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Mason Transit opens public parking lot in Belfair

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A new commuter and public parking lot opens in Belfair on Friday.

BELFAIR – Mason Transit Authority is opening a public parking area in Belfair.

The lot at 320 NE Roy Boad Road, near Safeway, is to be dedicated with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. Friday.

Mason Transit is leasing the property from Northridge Properties LLC for three years. The parking area will serve as a temporary location for residents and commuters to park until the agency completes construction of a permanent park and ride in Belfair.

Last year Mason Transit was awarded about \$10 million in a grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation to enhance and enlarge existing park and rides throughout Mason County. The plan includes building a new park and ride in Belfair.

Mason Transit Development Manager Mike Oliver said the permanent park and ride in Belfair is the first priority. A consultant was recently hired in an effort to purchase property for the permanent Belfair park and ride and it is estimated that lot construction will be finished in late 2019 or early 2020.

“The lack of public parking available in the Belfair area has long been a challenge for both the community and transit users,” Mason Transit General Manager Danette Brannin said. “This interim project is great news for the community and will be a welcome benefit while we work to create a permanent park and ride.”

The temporary parking area features 85 stalls, including four disabled-accessible stalls, a bus loading/passenger waiting area and low-energy lighting.

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