



City of Sammamish

Issaquah-Fall City Road Improvements Project

Phase I Design: 242nd Avenue SE to Klahanie Drive SE

Frequently Asked Questions

Spring 2017

What is the Issaquah-Fall City Road Improvements Project?

The City of Sammamish is planning improvements to Issaquah-Fall City Road from 242nd Avenue SE to Issaquah-Beaver Lake Road that will add capacity and improve safety. With over 1,800 vehicles traveling along the roadway during peak hours, and few alternate routes, Issaquah-Fall City Road is one of the most highly used roads in the area. The current shape and slope of the roadway can create difficult sight lines for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. Roadway improvements are needed to reduce congestion and improve safety for all users.

The roadway will be designed and constructed in two phases. Phase I is from 242nd Avenue SE to Klahanie Drive SE. Phase II is from Klahanie Drive SE to Issaquah-Beaver Lake Road.

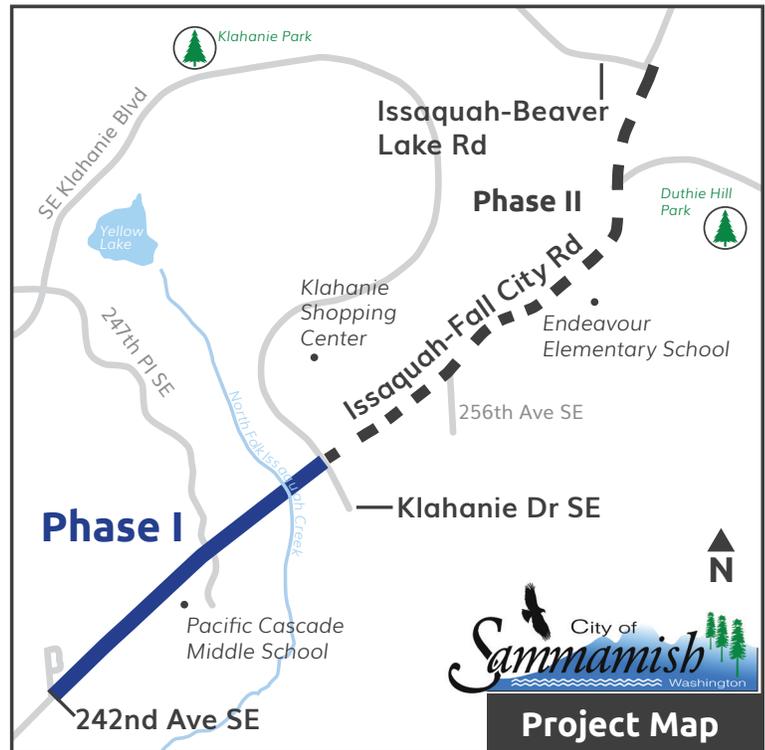
What will the new road look like?

The Phase I design consists of a four-lane roadway with two-lane roundabouts at each intersection (242nd Avenue SE, 247th Place SE and Klahanie Drive SE), and a bridge where Issaquah-Fall City Road crosses the North Fork Issaquah Creek. It also includes a buffered bike lane, separated sidewalks, raised center medians and regrading to improve sight lines. Phase II design is expected to begin in 2018.

Why were roundabouts selected and how do they improve safety for all roadway users?

Roundabouts align with the community-identified priorities for the new roadway: improved operations, safety for all users and protecting the environment. These priorities were gathered through feedback received at two public workshops, multiple stakeholder meetings, online comments and City Council meetings. Roundabouts have been proven to reduce collisions by 75% compared with traditional intersections. By reducing the number of conflict points and vehicle speeds, roundabouts are a significantly safer type of intersection.

To ensure pedestrian safety, the City will install a High-intensity Activated crossWalk (HAWK) beacon near Pacific Cascade Middle School, and provide ongoing roundabout education. For more information on how roundabouts work visit: <https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/innovative/roundabouts/>.



How will the public be involved in developing what the future corridor will look like?

