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## **Jackson School Road Improvement Project Celebrated with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

Hillsboro, Oregon – Improving the Jackson School Road corridor has been part of the area's Transportation System Plan for more than four decades. In spring 2020, the City of Hillsboro officially began construction on what would be a multi-year project to improve safety for people walking, biking, and driving in the Jackson School Road corridor.

In celebration of the substantial completion of this milestone project, City of Hillsboro and Washington County officials, valued partners, and the community are gathering for a ceremonial ribbon cutting:

**Tuesday, July 19, 11 am**  
**U.J. Hamby Park, 1035 NE Jackson School Road**

When the Jackson School Road Improvement project began in 2014 with the first open house held by Washington County, the project had four major goals:

- Improve transportation safety
- Encourage active transportation
- Increase access for the community & all modes of travel
- Construct a roadway to meet current & future travel demands

After many conversations with community members – and multiple versions of the project design – the City of Hillsboro began this project and the work never stopped. Crews found a safe way to continue working even through the pandemic, and that has kept the project on or ahead of schedule.

“The Jackson School Road Improvement project is the largest project of this kind that the City of Hillsboro has ever taken on,” said Tina Bailey, Assistant Director for the Hillsboro Public Works Department. “These safety enhancements have been a long time coming. We not only appreciate the collaboration and partnership with Washington County, we also thank the community for their patience throughout the ongoing construction process.”

Jackson School Road has received multiple safety enhancements to protect pedestrians and motorists. Some of the most noticeable enhancements are the addition of continuous multi-use

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paths, which include sidewalks and cycle tracks, and flashing beacons at NE Arrington Road and at NE Estate Drive. These features improve safety, encourage walking and biking, and are already being enjoyed by the community.

Major enhancements to the roadway include the addition of:

- a center turn lane, which reduces the likelihood of rear-end and turn collisions, and improves road efficiency
- a roundabout to slow the flow of traffic and reduce congestion
- landscape strips to calm traffic and provide a buffer for pedestrians and cyclists

“Though there is still minor finish work to be done, the enhancement made to the roadway such as underground utilities, storm drainage upgrades, and the addition of street lighting and signage are already making a huge difference in safety, as well as the look and feel of the roadway, for those that live nearby and travel on it daily,” said Hillsboro City Councilor Rick Van Beveren.

“As a City Councilor and resident of the area, I have watched this project come together from day one, and I believe the improvements along Jackson School Road will continue to offer benefits to the community and the corridor for years to come.”

Speeds have been kept low during construction and will be changing to an interim 30 miles per hour limit. The City is seeking the State’s approval to make 30 miles per hour a permanent speed limit for the roadway.

To learn more about this important infrastructure project:

- call: 503-681-5399
- email: [JacksonSchoolProject@Hillsboro-Oregon.gov](mailto:JacksonSchoolProject@Hillsboro-Oregon.gov)
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