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the way the city handled
the Safe Routes project,
noting that it should have
communicated better and
partnered with the Shel-
ton School District.
"These are all really
good projects," he said.
"The easy part is getting
grants. The hard part is
getting the job done. Our
decisions affect other
agencies, like Mason
Transit, the schools. To go
around to every agency in
town and talk about our
shortcomings, it was very
humbling."
The city will address
other pressing concerns
and projects, such as the
new $1.7 million booster
pump regulating water
pressure in the Angleside
neighborhood that doesn't
work effectively, and a
$6.6 million water tank
clear Mason County Pub-
lie Works that needs lock-
ups.
"We are hopeful we can
help people hook up in the
near future," Wheaton
said. "There is still some
level of distrust. The city
has earned an amount of
that. We also haven't done
a good job taking care of
the things that people use
every day, like the roads
and sidewalks."
Whatever happens,
Wheaton knows it will af-
fect him as well, since he
now lives here.
"I drive these roads ev-
every day," he said. "I see
what needs to happen.
People want to trust us.
We need to get things done
without overpromising.
We need to diversify our
economy. And when we
make decisions, they will
be bold. We're going to do
things that haven't been
done before."