

Wheaton

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the way the city handled the Safe Routes project, noting that it should have communicated better and partnered with the Shelton 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 near Mason County Public Works that needs hook-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 affect him as well, since he now lives here.

"I drive these roads ev-

ery 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."