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TO: Mayor Balducci and City Councilmembers

FROM: Nav Ota, Utilities Director

RE: American Public Works Association 2015 Project of the Year Award

Bellevue Utilities has been honored with the *2015 Project of the Year Award* by the Washington State American Public Works Association for the Coal Creek Parkway Culvert/Bridge Project.

Details on the award, which was announced in March, include:

- Bellevue Utilities competed for the honor with six other agencies.
- The award recognizes excellence in management and administration in the successful completion of public works projects.
- Bellevue was recognized under the Environment Category, for projects less than \$5 million.

Many added benefits to the community – in addition to safely transporting 28,000 vehicles daily – resulted from the new 39-foot bridge and culvert replacement:

- Hikers and walkers can now easily cross under the roadway on a pedestrian walkway and connect with Coal Creek Trail.
- Salmon now have almost one mile of improved habitat that was previously restricted.

The project also exemplifies the city's One City philosophy – Utilities, Parks and Transportation all worked together – creating examples of excellence:

- Parks offered design ideas and funding for the new pedestrian walkway.
- Transportation helped coordinate lane closures and responded to residents' calls.

The complexity of the project also deserves attention. Some of the challenges, included:

- Relocation of vital infrastructure – fiber optic cables, a 12-inch PSE gas line and two large Olympic petroleum pipelines.
- The bridge had to be built in two stages – one half at a time – to keep traffic lanes open and safely move the pipelines.

Despite the challenges, the project was completed on schedule and under budget.