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Mount Vernon Downtown Riverfront Revitalization Project, Phase 1 Ground Breaking Ceremony set for April 30, 2010.

MOUNT VERNON – The City of Mount Vernon will officially break ground at 3:00 P.M. on Friday, April 30, 2010 near the Condensary Mall north of the Division Street Bridge for the planned Downtown Riverfront Revitalization Project, Phase 1.

This project includes construction of a pedestrian walkway and flood wall from Lions Park south to the Skagit River Division Street Bridge. The concrete walkway will be approximately 1,100 lineal feet in length and 15 feet wide. It will contain ground and overhead lighting, guard rail, and a three foot concrete floodwall covered with brick fascia.

The City recently awarded a bid of \$1.6 million to complete the project on or before September of 2010. Project funding was made possible with a Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development 2009-2011 Washington State Small Communities in Rural Counties Public Works Board Grant of \$800,000; a Skagit County Distressed County Economic Development Fund Grant of \$500,000; a Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grant - Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) Grant of \$436,442; a Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Grant - Washington Wildlife Recreation Program (WWRP) Trails Grant of \$349,153 and a City of Mount Vernon contribution of \$114,389. This important project is made possible by the partnership with Skagit County Dike District #3, whose mission is to protect downtown Mount Vernon and areas within their jurisdiction from flooding.

Mount Vernon Mayor Bud Norris said “Our downtown waterfront redevelopment project is critical for the future improvement of our downtown area. The completion of our first phase is a signal that we are finally succeeding in our efforts on this most important project. Please join us on April 30th at 3:00 P.M. for the ground breaking ceremony.”

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