

You're Invited to an Open House

**Tuesday, August 12
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Kokanee Elementary School
23710 - 57th Avenue SE

Join us to learn more and share your thoughts about proposed improvements planned for your neighborhood. Visit with staff, view exhibits and share your comments anytime between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

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Information About Other County Projects

Snohomish County continues to coordinate with transit agencies and other jurisdictions to improve the transportation network for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers.

To learn more about projects that have been under construction this year and those being planned for the future, you can visit the County's Web site, www.snoco.org, and type "roads" in the search box. Follow the link to Roads Central.

Public Works Is Proposing to Improve the "Walkability" of Your Neighborhood

During November of last year, Snohomish County Public Works mailed a postcard to residents west of the Brightwater site to announce future neighborhood improvements that the county would be working on in the area. We mentioned that the projects are being funded by an agreement between King and Snohomish Counties to mitigate the impacts of the Brightwater Wastewater Treatment Plant. Through the agreement King County is providing \$70 million for parks, safety improvements, habitat mitigation and a community resource center.

Snohomish County Public Works is managing the safety/roadway improvement portion of the agreement. The roads identified for improvements are: 49th Avenue SE (236th to 228th); 53rd Avenue SE (233rd to 228th); 57th Avenue SE (236th to 228th); 228th Street SE (39th to SR 9); and 45th Street SE (240th to 212th).

You're Invited

Several Open Houses will be held to present ideas for road improvements to you and other area residents and to ask for comments.

The first meeting will be held on August 12 to present ideas to the neighborhoods along 49th Avenue SE, 53rd Avenue SE and 57th Avenue SE and ask residents of each of the roads their thoughts on the proposed options.

The Open House will be set up with information "stations" for each of the three neighborhoods. Project team members will be available at each station to answer questions. There will also be comment forms and flip charts where neighbors can record their comments and see what others have to say. Comments will be used by the project team to guide the final designs.

A separate meeting will be scheduled at a later date to present options for 45th Avenue SE and 228th Street SE, once preliminary designs have been drafted for those roads. A large mailing will go out to the surrounding area to invite you and other area residents to that meeting.

What is Being Considered for 49th, 53rd, and 57th Avenues SE?

The purpose of these projects is to provide safer opportunities for walking in and around these three neighborhoods and to expand the network of pedestrian facilities in the area. Conceptual designs have been developed to fit with the existing character of each neighborhood. The projects are planned for the west side of each road and are being designed to stay within county right-of way. It will not be necessary to purchase property from adjacent homeowners.

Where feasible, a low impact development option of pervious/porous concrete or asphalt will be used. These innovative materials have an open structure that allows water to percolate down through the material to be filtered by the underlying soil. This reduces the amount of stormwater run-off draining into streams and wetlands.

A basic description of options for each road is listed in this newsletter.

What Happens After the Open House?

After the Open House on August 12 the project team will review all of the comments from each neighborhood and use them to make the final selections.

The first project scheduled for construction is 53rd Avenue SE. Work is tentatively planned to begin in late 2009. The other projects will follow: 49th Avenue SE in 2010 and 57th Avenue SE is planned for 2011. The county's survey crew will mark the right-of-way boundary along the west side of each road before construction begins. An update newsletter will also be sent before construction begins in the summer of 2009. If at any time you have questions, feel free to contact project staff.

We look forward to speaking with you at the Open House and learning what your ideas are regarding the options.

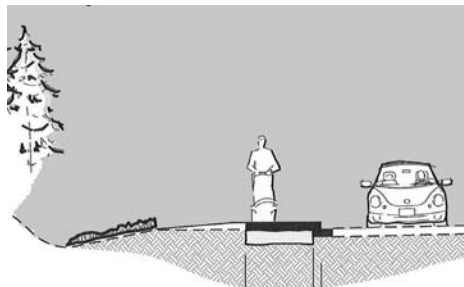
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

49th Avenue SE between 236th St SE and 228th St SE

Two design options have been developed for 49th Avenue SE.

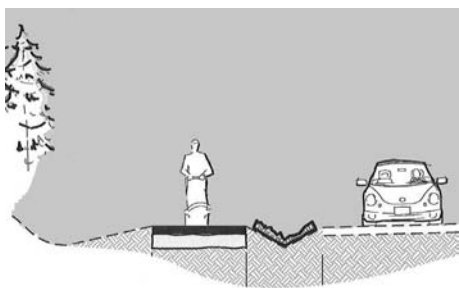
Option 1:

- Curb, gutter, and a 5-foot wide sidewalk will be constructed on the west side of the road.



Option 2:

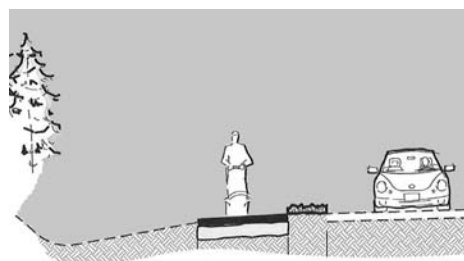
- The south half of the project is identical to Alternative 1.
- On the north half of the project, a 7-foot wide meandering walkway will be constructed on the west side of the road. The alignment has been designed to preserve existing vegetation, match the existing terrain, and maintain the rural character of the roadway.



53rd Avenue SE between 233rd St SE and 228th St SE

One option has been developed for 53rd Avenue SE.

- A 7-foot wide meandering walkway will be constructed on the west side of the road.
- The alignment has been designed to preserve existing vegetation, match the existing terrain, and maintain the rural character of the roadway.
- The walkway will be separated from the edge of the roadway by a minimum of 3 feet.

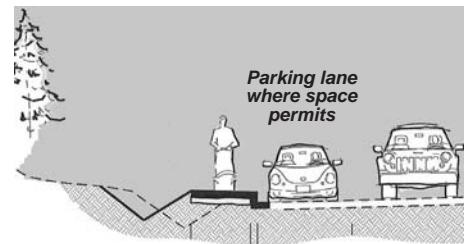


57th Avenue SE between 236th St SE and 228th St SE

Two design options have been developed for 57th Avenue SE.

Option 1:

- Curb, gutter, and a 5-foot wide sidewalk will be constructed on the west side of the road.
- The existing roadway pavement will remain in place. The west side will consist of a 13-foot travel lane. Where space permits, the west side will consist of an 11-foot travel lane and a 8-foot parallel parking lane.



Option 2:

- A 7-foot wide meandering walkway will be constructed on the west side of the road. In areas where the walkway meanders away from the road, the walkway will be separated from the roadway by a ditch. In areas where the walkway is next to the roadway, curb and gutter will be provided.
- The existing roadway pavement will remain in place.
- On-street parking is not included.



Learn more & share your views!

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