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SR 502/503 Congestion Relief Project

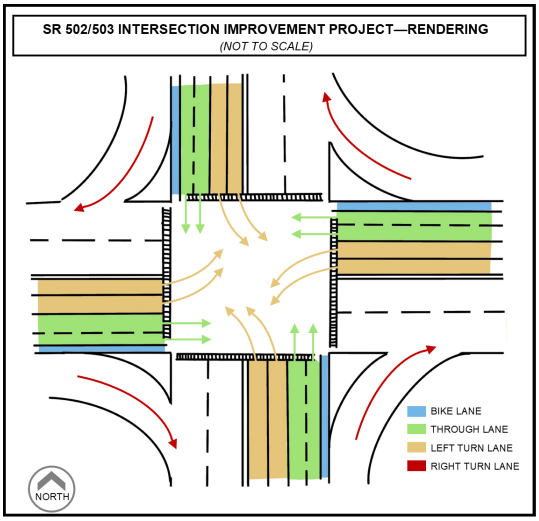
State Route 502/503, Main Street/10th Avenue… it may not matter what you call it, but this intersection sure does matter to those of us that live, work, and travel in Battle Ground.

Over the last several years, the city, in conjunction with WSDOT and our community, has sought to develop a plan to improve the traffic flow at this highly traveled intersection. The resulting SR 502/503 Congestion Relief Project is a multi-phase plan to implement transportation infrastructure upgrades, increase levels of service, and improve overall safety at the intersection.

Welcome to Phase 3. You may have noticed a lot of construction activity at the intersection recently. This is preliminary work being completed by private utility providers, making necessary modifications to their infrastructure ahead of the project construction.

The SR 502/ SR 503 Intersection Improvements project will bring us dedicated right turn lanes in the east, west and southbound lanes along with a second left turn lane for northbound and southbound traffic. The estimated cost for this phase comes is in around $4.7 million. Funding was secured through the Connecting Washington Program and the Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant, no city funds will be used to complete this phase of the project.

So what is next? This project will be out to bid shortly. Construction is expected to begin in late spring. Be sure to follow us on social media for construction schedules and road condition updates.



Phase	Project Phase
1 ✓	West 12th Avenue/ SR 502 Signal Removal and NW 5th Way Extension
2 ✓	West 8th Avenue/ West Main Street Improvements
3	SR 502/ SR 503 Intersection Improvements
4	West 15th Avenue/ SR 502 Intersection Improvements
5	NW 12th Avenue/ NW 1st Street Improvements
6	NW 5th Street Improvements

The Man Behind the Motors

At the City of Battle Ground, we continually strive to gain efficiencies and cost savings through grant and partnership opportunities, technologies, and through the everyday efforts and resourcefulness of our employees.

Meet Mike Wilcock, Lead Maintenance Worker for the city's Public Works department. In his 18 years with the city he's worked to maintain and repair city facilities; vehicles; streets; sewer and water systems; and all types of equipment. If it has moving parts, an engine or a motor, Mike has likely had his hands on it.

Mike describes his job with a smile and a slight shrug of his shoulders, "I fix things, it's what I do."

In early 2020, Mike was consulted as the city reviewed how its fleet of vehicles was managed and maintained; he had been maintaining public works vehicles for years. He was soon entrusted with the maintenance of police vehicles, which was formerly outsourced exclusively. The move to in-house maintenance of police vehicles has proved to be exceptionally beneficial.

Costs have decreased. Mike sources and purchases parts directly. He tracks warranties on vehicles, as well as individual parts, and utilizes those warranties effectively. Used oils, coolants and other fluids are being recycled at no cost. For repairs outside the city shop's scope, Mike evaluates quotes and timelines, ensuring the city's interests are met.

Increasing efficiencies. In the city's shop, police vehicles are the priority. A recent work request described brake noise on a patrol vehicle. Mike promptly conducted a driving assessment and a



thorough inspection of all four brakes and rotors. The patrol vehicle was back in service within a period of two-hours.

Public Safety is #1. The proper maintenance of vehicles is not only sound financial practice; it's a matter of public safety and Mike's number one priority. Battle Ground's patrol vehicles are part of a shared pool and are often on the road 24/7. A properly maintained vehicle is critical for officers' ability to respond to emergency calls quickly and safely.

In addition to maintaining the city fleet, Mike helps sell our retiring vehicles. Rather than sending vehicles to a third-party auction site for resale, the city now offers its used vehicles for sale directly to the public. Mike personally meets with potential buyers for a look at the vehicle and a test drive. Who better than the guy who has carefully maintained it?

It's what he does.

Park Appreciation Day is April 23

Everyone is welcome to join the work party! Come on out, get your hands a little dirty and care for parks!

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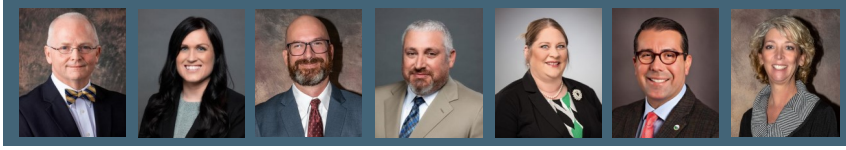
Police Officers
Lateral and Entry Level, for immediate openings.

Seasonal Maintenance Workers
Start now and work through the summer season. Individuals hired will work full-time, Monday - Friday, with evenings and weekends off.

Summer Parks Program Staff
(Parks & Recreation)
Hours will be part-time and may be days, evenings and/or weekends, depending on scheduled activities.

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