



# SAFESTREETS

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## Video of Beyond the Streets event now available

EVERETT – More than 175 people attended the City’s Oct. 25 Beyond the Streets event, featuring talks by Mayor Ray Stephanson and members of the [Community Streets Initiative](#) task force. Video of the event is [now available](#) via the City’s YouTube channel and will be broadcast on the [Everett Channel](#).

Presenters discussed positive actions that are being taken to address homelessness, mental illness and addiction in Everett and Snohomish County, and provided a look at next steps the community can take.

The evening was hosted by Chris Adams, co-chair of task force, and included remarks by Cassie Franklin, City Councilmember and CEO of Cocoon House; Ed Peterson, chief strategic officer for HopeWorks; Rev. Alan Dorway, pastor at Everett First Presbyterian Church; Captain John DeRousse with Everett Police; and Julie Zarn, regional director of Emergency & Critical Care Services at Providence Regional Medical Center Everett. Gene Martin, who lived on the streets of Everett for six years, also shared his story.

The task force, a 23-member group comprised of business owners, residents, and nonprofit, faith-based and health care leaders, met for several months in 2014 to identify strategies for addressing street-level social issues in Everett. The task force issued their [final report](#) and recommendations in November 2014.

In September 2015, to further address actions recommended by the task force, the City of Everett launched the comprehensive Safe Streets Plan, with three main priorities of housing, diversion and outreach and enforcement. Learn more at [www.everettwa.gov/safestreets](http://www.everettwa.gov/safestreets).

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### Learn more:

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