

PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL PRIORITY PROJECT LIST

NARRATIVE PROJECT INFORMATION *October 2011*

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Project Name:

Multiway Boulevard at Bothell Way

Project Location:

Bothell Way (former SR 527) from SR 522 to NE 188th St

What type of project is it: Support Centers X Corridors Serving Centers

Plan Consistency:

- Transportation 2040 project number: N/A
- Is the project consistent with the Transportation 2040: Yes X No

Project Description - No more than one full page - (see evaluation criteria for information to include):

- Briefly describe the project
- What is the intended outcome & benefit

The Multiway Boulevard is the key component in the revitalization of Downtown Bothell as outlined in the City's adopted Downtown Subarea Plan and Regulations. It incorporates a unique boulevard design that resolves the historic conflict between heavy primary arterial traffic versus a pedestrian-friendly vital downtown core. This project will tie together the soon-to-be redeveloped westside of Downtown Bothell to the historic eastside. Currently the two sides of Downtown Bothell are separated by a busy, non-pedestrian-friendly arterial barrier. The City is currently implementing the Downtown revitalization plan that is estimated to result in \$670 million in private mixed-use investment, including 1,360 new permanent family-wage jobs, 2,700 residential units, and 650,000 square feet of commercial space to house new business. This

project is vital to the implementation of this plan and the creation of a sustainable economic core for the City of Bothell

The Multiway Boulevard project widens Bothell Way (formerly SR 527) to create a wide landscaped boulevard that includes 4 lanes of arterial traffic and a center turn lane to serve as a primary arterial. Separated on each side of this central arterial by tree-lined medians will be side-access lanes with parking and wide sidewalks. The side-access lanes will also serve as a bicycle corridor. The result is a boulevard that can accommodate heavy traffic volumes while still maintaining a buffered safe pedestrian and bicyclist experience. It also provides on-street parking that is critical to the viability of retail that fronts the boulevard.

While the current arterial acts as a barrier for local pedestrians, bicyclists, and traffic, the innovative project resolves modal conflicts. As such, the project is good for commuters as well as residents and business owners. The new Boulevard will be a unique street that creates a sense of place for Downtown Bothell and helps support the historic core rather than separate it from the rest of the redeveloped downtown. It will improve local circulation by providing more crossing points for east/west traffic, pedestrians, and bicyclists. The Boulevard will create an environment that is safer for pedestrians by calming traffic and separating it from the pedestrian realm. While creating more crossing points, it also streamlines the mainline arterial by eliminating direct access by individual driveways. Any existing driveway will open into the side access lanes.

In short, the intended outcome is the creation of a boulevard that serves regional and local traffic while creating a positive pedestrian-friendly environment that sustains economic viability for Bothell's downtown. The benefit is an efficient street network coupled with a vital economic downtown core.

The project will incorporate sustainability features such as rain gardens and pervious street pavers to collect and clean storm water.

Project Status & Timeline

Where is the project at in development?

What is the timeline for this project from start to completion?

(Please identify the major phases)

The project is divided into two phases. Phase I is the section between SR 522 and NE 185th St. This is the most visible portion within the downtown core and serves as a gateway to Bothell's downtown. Phase II extends from NE 185th St to NE 188th St and services as the northern gateway to the downtown. The design of the entire project is currently 60% complete. Final design has begun on Phase I of the project. It is anticipated that Phase I design, permitting, and right-of-way acquisition will be completed by the end of 2012. Construction would begin in early 2013. The final design of Phase II would begin in 2014 with construction anticipated in 2015.

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