



# Press Release

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### Mountlake Terrace Revitalization Plan Gets Boost

**WASHINGTON** – U.S. Rep. Jay Inslee (D-Wash.) today announced that the U.S. House of Representatives approved \$500,000 to help the city of Mountlake Terrace bring its downtown revitalization plan to fruition.

Specifically, the House passed a broad spending bill that includes funds to expand water mains that feed the city's downtown area. The upgrade is necessary to serve the proposed town center and meet fire codes. Construction of the water system could begin as early as next year.

"This town center will be the axle that community activity revolves around," said Inslee, who represents Mountlake Terrace in Congress. "The creative, thoughtful approach taken by local leaders and residents represents the best of urban development in the Puget Sound area."

The revitalization plan was approved by the Mountlake Terrace City Council in February. It calls for the construction of a public plaza, wider streets and space for retail, restaurants, residential housing and offices. In coming weeks, the council is expected to consider new ordinances and zoning codes to implement the plan.

"We really appreciate Congressman Inslee's leadership," said City of Mountlake Terrace Mayor Jerry Smith. "Funds to upgrade our water system will help us achieve the revitalized downtown our community is planning for."

"This funding really helps us jump-start the future for Mountlake Terrace's downtown," said City of Mountlake Terrace Mayor Pro Tem Laura Sonmore. "This is yet another example of the City's ability to establish effective partnerships to achieve our vision, meet our community needs, provide local service and strengthen our local economy."

The funding was included in the House Interior appropriations bill, which passed the House after 6 p.m. EDT by a margin of 272 to 155.

Next, the Senate will consider its version of the appropriations bill before reconciling the final bill between the two chambers. Lastly, the President must sign it into law.

Learn more about the vision for a Mountlake Terrace Town Center at <http://www.cityofmlt.com/cityServices/planning/TownCenter>.

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