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The real story about traffic signals

Traffic signals play an important role in keeping traffic moving, providing spacing for crossing pedestrians and side street traffic, and reducing accidents. There are currently eight traffic signals along Shoreline's three-mile section of Aurora Ave. N. The design concept for Aurora identified four high-accident intersections with heavy pedestrian use that would benefit from traffic signals.

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) must approve all new traffic signals for Aurora since it is a state highway. WSDOT bases its approval on whether or not the intersection meets one or more of the 11 "warrants" or criteria to qualify for a traffic signal.

For the Aurora Corridor Project from N. 145th St. to N. 165th St., WSDOT approved traffic signals at N. 152nd St. and N. 165th St. A pedestrian crossing signal at N. 149th St. was submitted but not approved. Both of the intersections approved for new signals

have high accident rates and are used by many pedestrians, including some of the over 4,000 bus riders that are on Aurora in Shoreline every day.

Besides increasing safety, these signals will provide better access onto Aurora. Currently, turning left onto Aurora from N. 165th St. is difficult and from N. 152nd St., it is prohibited.

The design concept also identified three other locations between N. 165th St. and N. 205th St. for potential pedestrian signals. Since these signals are unlikely to meet the criteria necessary for approval, Shoreline staff is asking the City Council to consider officially removing them from the design concept. The City Council will discuss these signals at its Oct. 22 meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Mt. Rainier Room of the Shoreline Conference Center, 18560 1st Ave. NE.

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