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West Lake Sammamish Parkway Design Report Phase *Project Update*

Background: In April 2005, Bellevue City Council approved a project to improve safety along West Lake Sammamish Parkway by separating pedestrians and bicycle traffic from vehicular traffic. This approval process was preceded by an extensive public outreach effort by the City of Bellevue, that involved residents along West Lake Sammamish Parkway and other project stakeholders in the selection of a preferred alternative for the improvements.

Project Vision: This project will enhance safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicular traffic by providing a multi-use trail along the west side of West Lake Sammamish Parkway and will restore the existing pavement while maintaining the distinct character of the West Lake Sammamish Parkway area.

Proposed Improvements: This project will create a four-foot-wide shoulder on the east side of the road and a 10-foot-wide, multi-use trail on the west side for walkers and bicyclists, which would be buffered from the road in many areas by landscaped strips varying in width. The northbound lane will be 10-feet wide and the southbound lane will be 10.5-feet wide. This project also includes a new traffic signal at SE 34th Street and the placement of six pedestrian crosswalks along the Parkway between I-90 and Bellevue's northern city limits.



Current Status: This project is in the Design Report phase. The objectives of the Design Report phase are:

1. Complete a detailed topographic survey of the entire corridor.
2. Develop a preliminary design that identifies the major features of the proposed improvements such as the new trail alignment, wall locations, an overview of the stormwater collection and conveyance system, etc.
3. Develop a cost estimate for completing final design and construction of the entire corridor.
4. Identify limits and estimated cost of the right-of-way acquisition needed for the project.
5. Develop a prioritized implementation phasing plan to construct the corridor in phases.
6. Keep residents and community engaged and informed throughout the duration of the Design Report Phase.

The West Lake Sammamish Parkway Improvement Project is approximately 5.5 miles long. Designing and constructing the entire corridor at once is cost prohibitive and not feasible. Improvements will have to be constructed in phases. The Design Report phase is necessary work in order to develop a prioritized implementation phasing plan to construct the corridor in phases.

The project team intends to maintain the same aggressive public involvement and outreach efforts to keep all project stakeholders informed and updated as the preliminary design is being developed. This will be accomplished by sending out progress newsletters, maintaining an up-to-date project website, and



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meeting with various community groups and property owners. The preliminary design will be presented and input solicited from the community and other project stakeholders in the development of a prioritized implementation phasing plan for the entire corridor of West Lake Sammamish Parkway. The project team will also seek feedback from the community on corridor-wide aesthetic matters such as landscaping and wall fascia.

Schedule: The City selected Reid Middleton, Inc. to be the design engineering firm to prepare the Design Report for this project. Survey work will begin in May and will last approximately three months. The survey crews will be surveying existing roadway features and surrounding areas. This information is necessary to start the preliminary design. Each resident should have already received a Right-of-Entry letter asking permission to come onto each property. There will be five concurrent survey crews along West Lake Sammamish in order to maximize efficiency and provide the least disruptions possible; however, some short traffic delays may occur.

Project Cost: The overall estimated cost for final design, right of way acquisition, and construction will be determined at the completion of the Design Report Phase.

Questions & Comments: If you have any questions or comments, please contact Rachel Speer, PE, Project Manager, at 425.452.6902 or Rspeer@bellevuewa.gov. More information may be found at the city's website: www.bellevuewa.gov/west_lk_samm_prkwy.htm.

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