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## CITY TO CELEBRATE COMPLETION OF SOUTHEAST BOULEVARD

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Join Spokane Mayor Dennis Hession, members of the Bicycle Advisory Board and the Citizen Streets Advisory Commission at a celebration on Wednesday, Oct. 17, to recognize the completion of a significant Street Bond project on Southeast Blvd. This project also included the addition of striping to create bike lanes, implementing a portion of the City's bicycle plan.

"This is a great project, and we're very pleased about being able to add bike lanes, which encourages recreation and alternative modes of transportation," the Mayor says.

The project included curb-to-curb rehabilitation of Southeast Blvd. from Perry St. to Sherman St./Third Ave. and the installation of ADA-approved curb ramps. In addition, the City Council approved money from the City's unappropriated reserves to pay for the bike lane striping.

The Southeast Blvd. celebration will be held at 2 p.m. at Cancer Care Northwest's parking lot, 601 S. Sherman St. Work on the Southeast Blvd. project began on May 29.

In addition, a celebratory bike ride along the project is planned on Sunday, Oct. 21, at 10 a.m. John Pilcher, the City's Chief Operating Officer; the Bicycle Advisory Board, Bicycle Alliance of Washington, and cyclists from around the region will start the ride at Fourth Ave. and Sherman St.

Earlier this month, the City celebrated the completion of Maple and Ash streets from Wellesley Ave. to Northwest Blvd. Two more projects—Crestline St. from Illinois to Euclid avenues and Browne's Addition/Peaceful Valley—are nearing completion. In all, a total of 17 Street Bond projects, paving more than 14 miles of City streets, will be completed in 2007. For more information on the 10-Year Street Bond program, visit spokanestreets.org.