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CITY COUNCIL RECONSIDERS SOUND TO OLYMPICS TRAIL BRIDGE

Bainbridge Island, Wash., (January, 2018) – The City Council voted during their January 9, 2018, Regular Business Meeting to reconsider their prior action to cancel the Sound to Olympics Trail Bridge Project.

In a reconsideration of the City Council’s action during their January 2 Study Session, the City Council voted against cancelling the project at this time. Justifications for the reconsideration included a desire to allow for more public engagement and outreach regarding the project and to allow more time to investigate potential private sources of funding. During the January 2 City Council meeting, over two hours of public comment, overwhelmingly in favor of the bridge, was presented. Proponents of the bridge have argued that the project will provide an important pedestrian and bicycle connection across SR 305, which currently divides the Winslow community. Additionally, proponents have claimed that the bridge will be essential as growth spurred by regional trends and pressures continues to increase density in the downtown Winslow neighborhood service center. It has also been suggested by the public that private financial support may be available to reduce the City’s financial commitment to the project.

The City Council will continue their discussion of the project at a future Council meeting. For more information on the Sound to Olympics Trail Bridge Project visit the City website at: <http://www.bainbridgewa.gov/919/Sound-to-Olympics-Trail-Bridge-Phase-3>. To sign-up to receive email or text alerts regarding the project, including when the topic will appear on a future Council agenda, visit the [City website](#), click-on Notify Me, and select Sound to Olympics Bridge Project.

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