

You're Invited...

# Project Open House

What: NE 178th Street Roadway Improvements Phase 2

When: **Wednesday, June 18th, 2014**

6:00 pm-7:30pm

Where: Brookside Elementary School Foyer

17447 37th Avenue NE, Lake Forest Park, WA

- ◇ The City will be presenting 60% plans and inviting questions and comments for the roadway improvements on NE 178th Street and 35th Ave NE.
- ◇ Project limits on NE 178th Street are between 33rd Avenue NE and Brookside Boulevard NE, and 35th Avenue NE between NE 178th Street and the Brookside Elementary parking lot driveway.
- ◇ Elements of the roadway improvement on NE 178th St. include:
  - ◇ Sidewalks both sides
  - ◇ Bicycle lane north side
  - ◇ New asphalt pavement
  - ◇ Culvert replacement at McAleer Creek
  - ◇ New pedestrian crossings

*Questions or Ideas?*

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### Frequently Asked Questions

1. When will construction begin and how long will it last? *Construction is expected to begin in May 2015 and completion is scheduled for October 2015.*
2. What will be the effect on traffic? *It is anticipated that NE 178<sup>th</sup> Street between 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE and Brookside Blvd. NE will be closed to all except for local traffic.*
3. Why are you closing the road? Why can't you just flag traffic through? *Because the work area is limited with no staging areas or even shoulders along most of the roadway, flagging traffic would extend construction duration considerably and substantially increase project costs.*
4. My home is within the project limits. How will I get through the work zone to and from my home? *A lane for local access will be maintained at all times. In the event a driveway needs to be temporarily closed for a short time, this will be coordinated with the resident. Emergency vehicle access will be provided at all times and garbage and mail service will continue through the construction period.*
5. What will happen to the speed enforcement camera when the project is complete? *The camera will be adjusted to fit within the improvements but will remain in its existing location.*
6. What about the stream on the west side of the Brookside playground? *Hillside Creek between the 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE roadway and the school playground has a siltation problem that requires a long term solution including improvements to the high flow bypass and replacement of the culvert under the school parking lot driveway. This work will not be part of the roadway project, but is a separate capital improvement project for which design is scheduled to begin in 2016.*
7. What about 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE south of 178<sup>th</sup>? That's unsafe for pedestrians and bicyclists also. *Similar improvements to 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE are the focus of the City's next efforts to obtain grant funding for design and construction.*
8. Will any trees need to be removed? *Some trees will need to be removed to accommodate the new sidewalk location and the culvert replacement at McAleer Creek. Final decisions on tree removal have not yet been decided.*
9. What will happen to the parking on the south side of 178<sup>th</sup> between 37<sup>th</sup> and Brookside Blvd.? *The parking spaces will be eliminated in order to narrow the roadway, allowing better sight distance at the Brookside Blvd. and 37<sup>th</sup> intersections and shortening the crossing distance for pedestrians.*
10. Have all these design decisions been made? *The preliminary design is based on sound engineering practices that consider the terrain, current uses, and improvements desired. The*



*City welcomes comments on the design and is willing and able to alter design features based on public comments. All interested parties should feel welcome to discuss the project with City staff and the City's design consultant and we invite written comments.*

11. *Who is paying for the project? Project funding is provided by grants from the federal government, the state Transportation Improvement Board, Washington State Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School program, and the state Department of Ecology along with a small amount of City funding.*
  
12. *Will homeowners be charged for the project? No, homeowners will not be assessed.*