Snohomish County Public Works plans to build an 8-foot-wide paved shoulder on the west side of Broadway Avenue between Yew Way and 164th Street SE. Drivers and nearby residents are invited to learn more about the project at an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at Cathcart Elementary.

This nearly three-mile stretch of Broadway Avenue currently has 10-foot-wide travel lanes and no shoulders, and the posted speed is 35 mph. This project is one of several projects funded by construction of the Brightwater Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A 5-foot-wide shoulder could be constructed on the east side of Broadway, from Yew Way to 164th Street SE, if the county can secure additional funding.

**Project benefits**

Wider shoulders will make it easier for pedestrians and cyclists to commute without competing for space with the approximately 5,300 vehicles that drive this stretch of Broadway daily. These improvements should help reduce the risk of collisions along the route. Additional retaining walls and stormwater retention ponds will improve drainage and help clean water entering local lakes and streams.

**Construction schedule**

Right-of-way acquisition will begin in late spring 2013 and continue through the fall. We expect to advertise the project for competitive bid in March 2014, and begin construction that summer. Construction is expected to last through fall 2015. Drivers and pedestrians can expect daytime single-lane closures on weekdays during construction work. Once we award the construction contract, we’ll post schedule details on the project website.

**Funding**

The project is funded by King County and managed by Snohomish County as part of an agreement related to construction of the Brightwater Wastewater Treatment Plant. Construction is expected to cost $3.8 million.
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Open house March 19