



# *City of Stevenson*

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### PRESS RELEASE

#### GROPPER ROAD SIDEWALK GRANT AWARD

Starting in 2010 the City of Stevenson has been applying for grant funding to construct a sidewalk from the High School to Chesser Road to complete a gap in the sidewalk system. Previous attempts were made through the Safe Routes to Schools Program which would have included education efforts with the schools for safe pedestrian and vehicular movements, as well as enforcement from the sheriff's office if we would have been successful.

This year in August we applied through the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board for the Small City Sidewalk Program and were successful in securing \$350,395, with a 5% match from the city, for the sidewalk extension and associated stormwater improvements. The project will construct approximately 950' of new sidewalk, 5 new ADA ramps, reconstruct 1 ADA ramp and provide crosswalk striping.

The filling of the gap in the sidewalk system (a portion of which fronts the high school) will separate walker from auto traffic at the point of greatest congestion and safety risk. Improvements will enhance traffic patterns and student pick up areas. We are hoping to be able to go to construction in the summer of 2017 and combine this project with Kanaka Creek Road Improvements project which was recently bid and is anticipated to be awarded in December.