

Seattle and NW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

Public Invited to Comment on Future Transportation Projects

After months of collaborating with local and regional transportation planning organizations, the Washington State Department of Transportation is ready to present its annual list of future statewide transportation-improvement projects to the public for review and comment.

Anyone is welcome to provide feedback on WSDOT's draft of the 2015–2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) beginning Tuesday, Nov. 18, until Wednesday, Dec. 17. The 30-day comment period is the last step of a process that finishes near where it began: talking with local residents, leaders and planners in communities across the state. Any comments WSDOT receives will be sent to the appropriate local-planning organization for consideration.

More than 1,100 transportation-improvement projects statewide utilizing \$2.6 billion in federal funds are included in the 2015–2018 STIP. Improvement projects include pavement overlays, roadway widening, bridge replacement or repair, signal systems, safety enhancements, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and transit facilities.

Written comments can be sent to Nancy Huntley, WSDOT, PO Box 47390, Olympia, WA 98504-7390, or email Huntlen@wsdot.wa.gov

Constantine Hosts Evening on Early Childhood Development

King County Executive Dow Constantine on Thursday hosts an advance screening of “Raising of America: Early Childhood and the Future of Our Nation,” which is the first episode in a six-part series scheduled to premiere on PBS in the spring of 2015.

The event is 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20 at the Renton IKEA Performing Arts Center, 400 S. 2nd St., Renton.

Immediately after the film, Executive Constantine will host a panel discussion about early childhood development and discuss Best Starts for Kids, his initiative to ensure that every child born and raised in King County has the opportunity to reach his or her full potential.

Documentary screening followed by panel discussion hosted by Executive Constantine. For more information go to www.kingcounty.gov.

Black Holiday Bazaar

Pacific Northwest Black Collectors Holiday Bazaar is Sunday, Nov. 23. This event is being held at the Lakewood Seward Park Community Club located at 50th South and South Angeline Street, Seattle, Washington from 1 – 4 p.m.

Vendors items include, but not limited to: Black Santa's (table top and animated), Black Holiday Figurines, Ginger-

‘Empower Seattle’

Leeta Martinez volunteers in the daycare during the “Empower Seattle” Teen Parent Summit, Saturday Nov. 15 in Columbia City. The summit's goal was to support and celebrate teen parents and to help them get connected to services. The free event included breakfast and lunch, breakout sessions on various topics, speakers, free daycare and a resource fair. It was sponsored by the Atlantic Street Center, in partnership with the City of Seattle Teen Parent Program, the Interagency Academy and Seattle Public Schools.



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bread Ornaments, Black tree Ornaments, Black Angels for table top and Christmas Trees, Black Dolls, hand knitted scarves, handmade jewelry, Cards, Pictures, Bath Oils, Jams/Jellies and Bakery Items.

For more information find the Pacific Northwest Black Collectors Club on Facebook.

Startup Entrepreneurs Collaborate on Education

The Seattle Public Library will host Startup Weekend EDU Seattle from Nov. 21 to Nov. 23. The public is invited to watch education-based startup teams demonstrate their new product and service ideas from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 at The Seattle Public Library, Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Level 1, Microsoft Auditorium.

At Startup Weekend EDU Seattle, participants will pitch their education-based startup ideas and receive feedback from judges and other participants. Teams will form around the top ideas (as determined by popular vote).

This event is hosted by the Library. The public is invited

to attend Sunday's presentations for free. Registration for the Sunday presentations is not required. Startup Weekend EDU Seattle is a broader three-day event, however, and registration is required. For more information, visit Startup Weekend EDU Seattle.

For more information, call the Library at 206-386-4636 or www.spl.org

Create Greeting Cards at the Central Library Dec. 7

The Seattle Public Library invites teens and adults to take a break from holiday crowds and cold weather by crafting handmade greeting cards from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Level 3, The Norcliffe Foundation Living Room.

An art instructor will show attendees how to make greeting cards using basic printmaking techniques. Art supplies will be provided and all skill levels are welcome.

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Thursday November 20

HAPPINESS SEMINAR. The seminar will explore the elegant mind-breath-body connection, learn to reduce stress & increase productivity, learn to manage negative emotions and much more. FREE 6 – 7 p.m. First Church of Seattle, 180 Denny Way.

Friday November 21

FREE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ENROLLMENT HELP AVAILABLE AT THE SEATTLE CENTRAL LIBRARY. Drop in assistance will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please bring following information: Social Security numbers for all household members, dates of birth, most recent income tax information, also if you have a green card. 1 – 5 p.m. Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave.

Saturday November 22

TROOP 327 HOLIDAY BAZAAR: Wide selection of wreaths, centerpieces, towels, scarves, candy and more. This fundraiser is to help Boy Scout Troop 327 earn their way for their Summer Trek. Noon – 8 p.m. Tri-Way Grange, 3500 Seattle Hill Rd. Mill Creek.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK AT THE LAKE CITY BRANCH LIBRARY: Everyone is invited to sit down and give thanks together at a multicultural community Thanksgiving Potluck from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Children, teens and adults are invited to bring a food dish to share. There will also be Thanksgiving themed crafts and story time. 12501 28th Ave. For more info call 206-684-7518.

Sunday November 23

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BLACK COLLECTORS HOLIDAY BAZAAR. Vendors items include, but not limited to Black Santa's (table top and animated), black holiday figurines, hand crafted items, cards, pictures and more. Lakewood Seward Park Community Club, 50th South and South Angeline St. 1 – 4 p.m.

Tuesday November 25

THANKSGIVING DINNER. Provides a holiday meal for Bellevue families and individuals in need. Offers children arts and crafts activities before the meal. 5:30 p.m. for family crafts. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Crossroads Community Center, 16000 NE 10th St. Bellevue.

Friday November 28

SANTA ARRIVAL PARADE & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY. Santa will light the 30ft holiday tree. Plus take your pictures with Snowflake Lane Characters, enjoy holiday music and snack on cookies and cocoa. The parade route starts at NE 8th at the Bellevue Place and Lincoln Square. This is an all day event. Tree lighting starts at 7 p.m. Hyatt Regency Bellevue Hotel, 900 Bellevue Way NE.

MY MACY'S HOLIDAY PARADE & STAR LIGHTING. The parade includes festive floats, costumed characters and local community groups, all followed by Santa. 9 a.m. corner of 7th Ave and Pine St. and travels west.

Saturday November 29

MAGIC IN THE MARKET. Visit Pike Place Market for their annual holiday kick-off, come enjoy an afternoon filled with festive music and a visit from Santa. Holiday lights and trees will be illuminated at 5 p.m. and festivities begin at 1 p.m. Pike Place Market.

Sunday November 30

FAMILY FALL FEST. Regular admission pricing: Families this is your day: Join us the Sunday following Thanksgiving as Ballard Pool hosts the Annual Family Fall Fest. Swim, games, prizes, songs, snacks and more. 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Ballard Pool, 1471 NW 67th St.