

**You're Invited to an Open House**

**Saturday, October 18  
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Skyview Junior High School  
21404 - 35th Ave SE, Bothell

Join us to learn more and share your thoughts about proposed improvements planned for your neighborhood. Project engineers, traffic division staff and right-of-way specialists will be available at information stations to discuss different aspects of the project and answer your questions. Plan drawings and other exhibits will be on display to provide a more detailed look at the preliminary designs.

**Three Ways to Comment:**

Your comments will be used to help guide the final designs. Here are three ways to comment:

- Attend the open house on October 18 and leave a completed feedback form with staff.
- Mail comments to Snohomish County Public Works, Communications, 3000 Rockefeller, M/S 607, Everett, WA 98201
- E-mail comments or questions to: [transportation@snoco.org](mailto:transportation@snoco.org). Please include "228th" in the subject line.

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- Visit [www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org), and search "Roads Central" for information about this and other transportation projects.

# Road Improvements Being Planned for 228th Street SE and 45th Avenue SE

Near the end of 2007 Snohomish County Public Works staff began planning for pedestrian and bicycle safety improvement projects in the area around 228th Street SE just west of SR 9. The projects are being funded by an agreement between King and Snohomish Counties to mitigate the impacts on neighboring communities of the Brightwater Wastewater Treatment Plant. Through the agreement King County is providing \$70 million for parks, wildlife habitat, a community resource center, and pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements.

Snohomish County Public Works is managing the safety improvement projects required by the agreement and will use low-impact development techniques where possible. Two of

the roads planned for improvement are 228th Street SE (between 39th Avenue SE and SR 9) and 45th Avenue SE (between 212th Street SE and 240th Street SE). The goal is to make it easier and safer for residents to walk and bicycle in the area.

We are in the beginning stages of these projects and your comments will help arrive at final designs that best serve the community. Construction of the safety improvements is not likely to begin before 2010. A description of what is being considered follows. You can learn more and speak with project staff at an open house scheduled for Saturday, October 18. You can also visit Snohomish County's Web site and search "Maltby Area."

## 45th Avenue SE Walkway (212th St SE to 240th St SE)

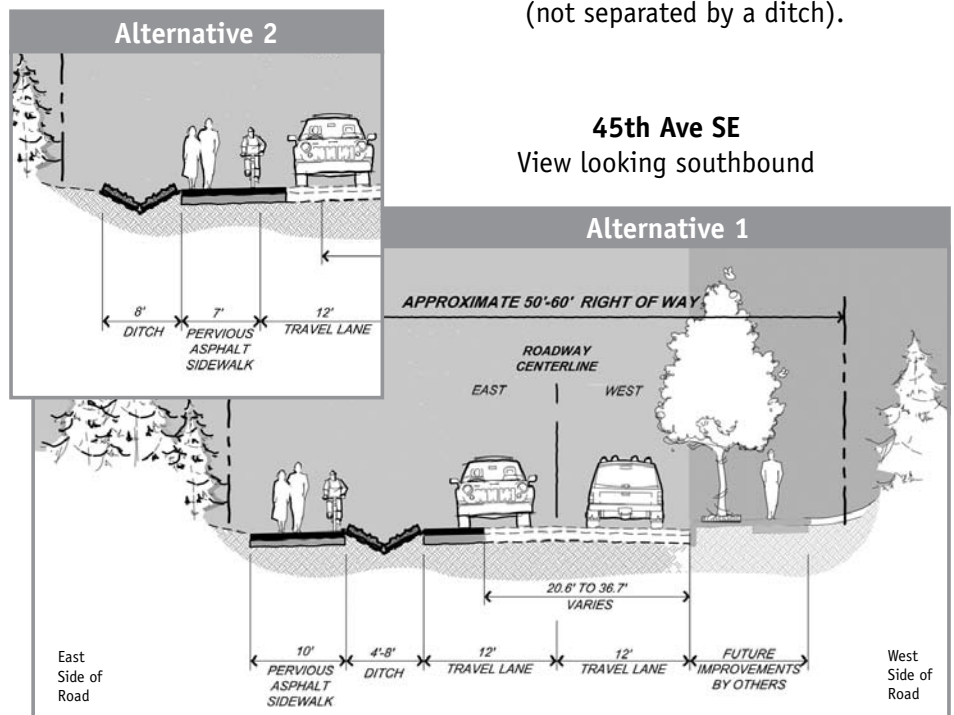
This portion of 45th Avenue SE is a 1.75 mile two-lane road that has curb, gutter and sidewalk along portions of its west side. Remaining portions of sidewalk on the west side are being constructed by private land owners as development occurs. The speed limit along the road is 35 mph; 5,300 vehicles travel it each day.

