



Round-about Update 31 December 2019

Construction on Mason Transit Authority's North Mason Park & Ride facility has begun with the first stage to construct the roundabout at SR3 and Log Yard Road. The roundabout was chosen as the preferred method of traffic control after an Intersection Control Analysis was completed and submitted to WSDOT. The roundabout will allow easy, safe digress and egress to SR3 for MTA buses and users.

MTA awarded the roundabout and initial site development project to Active Construction Inc. of Puyallup, WA. The scope of work includes the roundabout construction, storm water ponds, access road and site clearing and preparation. This stage is anticipated to last approximately four months, weather permitting.

The second phase of the project will be to construct the Park & Ride facility which will include 100 parking stalls for public use with security cameras, lighting and charging for electric vehicles. Additionally, there will be office space for MTA operations and secured parking for MTA vehicles. It is anticipated that the bid for the second phase will be released in late January 2020 and it is expected to be completed in 10 months.

The North Mason Park & Ride facility is one of five projects under MTA's Park & Ride Development project to construct or improve park & ride facilities in Mason County. It is the largest of the five projects designed to address the need for expanded commuter service as well as increased demand on the two major regional corridors, SR3 and US101, between Mason County and Kitsap and Thurston Counties. Most users of the North Mason Park & Ride facility will be commuters to the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard or to the ferry system in Bremerton for travel to Seattle. There has been an increase of users of about 10% over the last year and more growth is expected as employment at the shipyard increases as well as people moving into Mason County for more affordable living.

MTA is committed to provide transportation choices that connect people, jobs and community; increasing the quality of life in Mason County – our mission. These choices contribute to the economic vitality and environmental responsibility we feel to the community. We look forward to increasing our presence in North County with a facility that will provide safe and secure parking for our riders and the community.