



# CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE

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## **SENATORS MURRAY AND CANTWELL, CONGRESSMAN DICKS SECURE FUNDS FOR CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE**

**University Place, Wash.** – July 29, 2005 – Bringing a shot in the arm to economic revitalization and transportation improvements in Pierce County, Washington’s U.S. Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, along with Congressman Norm Dicks, teamed to secure a total of \$6.05 million in federal funds for the City of University Place this week. This funding clears the path for University Place’s “Town Center Project,” a planned mixed-use development in the heart of the City, along Bridgeport between 35<sup>th</sup> Street and 37<sup>th</sup> Street. The development will include over 250,000 square feet of new retail stores and restaurants and up to 420 new residential units, including condos, town homes and lofts. The Town Center Project is part of the City’s aggressive economic development efforts and will generate more than 1,500 new jobs.

“We are grateful for the leadership and tenacious commitment to economic growth and enhanced quality of life in the region that our senators and congressman demonstrated,” lauded University Place City Manager Bob Jean. “This funding provides a critical launch to the type of smart growth planning to which University Place has pledged itself.”

The funding includes \$2.8 million for the development of streetscapes, bicycle paths, pedestrian walkways and public plazas in the Project area, and \$3.25 million for a new transit center garage that will provide residents, business people, shoppers, nearby college students and visitors with seamless transfers along Bridgeport Way – U.P.’s main street and a corridor of regional significance.

Situated along Puget Sound, west of I-5 and just south of Tacoma and the Narrows Bridge, University Place is Pierce County’s fourth largest city and home to 32,000 residents. For more information, contact City Manager Bob Jean at (253) 460-2500 or [bjean@cityofup.com](mailto:bjean@cityofup.com).

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