



## Washington State Senate

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Dear North Bend residents,

It is my honor to serve as your state senator. As you may know, the 12<sup>th</sup> District boundaries recently changed to reach over the Cascade Mountains and into a portion of Snohomish and King counties. The district boundaries now include the Highway 2 communities from Leavenworth to Monroe and a portion of King County from Duvall to North Bend.

As the new State Senator representing most of North Bend, I want you to know that I have really appreciated the many helpful communications I have had with your Mayor Rob McFarland and other officials, including your legislators from the 5<sup>th</sup> District who share city boundaries with the 12<sup>th</sup> District. In my discussions so far with your officials, I have focused on your community's priorities, including important transportation projects.

I am pleased to share that improvements to State Route 18 near North Bend are currently in process. Due to significant statewide use of Interstate 90 and growth in Snoqualmie Valley, a new interchange at I-90 and SR 18 is currently under construction. During certain peak driving times, including holidays and weekends, traffic congestion can be a major problem in this area. This phase of the improvement project includes widening two miles of SR 18 from the I-90 interchange to Issaquah/Hobart Road, providing two lanes in each direction.

During the 2022 legislative session, another important step was taken to advance statewide transportation priorities, including the state's passage of the "Move Ahead Washington" plan. One of the main reasons I supported this plan was because it included a significant extension of SR 18 widening. The 2022 plan funds a project that will follow the existing interchange and two-mile widening work by widening an additional five miles of SR 18 from Issaquah/Hobart Road to Deep Creek over the Tiger Mountain Summit. In addition to extending the widening, the project also includes improved traffic signals, new bridges, eliminating fish barriers, and improving areas for wildlife. This project is currently in its pre-construction phase.

I am looking forward to continuing to work closely on projects and issues important to North Bend. If you have any questions about these transportation projects or other legislative issues, please feel free to contact me through my website at [senatorbradhawkins.org](http://senatorbradhawkins.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad Hawkins".

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