

Newport/119th Ave SE - Traffic Safety Improvement Project

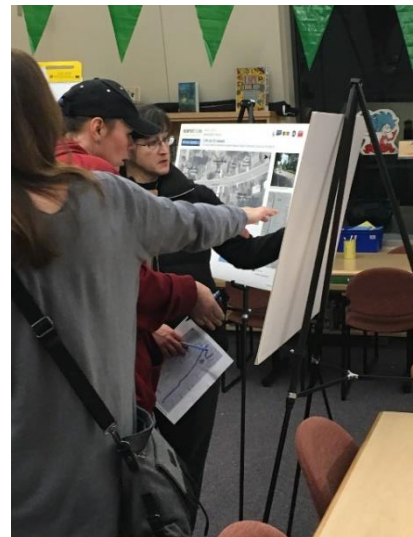
March 6, 2018 Open House Summary

Key Takeaways

The general feedback on concepts and community priorities noted below are based on feedback from the open house, which includes comments on flip charts, completed comment sheets and discussion with open house attendees.

General feedback on concepts:

- Design Board A – SE 56th St/119th Ave SE Intersection Enhancements: General support for intersection enhancements and accommodating planning bike facilities
- Design Board B – 119th Ave SE Sidewalk: General support for new sidewalk; though several comments that with an existing sidewalk on east side this could be a lower priority
- Design Board C – Designated Walkway: Strong support for sidewalk along school property and support for removal of parking to provide a dedicate pedestrian walkway on one side of street; there was some concern about parking loss
- Design Board D – Enhanced crosswalk at SE 52nd St and 119th SE: strong support for enhancing existing crosswalk at SE 52nd St
- Design Board E – Newport Heights Elementary school zone signs: general support for relocation and consolidation of existing school zone and radar signs
- Design Board F – Speed Cushions: strong support for speed cushions but concerns about noise from cars going over cushions; also, several comments about potentially locating speed cushions north of SE 48th St

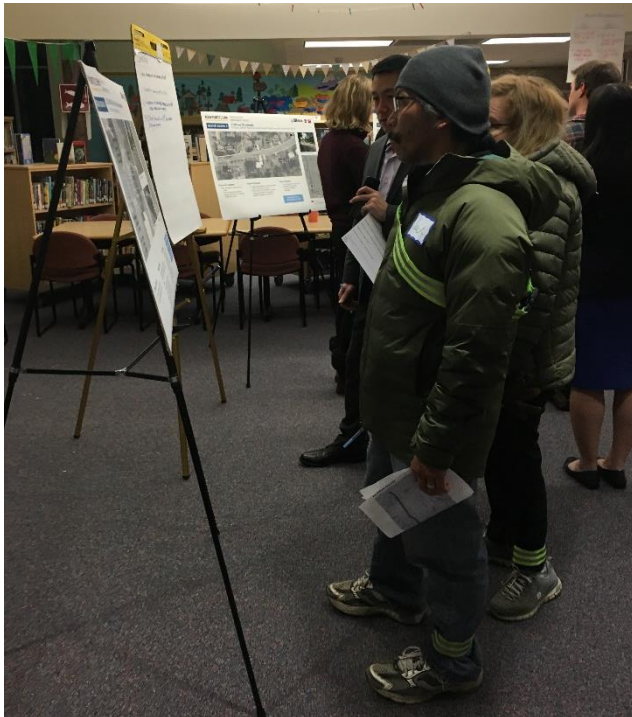


In general concepts were supported by attendees, but key takeaways are listed to the left

- Design Board G – SE 48th St/119th Ave SE Intersection: strong support for additional evaluation of this intersection to identify preferred safety improvements

Community priorities:

- Although all design boards were generally supported by the community the following concepts appear to have higher community priority:
 - Speed cushions along 119th Ave Se
 - An enhanced crosswalk at SE 52nd St
 - Designated walkways along SE 54th Pl and 118th Ave SE
 - Improvements at SE 48th St and 119th Ave SE intersection



Community priorities were identified by discussing concepts with meeting attendees

Specific Comments on Proposed Concepts

Transcribed written comments received on large note pads and submitted comment cards as well as notes from project team attendees. Note, not all written comments specified which Concept the comment applied to; the following list groups comments based on the project team’s interpretation of individual written comment (see attached scan of actual written comments for reference)

- Design Board A –SE 56th St/119th Ave SE Intersection Enhancements
 - I like the bike lanes! Don’t let Toll Brothers (shopping center developer) put diagonal parking on 119th in front of center!

