

Phase I: 242nd Avenue SE to Klahanie Drive SE

Fall 2017

# **About the Project**

With over 1,800 vehicles per hour traveling along the roadway during peak periods, 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 City of Sammamish plans to improve Issaquah-Fall City Road between 242nd Avenue SE and Issaquah-Beaver Lake Road to:

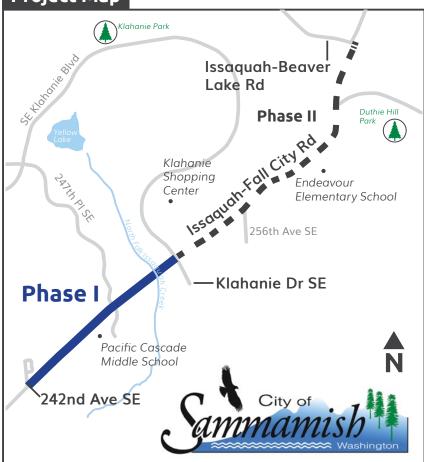
- **Improve safety** for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians along the roadway and at intersections.
- Add capacity by increasing the number of travel lanes.
- Improve operations at intersections and provide better access to neighborhoods, businesses, community organizations and public spaces.
- Protect mature trees and environmentally sensitive areas, such as stream crossings and wetlands, where possible.

## Working with the Community

Over the past year and a half, the City has gathered feedback from the community through three 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 roadway's current design. The City will continue to keep the community informed and ask for feedback as we plan ahead for construction. We look forward to hearing your input!

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.

## **Project Map**



## Stay Involved!

Interested in learning more about the project and sharing your thoughts?

- **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

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#### **Roadway Design**

The current design has roundabouts at 242nd Ave SE, 247th PI SE and Klahanie Dr SE and two lanes in each direction. This configuration aligns 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 three public workshops, multiple stakeholder meetings, online comments and City Council meetings. Having roundabouts at all three intersections, versus two of the intersections, is more cost-effective and improves traffic flow through the corridor now and in the future. Roundabouts also increase safety by reducing vehicle speeds and the number of conflict points in the roadway.

### **Planning Ahead for Construction**

While improvements will ultimately benefit the community, there will be impacts that come with construction. Roadway users may experience increased noise, dust and occasional delays. One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained. The City is working with the community to determine a detour route and gather input about solutions to help manage traffic and maintain safety during construction. The City will keep the community informed and ask for feedback as we continue to plan.

#### Design highlights:

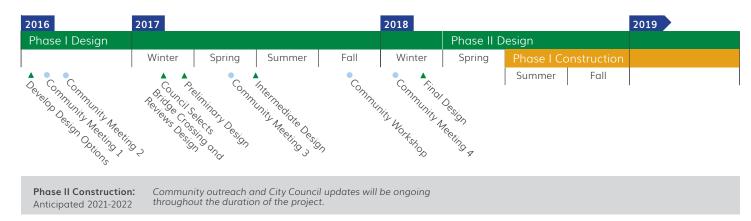
- Two travel lanes in each direction, a raised center median, and buffered bike lanes
- **Two-lane roundabouts** at each intersection (242nd Ave SE, 247th PI SE, and Klahanie Dr SE)
- Bridge crossing over the North Fork Issaquah Creek
- **Separated sidewalks** on both sides of the road between 242nd Ave SE and 247th PI SE
- **Sidewalk** on the north side of the road between 247th PI SE and Klahanie Dr SE
- **Regrading** to improve sight lines
- High-intensity Activated crossWalK (HAWK) beacon at Pacific Cascade Middle School



Rendering of future roadway between 242nd Ave SE to 247th PI SE

## **Project Schedule**

Phase I design is expected to be complete in early 2018. Construction is planned to begin as soon as summer 2018 and expected to be completed by the end of 2019. 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 and construction details are determined.



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