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Kenmore City Manager Appoints Ron Loewen As City Engineer

Kenmore, Wash. – Kenmore City Manager Fred Stouder has appointed Ron Loewen as the new Kenmore City Engineer, effective December 23. Mr. Loewen is currently an employee of the professional engineering services firm of Jones and Stokes. Loewen has served as the Interim City Engineer under contract from the firm since July 2008.

This position directly reports to the City Manager. Mr. Stouder stated he was very pleased the City and the community could attract someone with Mr. Loewen's vast experience in engineering and project management. He also noted more than 20 qualified applicants applied for the position, and nine very well qualified applicants were interviewed by three panels of professionals.

"Mr. Loewen brings hands on experience and broad knowledge along with a history of accomplishments from his previous employment in county and city government and with the private sector," said City Manager Fred Stouder.

Loewen's responsibilities include managing the City's engineering program, which includes reviewing and evaluating the City's engineering and project management needs; overseeing the design and construction of projects included in the Capital Improvement Program; evaluating, monitoring and assuring quality of work and conformance to contracts for service; and preparing and managing budgets for the engineering cost center, surface water operations and capital programs, transportation and street projects.

"I am excited about the opportunity to work for the City of Kenmore and become a member of the City's management team," said City Engineer Ron Loewen. "During the past several years, I have been involved in the design of the SR 522 Improvement Project and have come to enjoy working with City staff and appreciate their professionalism. This position will allow me to continue my involvement with the SR 522 Improvement Project, which will be my highest priority."

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Loewen has had significant responsibilities on various projects with the City as a consultant since 2000. These services include:

- Preliminary design of SR 522 improvements;
- SR 522 Phase II project manager;
- Traffic engineering;
- Surface Water Planning;
- Development reviews;
- Assisted in the development of the City's first transportation plan.

Loewen's past professional experiences in the area of government include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Service with the City of Seattle for 14 years. During that time Loewen managed the development of the Kingdome parking and access plan. He also spent two years as an assistant traffic engineer and managed the initial neighborhood traffic control program.
- Service with San Juan County as the County Engineer and Public Works Director for 16 years. Loewen was responsible for construction and maintenance of county roads.

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