- Drivers run through these stop signs regularly... and even proceed through when people are already in crosswalk... Driver behavior is one of the greatest challenges we face.
- Good!
- Maybe have plain clothes police officers at intersection to ticket drivers that run the intersection during the AM peak hour. Similar to what City of Redmond did several years ago.
- Not preferred
- Not preferred
- Parking on street along 119th, South of 56th is not ideal. Too many cars traveling along that road.
- I love the “red” raised enhanced crosswalks
- Design Board B – 119th Ave SE Sidewalk
 - I do like that west side sidewalk will keep kids from having to cross the street to get to the sidewalk.
 - Not preferred
 - Not preferred
 - I think sidewalks on 119th are needed. I like your proposal.
 - Mailbox pullout (south of the school) on 119th Ave was not wanted by adjacent home owner
- Design Board C – Designated Walkway
 - I think taking street parking away from SE 54th PL and 118th Ave E 24/7 is wrong. It should be certain hours.
 - The curve at SE 54th Place will still be dangerous with the allowed parking on both sides. The sidewalk is good... just wonder about the continued head-on traffic that happens every school day with cars on both sides there.
 - This is my main concern. All the NHE traffic comes out here. 118th + 54th need primary consideration.
 - Like the walkway on 118th, in front of the houses.
 - Needed
 - Definitely is needed
 - Trim bushes at all corners of 118th/56th
 - Crosswalk at all four corners of 118th and 56th
 - Something to manage speeds on SE 54th (buses travel along this street once in a while)
 - SE 54th curve still dangerous w/ sidewalk... cars on both sides there is going to still make that curve dangerous
 - Please help the area on 118th between 54th and 56th
 - Extend walkway across SE 56th St with new N/S crosswalk at 118th Ave SE
- Design Board D - Enhanced crosswalk at SE 52nd St and 119th SE
 - Improved crosswalk good. Do not need additional sidewalk on 119th!
 - Consider 3-way stop signs at 52nd and 119th.
 - Definitely is needed

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- Install stop signs on 119th at SE 52nd St
- People driving on wrong side of road at school entrance to by-pass car turning into driveway
- Flashing beacons or edge lit crosswalk signs by school or SE 52nd St
- Crosswalk designated sign across roadway
- Campaign for speeders in the neighborhood
- Education about how to drive in neighborhood
- Street lighting improvements are needed with crosswalk improvements
- Design Board E - Newport Heights Elementary school zone signs
 - Definitely is needed
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 - Add a school zone sign to 118th Ave SE
- Design Board F - Speed Cushions
 - I am totally in favor of speed cushions. Been being form and have been told no while other neighborhoods got them.
 - Good idea
 - South of 48th Street, near 49th and bus stop.
 - I like the idea, but I think this needs to be implemented north of the SE 48th intersection. The speeds here are probably higher than in the section of 119th being considered for speed cushions.
 - South of the Y, to slow cars near 49th Pl and bus stop.
 - No speed bumps on 119th (in front of school) the noise will be disruptive to residents with bedrooms facing the street (119th) + during rush hour (or 2 hrs) traffic is bumper to bumper and noise would be constant.
 - Add additional speed limit signs
 - Large delivery trucks coming south on 119th - local delivery? Size of trucks?
 - There is an existing sign indicating limited truck use (e.g. "local deliveries only") along 119th at Coal Creek Pkwy; consider increasing fines for violators
 - Look at split speed hump n/o 48th St (relatively flat <8%)
 - speed cushions may be a helpful alternative if a crosswalk at 49th Place and 119th, which is a bus stop, can't be provided
 - Make street as narrow as possible to slow traffic
- Design Board G - SE 48th St/119th Ave SE Intersection
 - Kids that attend Tyee Middle School that live on 119th north of this intersection use this crosswalk to get to their bus stop on SE 48th. Any solution should take this into account, and ideally would provide safer pedestrian passage along SE 48th
 - Traffic circle very much preferred
 - Traffic circle highly recommended
 - Add traffic circles @ every intersection along 119th including 3 way intersections
 - Edge Lite stop sign @ SE 48th St

- Stop signs along 119th
- Traffic circle needed
- Questions about how the bike facilities will be planned along 119th Ave SE north of SE 48th St

Other comments:

- If not on this project, please consider enhancements to the crosswalk between SE 56th and 60th St. This is in front of the Chevron by the shopping center. Especially in the fall/ winter/ darkness- cars can't see pedestrians and therefore don't stop. Perhaps improved lighting? Paint? Flags? There are bus stops on either side of 119th, this is a big crossing area. Thank you.
- Lake Heights St SE is very dangerous when kids/people are walking as there are no sidewalks, crosswalks, etc. We would love to see improvements to this area as well.
- Circulation @ Newport Heights Elementary School – Go back to original circulation



Attendees were able to provide comments by talking to staff directly or by filling out comment cards