

**AUROLA**

**CORRIDOR**



## Sidewalks add safety and more

A sidewalk is one of those things we take for granted when it's there, but miss desperately when it isn't. Turning Aurora's scarce patchwork of sidewalks into a safe, inviting and consistent pathway is just one part of the Aurora Corridor Project that will help transform our section of Highway 99.

Aurora is a transportation corridor not only for motor vehicles, but for those on foot, wheelchairs and bicycles. Sidewalks greatly improve safety, mobility and access for all pedestrians, especially those with disabilities.

Sidewalks are also good for businesses. They provide a pathway to the door and encourage people to walk from one business to another. Sidewalks clearly separate where pedestrians and traffic belong, improving safety and decreasing stress for everyone.

Another benefit to businesses and the

community is the federal and state tax dollars returning to the community to pay for improvements including sidewalks which businesses would otherwise be required to pay for themselves. As in most jurisdictions, Shoreline requires frontage improvements when property is redeveloped. Once the Aurora Corridor Project is completed, that potential expense disappears.

The current plan for improvements calls for a seven and a half foot sidewalk separated from the street by a four-foot zone. While this is the ideal, there are some places along Aurora where initially decreasing this width may help reduce impacts to businesses. This flexibility was built into the design concept and has been stressed by the City Council.

And sidewalks will play one more important role along Aurora: it will make it look nice. When you arrive in Shoreline, you will know you are someplace special.

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