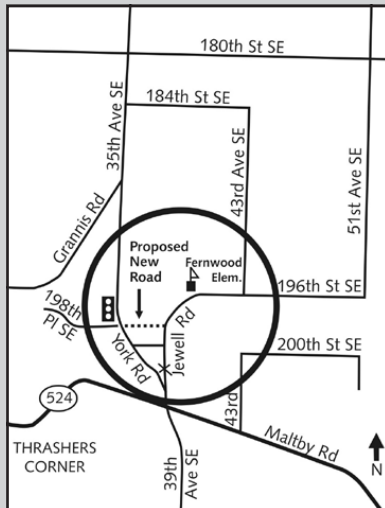


# 198th Place SE Update

Jewell Rd – York Rd – 35th Ave. SE



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Snohomish County proposes to extend 198th Place SE from 35th Avenue SE to Jewell Road to address several traffic issues in the neighborhood north of Maltby Road. The goal is to improve traffic safety and circulation in the area. Increasing traffic volumes along 35th Avenue SE-York Road have made peak-hour access to the corridor more difficult from Jewell Road on the east side and from 198th Place SE on the west side. Southbound traffic on Jewell conflicts with southbound traffic on York where the two roads meet. Speeding vehicles also concern residents of the Jewell Road - 196th Street SE - 51st Avenue SE neighborhood.

## Staff and area residents met at November 6 open house

Information about the proposal was available at a public Open House held at Fernwood Elementary School on November 6, 2008. A newsletter mailed to 900 homes in the project area described the proposal and invited residents to the open house.

Displays included preliminary plan drawings, large aerial photos and environmental exhibits. Public Works staff members from the Engineering, Traffic Operations, Right-of-Way and Environmental groups were on hand to discuss the proposal with area residents and ask for comments. Approximately 40 people attended the open house. Completed comment forms were collected at the meeting and others were mailed to Public Works in the following weeks. Comments were also e-mailed to [transportation@snoco.org](mailto:transportation@snoco.org).

## Neighborhood residents provided comments and suggestions

The project team received comments from residents during and after the open house and is using them to make changes to the pro-

posal. The original proposal included the addition of a traffic signal at the intersection of 35th Avenue SE and 198th Pl SE. The proposal also included closing Jewell Road to all traffic to and from York Road and constructing a turnaround a few hundred feet north of the Jewell Road/York Road intersection. The traffic signal and turn-around are still included in the proposal.

Neighborhood residents suggested keeping Jewell open to only northbound traffic from Maltby Road and keeping it fully open to bicyclists and pedestrians. A developer has secured a permit to construct a small subdivision east of Jewell Road and just south of 199th Street SE. Jewell road cannot be closed to two-way traffic in front of that property. The new proposal maintains north and southbound traffic on Jewell to approximately 500 feet north of York Road.

Another suggestion was to install two roundabouts on Jewell Road - one at a new 198th Place SE intersection and one at 196th Street SE. Engineers are evaluating the option of a roundabout where Jewell Road and the new alignment at 198th Place SE would meet.

Residents also asked for sidewalks. Sidewalks along the new section of 198th Pl SE are part of the proposal and may be possible for Jewell Road.

Another suggestion was to close 199th Street SE at York Road to through traffic. The road is currently only open to vehicles traveling north on York Road and turning right into the neighborhood. There have to be compelling reasons, such as for safety, for any road to be closed and the request would have to be approved by the County Council.

### What are the next steps?

Engineers are revising the original proposal. Information about the updated version will be sent to residents when it is available. There will be an environmental process to address the revised proposal and more opportunities for public comment.

Visit the County's Web site. [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) and search "198th Pl SE."

### Information about other projects

Several residents asked about plans for other road improvements in the area. To see a list of approved Public Works projects on the schedule visit Snohomish County's Web site

[www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) and search "roads central" and follow the link to "Road Projects." At Roads Central there is also a link to information and photos of roundabouts.

For information about long-range transportation plans and a list of roads recommended for improvement in the coming years visit Snohomish County's Web site [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) and search "comp plan." Follow the link to "Transportation Element" (TE) of the Comp Plan. The TE covers a 20-Year period from 2005 to 2025.

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You may send questions and comments to [transportation@snoco.org](mailto:transportation@snoco.org). Please include "198th" in the subject line.

### Transportation options in the region continue to improve

Visit the following Web sites to find information about current state highway conditions, park and ride lots, vanpools, trains, buses and much more:

**Washington State  
Dept of Transportation:**  
[www.wsdot.wa.gov](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov)

**King County Metro Transit:**  
<http://transit.metrokc.gov/>  
Telephone:  
206-624-PASS (7277)

**Sound Transit:**  
[www.soundtransit.org](http://www.soundtransit.org)  
Telephone 1-888-889-6368

**Community Transit:**  
[www.commtrans.org/](http://www.commtrans.org/)  
Telephone: 353-RIDE (7433) or  
1-800-562-1375

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