

Vicinity Map



Interurban Boulevard and 180th Street SE August 2010 Project Update

Current conditions

The 180th Street SE corridor is a major two-lane, east-west road. Two branches of Interurban Boulevard connect to the north side of 180th Street SE with a short 125-foot separation between them. The close proximity of these branches causes traffic conflicts.

In September 2009, Public Works held an open house at Cathcart Elementary to introduce early design alternatives to address the traffic issues which also include sight distance problems. Seven options were under consideration at the time. The options, along with their pros and cons, were exhibited and citizens were asked to provide comments to help guide the selection process.

Chosen alternative includes a new road at 59th Avenue SE

Alternative 7 was the favored option of citizens at the open house, and best corrects the traffic-related issues of the existing Interurban Boulevard intersection. With the approval of Public Works management, Alternative 7 is being carried forward (see map on back). The improvements are being planned to include:

- Closing the existing skewed intersection of West Interurban Boulevard at 180th Street SE.
- Building a new road on the north side of 180th Street SE at 59th Avenue SE.
- Widening 180th Street SE to a 3-lane road, including turn lanes and shoulders.
- Improving sight distance on 180th Street SE near Interurban Boulevard.
- Adding water quality treatment and stormwater detention for improved drainage.

Status of the project

Survey work for the project is substantially complete. The remainder will include staking the public right-of-way and surveying for needed utility relocations. Within the next few months County right-of-way staff will contact property owners who live adjacent to the project to acquire needed property to accommodate the widening of 180th Street SE and the new road (59th Avenue SE).

Construction is currently planned for 2012 and should be finished within one construction season. Updates and any newsletters will be posted on the project Web page as the project progresses. You may register for automatic e-mail updates by following the "eSubscribeServices" link on the Web page. From the County's Web page www.snoco.org, search "Interurban Blvd" or "Roads" to find the project page.

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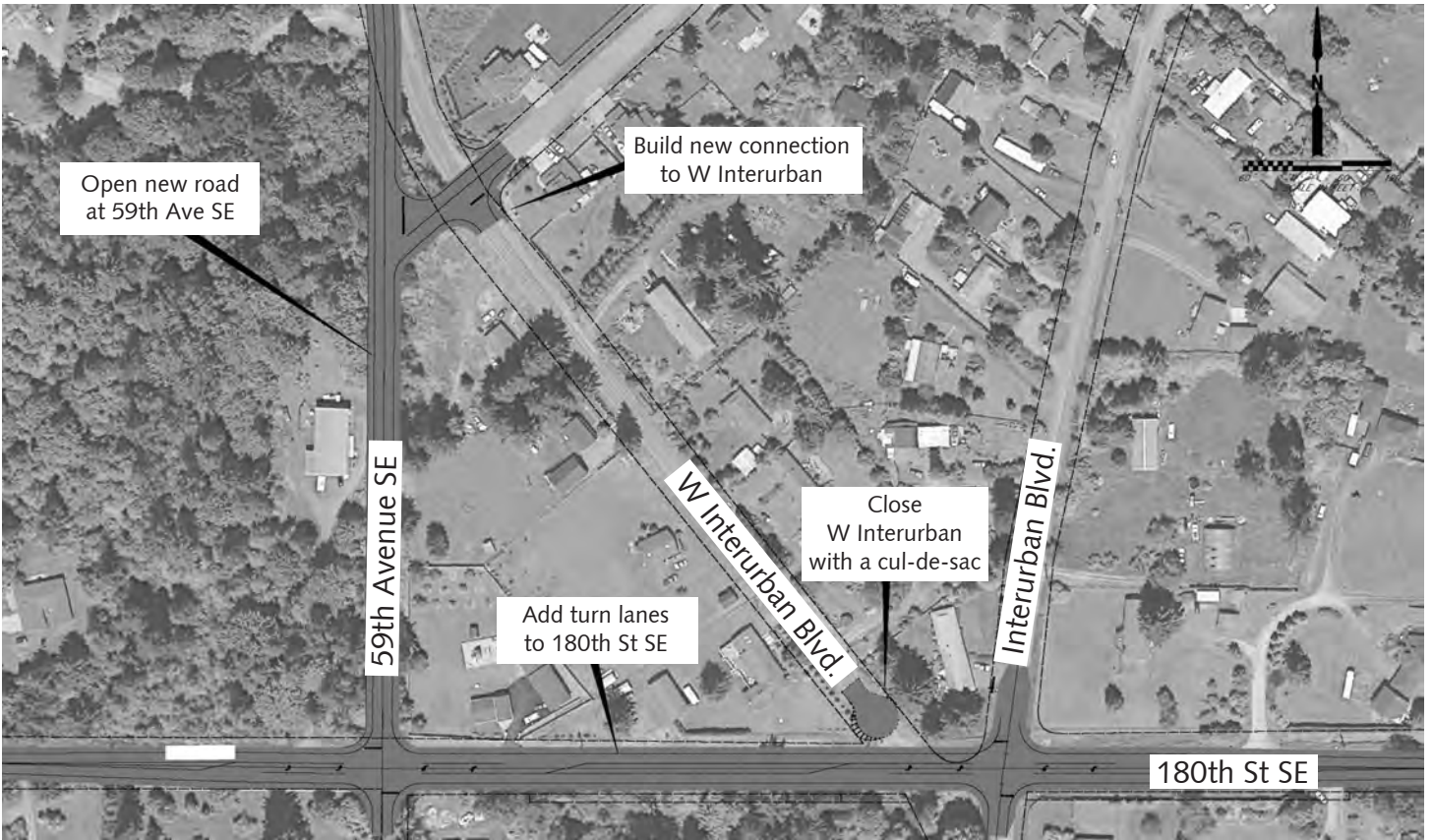
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Alternative 7 would close West Interurban Boulevard, open a new road at 59th Avenue SE, and add turn lanes and shoulders on 180th Street SE.

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