The proposal is to add a 10-foot wide asphalt walkway along the east side of the road and connect to the County

Park, another Brightwater mitigation project that is planned for the southeast corner of 45th Avenue SE and 228th Street SE.

There are two alternatives being considered for the walkway:

- Alternative #1 would construct the 10-foot wide walkway separated from the roadway by a ditch that would vary in width from four to eight feet.
- Alternative #2 would place the walkway next to the roadway (not separated by a ditch).



## 228th Street SE Sidewalks and Bike Lanes (39th Ave SE to SR 9)

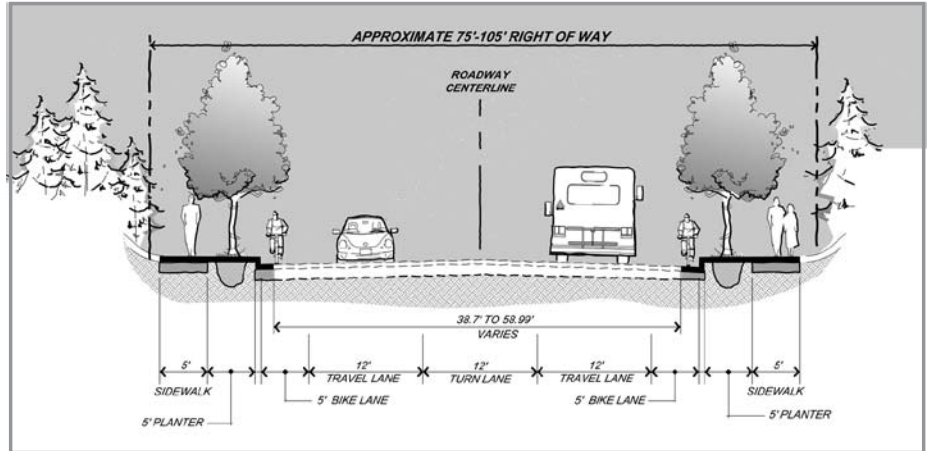
This portion of 228th St SE is a 1.78 mile two-lane road that 8,500 vehicles travel each day. There are currently intermittent sections of sidewalk along both sides of the road. The hill on this road and changing topography will call for variations in the design. Some areas will require retaining walls and the county would need to purchase some right-of-way.

Continuous curb, gutter and sidewalk would be added along both sides of the road, as well as 5-foot wide bicycle lanes. Planter strips would also be added along the north and south sides of the road where space is available. The existing pavement can be re-striped to accommodate a center turn lane to provide safer access to neighborhoods on the north and south sides of the road. These projects are consistent with the Transportation Element of Snohomish County's Comprehensive Plan.

The bridge at the east end of 228th Street SE provides 4-foot wide shoulders on the north and south sides for bicyclists and pedestrians. The ideal design would be to add raised 5-foot wide structures on both sides of the bridge for pedestrians. We will not know if that is possible until after the design and cost estimates for the main portion of the corridor are available.

### A Possible Addition if the County Can Find Funding

Due to the hill on 228th Street SE, the county is evaluating the feasibility of adding a lane for slow-moving vehicles climbing the hill. This is not part of the pedestrian and bicycle safety projects funded by Brightwater and will not be possible unless Snohomish County can identify a source of funding.



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