

PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

Project Sponsor: Bellevue

Project Name: West Lake Sammamish Parkway Enhancements

Project Location: West Lake Sammamish Parkway (North City Limits to I-90)

What type of project is it: Corridors Serving Centers

Plan Consistency:

- Transportation 2040 project number: 5502
- Is the project consistent with the Transportation 2040: Yes

Project Description

The project constructs phased improvements to the non-motorized and roadway facilities along a five mile corridor. The corridor improvements will provide a consistent 4' shoulder on the east side and a 10' wide multi-purpose trail on the west side with a 2'-5' landscaped buffer where space is available. Other enhancements include eight new pedestrian crossings, a new signal at SE 34th Street, and storm drainage/fish passage improvements. The project also has a preservation element that includes repair of the roadway, which is comprised of heaving concrete panels that are more than 50 years old.

Project Benefits

BENEFIT TO CENTERS

- Provides a north-south arterial multi-modal connection between I-90 at the south end (serving Seattle's regionally designated centers and Bellevue's locally designated employment centers – Factoria and Eastgate) and the Redmond Downtown and Overlake regional centers to the north.
- Regional traffic modeling demonstrates that 75 percent of the commute traffic on the parkway is regional in nature, connecting people to multiple employment centers that anticipate significant growth (For example, Redmond approved two million square feet of growth in the high tech industry.)

SYSTEM CONTINUITY

- The multi-purpose trail creates a backbone for the non-motorized system in east Bellevue because there are few pedestrian facilities in the adjacent neighborhoods. The new facility will make it easier for residents to walk to local markets and parks, access school bus stops, and reach transit routes on Northup Way.

