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**1. As 43rd Ave SE connects to 180th St SE/ Sunset Rd what kind of barrier will be erected between 43rd Ave SE and the Seattle Utility easement area to diminish sound and visual noise of traffic on 43rd Ave SE?**

We anticipate conducting a noise study to determine what effects the proposed improvements may have on the neighboring properties and then taking the appropriate action.

**2. When will the road designs be available?**

We anticipate having a design report completed by February 2018, which will outline design options and recommend a preferred alternative. The design at that stage will be considered preliminary and subject to change as we continue through the design process and additional information becomes available.

**3. Will the rural nature of the nearby properties be taken into consideration?**

Roadway design alternatives for 43rd Ave SE will generally follow the current version of the Snohomish County Engineering Design and Development Standards. These standards allow paved asphalt shoulder in rural areas and curb/gutter with sidewalk in urban areas, keeping with the overall character of the area.

**4. Will this project help all the traffic going south?**

This project will provide an alternate route for those travelling north and south.

**5. Is a meandering road possible?**

A meandering road is typically not feasible because of the increased costs associated with purchasing additional right of way.

**6. Will sanitary sewer be provided to the homes near the road?**

Sanitary sewer is not typically available in rural areas.

**7. Why can't the road be built before development happens?**

Development activities are allowed by state regulations as specified in the Growth Management Act (GMA) and documented specifically in the countywide Comprehensive Plan. Snohomish County develops the Transportation Element (TE) as part of the Comprehensive Plan, which is used as a guide for development and future roadway projects. More information about Snohomish County's Comprehensive Plan and the Transportation Element, is located here: [snohomishcountywa.gov/2139](http://snohomishcountywa.gov/2139).

**8. Why isn't 51st Ave SE being used as a north/south road instead of 43rd Ave SE?**

Traffic models have shown connecting the 43rd Ave SE corridor will provide the most benefit for easing traffic congestion in the area.

**9. Will a street signal be installed at 43rd Ave SE and Jewell Rd?**

We are not currently planning to install a traffic signal at the intersection of 43rd Ave SE and Jewell Rd. Snohomish County will review signal warrants at this intersection as demand increases to verify efficient operations.

**10. Will school bus stops change with this project?**

The project design is not currently at a level that we can comment on any bus stop changes. We will coordinate with the local school districts to minimize the impact on school bus routes and stops.

**11. Speeding is a big issue on this road; what can be done?**

You may contact the Snohomish County Sheriff's office to request speed enforcement in this area.