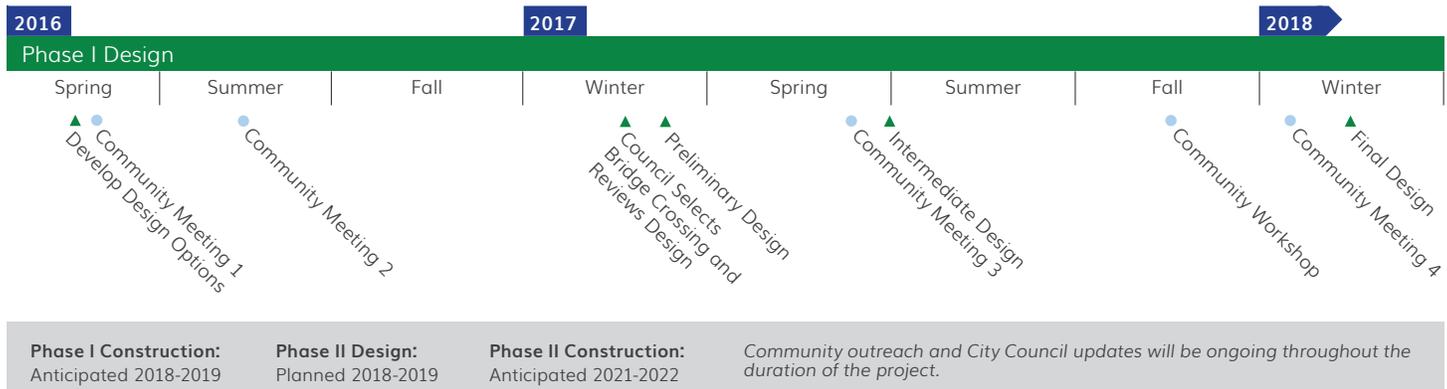
Over the past year, the City has gathered feedback from the community through two public workshops, meetings with residents, businesses and organizations along the corridor, online comments, and City Council meetings. The public has shared valuable input on priorities that helped shape the design. The City will continue to keep the community informed and ask for feedback, including a detour route and construction planning workshop in fall 2017.

Who will decide on the final design for Phase I of the project?

The City will work with City Council to develop the final design for Phase I based on community feedback, conversations with stakeholders and traffic data.

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Project schedule



What is the project timeline?

In spring 2016, the City started design for Phase I of the Issaquah-Fall City Road Improvements Project from 242nd Avenue SE to Klahanie Drive SE. During Phase I the City gathered input to identify community values and priorities for the improved corridor and considered design alternatives for the roadway. In early 2017, the City Council reviewed the current design and selected the bridge option for the North Fork Issaquah Creek crossing. The design was developed based on feedback received through two public workshops, multiple stakeholder meetings, online comments and City Council meetings.

Phase I design is expected to be complete in early 2018 and will be followed by the start of construction. Design for Phase II is expected to begin in 2018, with construction planned for 2021. Design decisions made during Phase I of the project will influence the options and design for Phase II. The City will continue to provide updates on the project schedule as design progresses.

Will the design for Phase I impact the design for Phase II?

Yes, the Phase I design will serve as a foundation for the design of Phase II. The City is committed to reaching out to all affected stakeholders, including those located in Phase II, to participate in Phase I community meetings and conversations.

What is the estimated cost and what are the funding sources for the project?

The preliminary design-level cost estimate for Phase I construction is \$20-22 million. A \$5 million Connecting Washington grant has been awarded to the project with \$3.5 million allocated for Phase I construction and \$1.5 million for Phase II construction. The City plans to continue to apply for grant funding from local and state programs to help fund the project work.

How will the roadway improvements impact natural areas and habitat for fish and wildlife?

Roadway improvements will be balanced with the City's commitment to protect mature trees and environmentally sensitive areas, where possible. The bridge, which will replace the existing culvert, improves wildlife habitat and passage for migrating salmon and other fish. The City will continue to work with the community and appropriate agencies to ensure that roadway improvements are made while minimizing impacts to natural areas, and important fish and wildlife habitats.

How will the City plan for and mitigate potential impacts during construction?

The City recognizes that while roadway improvements are important to the community, it is also important to minimize construction impacts to the greatest extent possible. The City will continue to keep the community informed and ask for feedback, including a detour route and construction planning workshop in Fall 2017. Final construction scheduling and sequencing decisions will be made by the project team and reviewed by City Council after carefully considering feasibility, cost, community impacts, community preferences and environmental impacts. The City will keep the community informed as the schedule and potential impacts become known.

How can I learn more about the project?

- **Join us** at a community meeting (see project website for dates and times)
- **Ask us** to stop by your next community group event
- **Visit** our website and submit comments online: <https://www.sammamish.us/government/departments/public-works/current-projects/issaquah-fall-city-road>
- **Contact** Sam Park, Project Manager with the City of Sammamish, at spark@sammamish.us or 425-295-0538