Project update

Construction of improvements along the 1.8 mile long North Road, originally planned to begin in 2012, is now scheduled to begin in 2013, due to funding availability. Construction is planned for completion in 2014. The project team is continuing with the final design and coordinating various details of the project. The team includes staff members from each of the resource groups within Public Works: engineering, environmental, right-of-way, survey, geotechnical, traffic, and surface water/drainage.

Project coordination

Right-of-way staff is working individually with the owners of more than 100 properties adjacent to North Road. Other members of the team are coordinating with multiple utility companies to map the location and depth of the various lines to eliminate conflicts. Coordination is also continuing with various permitting agencies and the Edmonds School District. Comments received from you and your neighbors are included in the process of finalizing plans and checking details.

Safety features

Safety for area residents, drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists, is of primary concern. The project design includes; curbs and sidewalks and additional street lights to improve visibility along the entire length of North Road, especially at intersections. Reflective, raised pavement markers will delineate the center left-turn lane and the center line of side streets that adjoin North Road. Bike lanes along both sides of North Road will be defined by reflective paint. The speed limit will remain at 35 miles per hour.

Currently there is a limited amount of on-street parking on North Road. After the addition of the center turn-lane, curbs, sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides of the road, there will not be enough roadway width for on-street parking. There will be no on-street parking along either side of North Road between 164th St SE and Filbert Road once construction is finished.

There will no longer be a need to cross North Road to retrieve mail. Mailbox placement has been reviewed and modified so that each mailbox will be on the same side of North Road as the associated property.
Questions from citizens
Q: Where will the detention ponds be located?
A: At this time the engineers are planning them near Jonathan Road, next to Bellflower Road, and near 170th Place SW. An exhibit posted on the web page shows the preliminary locations.

Q: Will there be a planter strip in the middle of the road?
A: No, however, there will be planter strips between the edge of the roadway and sidewalk where space is available.

Q: Will there be any barriers or walls at curves, or anywhere else along the road?
A: Short retaining walls will be constructed where needed on slopes. Noise walls or other sound barriers are not required or feasible on this road due to the many driveways and side roads.

Community Transit Bus Routes Serve 164th Street
Routes 115/116: serve Mill Creek Town Center, Silver Firs, Alderwood Mall, Edmonds Community College and Edmonds Senior Center and connect to Swift and many local and regional transit routes.

- “Which bus should I take?”
- “How do vanpools work?”
- “How can I find a carpool?”

Contact CT’s Curb the Congestion Specialist for answers: 425-438-6136