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## **MTA Seeks Citizen Input on Park & Ride Project**

*Mason County, WA* – Mason Transit Authority (MTA) will be holding an open house meeting on Monday, August 22, 2016, regarding the construction and process for selecting a North Mason Park & Ride location in Belfair.

Through an extremely competitive process which began in 2014, MTA has been awarded funding to provide Park & Ride development in Mason County. The project will provide assistance to further develop existing and new Park & Ride locations for commuters. When completed the Pear Orchard at SR 3, Shelton-Matlock at US 101, SE Craig & Cole Road, Pickering Road, Belfair at SR 3, and possibly the new Shelton Hills development will have new or enhanced Park & Ride facilities complete with landscaping, security upgrades, new surfacing and striping, and electric vehicle charging stations.

Earlier this year, MTA contracted with SCJ Alliance to provide concept and environmental assessment, public engagement, preliminary design, property acquisition and management assistance through construction completion for the Park & Ride development in Mason County. According to Mike Oliver, MTA's development manager, the first priority is to create a new North Mason Park & Ride in the Belfair area.

Mr. Oliver stated, "This first open house is an opportunity to ask questions, provide comment and valuable input. The meeting will provide information regarding our process to date, site selection, timeline information, and project work plans, as well as provide a chance for folks to see information on properties available to us and give input".

The meeting will be held in the Great Room at the "HUB" (Faith in Action Senior Center) in Belfair located at 111 NE Old Belfair Hwy, Belfair, WA 98528 on Monday, August 22, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

You can follow the progress of the county-wide project on MTA's website at:

[www.masontransit.org/parkandrideproject](http://www.masontransit.org/parkandrideproject).

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