Join Snohomish County Public Works staff for an open house between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 5, to discuss proposed road improvements for 43rd Ave SE/Sunset Rd. There is no formal presentation. This corridor is within unincorporated Snohomish County (North Creek), northeast of Bothell and southeast of Mill Creek—one of the fastest growing areas in Snohomish County.

The project has been in the county’s comprehensive plan for approximately 15 years. Traffic models have shown connecting the 43rd Ave SE corridor will provide the most benefit for easing traffic congestion in the area. The project includes both urban growth and rural areas.

**Project Benefits**

- Wider, paved roads to improve traffic mobility and safety
- Improved regional mobility
- Sidewalks for pedestrians and students attending local schools
- Bike lanes for cyclists to encourage non-motorized travel
- Roundabouts to alleviate congestion at intersections
- New signal to improve traffic flow at 180th St SE and Sunset Rd
- Stormwater quality improvement
- Improved street lighting to increase visibility

**See project details inside.**
Project Funding
Total estimated project cost: $23.7 million, funded by the Snohomish County Road Fund. Supplemental funding sources are being pursued.

Estimated Project Schedule
- 2016-2018: Field survey and preliminary design
- 2019: Environmental studies
- October 2019: Traffic noise study completed
- December 2019: Public open house
- 2020-2021: Design, right-of-way acquisitions and utility relocations
- 2021: Go out for construction bids
- 2022-2023: Construction of roadway

Right-of-Way
Right-of-way acquisition will be required along the roadway to construct the proposed roadway and drainage improvements. The county standard right-of-way for an urban and rural arterial is 70-foot, typically 35 feet on each side of the roadway centerline.

View our “Before We Build” citizen’s guide to right-of-way acquisition booklet online (snohomishcountywa.gov/documentcenter/view/2905).

Environmental Review
The Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requires state and local agencies to consider the likely environmental impacts of a proposal. Public Works will complete an Environmental Checklist on the preferred project alternative as described in the design.

The elements of the environment that will be evaluated include earth, air, water, plants, animals, energy, environmental health, land use, transportation, public services and utilities. Staff will be available at the open house to discuss the findings.

Proposed Project Design

Section A: Sunset Rd — from 178th St SE to 184th St SE
43rd Ave SE — from 184th St SE to 188th St SE
- Add 11-foot travel lanes, 5-foot bike lanes and sidewalks, where needed
- Signal improvements at 180th St SE and Sunset Rd
- Add new stormwater pond

Section B: 43rd Ave SE — from 188th St SE to Maltby Rd (SR 524)
- Widen road to two 11-foot travel lanes with 6-foot shoulders on both sides and a 5-foot separated walkway on the east side
- Build two single-lane roundabouts on 43rd Ave SE at the intersections of Jewell Rd/196th St SE and SR 524/Maltby Rd
- Add new stormwater pond
- Add three underground stormwater chambers

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