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City of Anacortes – Fred Buckenmeyer, Public Works Director Announces Retirement

Anacortes, WA, October 13, 2021 -- After more than 17 years serving the City of Anacortes Public Works Director Fred Buckenmeyer has announced his retirement effective shortly after the first of the year. Over that time, he shared he has appreciated the many things that make our local community great; the people who live here, the goods and services from businesses within the city, the open space, and amenities everyone can enjoy, and the sense of safety throughout the City. The services and work performed by the Public Works Department are no exception. Buckenmeyer began working for the City in September 2004 and under his threshold, Fred leads a dynamic group of 75 professionals and oversees the following divisions: Wastewater, Water Treatment Plant System and Water Distribution, Engineering Services, Facilities, GIS and asset management, Operations (street, solid waste, and fleet), and Resource Conservation.

Fred Buckenmeyer said, “After nearly 40 years of public service, it is time for me to let someone else enjoy this job as much as I do. The City of Anacortes is absolutely the best place I have ever worked and serving as your Public Works Director has been the most rewarding job I have ever had.”

“Anacortes has benefited greatly from Fred’s leadership,” Mayor Laurie Gere said. “Fred has worked tirelessly to maintain and improve our city’s infrastructure. His efforts to maintain high service levels, excellent public facilities and to make Anacortes a better place for its residents will not soon be forgotten. We will all miss his energy, professional leadership, and innovative approach to complex problems.”

Mr. Buckenmeyer will remain with the city until his successor is named. The City will begin recruiting for the Director of Public Works in the near future.