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## CITY TO CELEBRATE FIRST 10-YEAR STREET BOND PROJECT COMPLETED IN 2007

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29th Ave. is open! Join Spokane Mayor Dennis Hession at a celebration Wednesday, June 6, to recognize the completion of the first 10-Year Street Bond project in 2007.

The celebration will be held at 3 p.m. in the Lincoln Heights Shopping Center parking lot, 2929 E. 29th Ave. The project fully rehabilitated 29th Ave. from Southeast Blvd. to Freya St. curb-to-curb, installed ADA-approved curb ramps where necessary, made modifications to the signals at 29th Ave. and Regal St., replaced a 36-inch water transmission main on 29th Ave. between Southeast Blvd. and Fiske St., and a 12-inch water main on 29th Ave. between Mt. Vernon and Ray streets. The project was completed ahead of schedule.

"There are about 150 businesses along the project; we promised the owners and tenants that we would do our best to lessen the impact of construction on their businesses by having it completed before summer. We delivered, completing the project a month ahead of schedule," Mayor Hession says.

Dave Mandyke, Acting Director of Public Works and Utilities, will introduce:

- o Eldon Brown, Principal Engineer, to talk about the other Street Bond projects,
- Owners from Black Tie Coffee and Millers Hardware Store to talk about their experience about being a business along the project, and
- o Dallas Hawkins, Citizens Streets Advisory Commission Chair, to talk about citizen accountability on the Street Bond projects.

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More Street Bond projects are under way, including:

- o Maple and Ash streets from Wellesley Ave. to Northwest Blvd.;
- o Washington Street from Buckeye to Boone avenues;
- o Southeast Boulevard from Perry Street to Sherman/Third avenues;
- o Phase II of the Northeast Transmission Main (Phase I is complete, and Phase III will be constructed later this summer); and
- Some Local Improvement Districts (LIDs) that will pave dirt streets throughout the City.

Later this summer, the Crestline St. from Illinois to Wellesley avenues, Regal St. et al. and Browne's Addition/Peaceful Valley projects are scheduled for construction.