

Northshore School District Transportation Center Breaks Ground

SEATTLE- Studio Meng Strazzara is happy to announce that Northshore School District's (NSD) Transportation Center broke ground in May and is scheduled for completion in June 2010.

A project 18 years in the making, Northshore School District has been looking to move out of their current Bus Barn in downtown Bothell, and relocate to a more efficient facility. Faced with Bothell's desire to redevelop Northshore's downtown property, a site was found in 2004 and the district moved ahead with design, hiring Studio Meng Strazzara as its architects.

The site is located just outside the Canyon Park Business Center, home to Northshore's Support Services Center and future home to the NSD Secondary Academy for Success. The site is 12 acres of land with the northern 4 acres slated to be shared with the City of Bothell's Public Works facility. There are also 16.9 total acres of off-site wetland mitigation. The project is divided into two closely related phases. Phase 1 will consist of the clearing, grading and drainage of the 12-acre construction site and the off-site wetland mitigation; installation of retaining walls, underground utilities and piping; ATB paving and preparation of building pads with emphasis on the north 4-acre portion for the City of Bothell. Once Phase 1 is completed in August 2009, the 4 acres will be sold to the City of Bothell to build its buildings.

Phase 2 will move ahead in August and will consist of finish paving, site work and construction of a 30,955 square foot building containing bus maintenance bays and an 11,465 square foot administration office. Other ancillary facilities include bus wash building and system, two fueling canopy stations, four fuel storage tanks and a covered storage shed.

The project went to bid in late February 2009, and Sierra Construction Services was awarded the contract with a base bid of \$11.6 million and alternates bid at \$386,000.

The other members of the design team are: Coughlin Porter Lundeen, civil; Tom Rengstorf Associates, landscape architecture; PCS Structural Solutions, structural; Tres West Engineers, mechanical-electrical and fuel; Maintenance Design Group, equipment; and Sandra Doyle Design, interior design. Laura Brent of Shockey/Brent, who has been involved in the project for many years, is the project manager for Northshore School District.

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