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Press Release

Clark Regional Wastewater District Awards NE 50th Avenue Sewer Project

Vancouver, WA – The Clark Regional Wastewater District (District) Board of Commissioners awarded a \$2.5 million contract to Tapani, Inc. of Battle Ground, Washington for construction of sanitary sewer improvements along NE 50th Avenue in the vicinity of Washington State University Vancouver (see attached map). The project was made feasible due to the cooperation amongst multiple agencies, including the District, Washington State University (WSU) Vancouver, Clark County and the Port of Ridgefield. “By working closely with our partners, the District has been able to develop the most cost-effective project and ensure it will be completed on time to serve the new school,” said Norm Harker, District Board President. Construction is scheduled to begin in April 2019 and be completed by the end of the year. District funding for the project came from system development charge revenue, which is collected from fees paid by new development.

Once completed, the improvements will provide service to the site of Vancouver iTech Preparatory School along with 60 acres of the WSU Vancouver campus. Off campus, the project will make it feasible for service to be extended to more than 500 acres of land in the NE 50th Avenue corridor. The support of WSU Vancouver was critical as most of the project is being constructed on the university campus, including the site of the new pump station, which will be located along NE 50th Avenue. The Port of Ridgefield is taking advantage of the opportunity to also install infrastructure in the area. The Port is investing approximately \$0.3 million for the installation of conduit for the future extension of dark fiber along NE 50th Avenue and NE 159th Street.

Careful planning has gone into this project to minimize impacts to the public and to those attending classes and/or events on the campus. The traveling public should expect moderate traffic impacts along both NE 50th Avenue and the east entrance to WSU Vancouver (NE 159th Street) during construction. Visitors to the campus will still be able to use the Cougar Trails, which will remain open during construction. For the safety of the public, a short length of the trail will be temporarily rerouted to accommodate for construction staging. The gravel parking area along NE 50th Avenue will, however, be closed for the duration of construction. Once the project is complete, a small number of paved parking spaces will be available at the new pump station site along NE 50th Avenue for visitors accessing the Cougar Trails.

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