and numerous safety features, including a two-way left-turn lane, new pavement, and signal upgrades. The Cities of Sumner and Pacific and Pierce County are working toward acquiring the necessary funds to complete the additional phases of this reconstruction project. The completed project will provide a regional five-lane route for this heavy vehicle and truck arterial, linking citizens of Sumner, Auburn, Pacific, and rural northeastern Pierce County to State Route 167. The improvements will also provide enhanced safety features and create continuous pedestrian and bicycle facilities along the corridor. It is estimated that over 15,000 vehicles, including 1,600 heavy trucks use this corridor daily. Projections for the next 20 years are expected to more than double the amount of vehicles and trucks in this area. The agencies hope to acquire funding soon to move these much needed improvements forward.

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