

PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

Project Sponsor: Bellevue

Project Name: 520 Trail/Northup Way Multimodal Corridor

Project Location: Northup Way (Bellevue Way to NE 24th Street)

What type of project is it: Corridors Serving Centers

Plan Consistency:

- Transportation 2040 project number: 5496
- Is the project consistent with the Transportation 2040: Yes

Project Description

Construct bike lane and sidewalk improvements along Northup Way with a center turn lane and planting strips where feasible. The non-motorized facilities will serve as an interim regional trail connecting the existing SR 520 trail terminus at NE 24th Street to 108th Avenue NE where a new regional pedestrian and bicycle path will be built by the Washington State Department of Transportation as part of the SR 520 project.

Project Benefit

BENEFIT TO CENTER

- Northup Way connects to the north end of Downtown Bellevue, a regional growth center, via Bellevue Way, I-405 and SR 520. Access to the Redmond Downtown and Overlake regional centers is achieved from SR 520 or the eastern sections of the 520 Trail.
- The neighborhoods in the north end of downtown Bellevue are expected to absorb more than half of the residential growth in the downtown area (consistent with the Growth Management Act). Having multi-modal amenities attracts development and promotes the use of active transportation for commute, errand, and recreational purposes.

SYSTEM CONTINUITY

- The non-motorized facilities provide access to regional centers, the South Kirkland Park & Ride, and to the regional trail system including: SR 520 Trail, the Lake Washington Loop Trail, 116th Avenue NE improvements, and the Sammamish River Trail.
- The project will reduce congestion for the 12,700 vehicles using the roadway each day by adding a center turn lane, which will provide a safe location for the many trucks serving local commercial and light industrial uses to wait to turn into narrow driveways. Access management strategies, such as consolidating driveways and adding medians, will also reduce bottleneck locations.

