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TO: Mayor Robinson and City Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: National Award for Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail – I-405 to 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE

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It is a pleasure to share the news that the first phase of Bellevue's Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail project has won a 2022 national transportation project of the year award from the American Public Works Association (\$5-25 million category). Project features include:

- A new 2,800-foot-long, 12-foot-wide, paved multi-purpose trail on the south side of I-90, from I-405 to just east of 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE.
- A pedestrian-bicycle bridge over Factoria Boulevard and a ped-bike tunnel under the I-405 off-ramps to I-90.
- Adding one lane of vehicle storage capacity on the off-ramp from eastbound I-90 to Factoria Boulevard/Richards Road.
- Decorated retaining walls with a carved mountain finish.
- Lighting improvements, low impact development stormwater treatment, landscaping and urban design elements.

Factors that made it award-worthy were its unique design characteristics, challenging physical constraints, successful project management and excellent construction and inspection work. It was also named project of the year in the same category by Washington Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

In addition, the project team overcame significant challenges to deliver the project:

- Construction adjacent to the freeway and off-ramps, working at night to minimize disruption to the public.
- Construction of the new tunnel during a scheduled 54-hour ramp closure over one weekend; the contractor completed the work in 47 hours.
- The design team also worked with the state Department of Transportation to provide a design that was forward-compatible with the upcoming I-405, Renton to Bellevue – Corridor Widening and Express Toll Lanes Design-Build Project.

Thanks to staff from multiple City departments for their input and direction, to project manager Chris Masek, construction manager Dale Lydin and senior inspector Kyle Thieme.

### **About the Greenway**

The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail is an approximately 100-mile regional trail system that connects the Seattle waterfront with Central Washington. It's used by pedestrians and bicyclists for recreational and commuting purposes. Completion of the first phase helps fill a 3.6-mile gap in the trail through Bellevue, allowing users to safely navigate through the I-90/I-405 interchange area and the busy Factoria area.