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## **SPD works on Aurora safety now**

Shoreline's three-mile section of Aurora Avenue is one of the most dangerous stretches of road in the entire state. According to the Traffic Safety Coalition, Highway 99 has more than five times the number of alcohol-related crashes and nearly eight times the number of crashes compared to any other state highway in King County. In 2000, police reported 425 collisions along this roadway, one of them fatal.

With these grim statistics, it's no surprise that one of the driving forces behind the Aurora Corridor Project is the need to improve safety.

The changes will be welcomed by Shoreline police. "Creating traffic-controlled left turn lanes gives drivers more visibility and predictability so crossing is safer," Chief Pentony said. "Sidewalks will keep pedestrians safe from vehicles turning into or pulling out of commercial properties along Aurora."

While the Aurora improvements will help protect Shoreline residents in the near future, Shoreline Police are working to improve safety now. In May, the department created a Problem Solving Project designed to reduce the number of accidents on Aurora. The project targeted four major intersections involved in 40 percent of all Shoreline collisions: N. 145th, N. 155th, N. 160th and N. 175th.

The project combines enforcement with driver and pedestrian education and includes work with traffic engineers to design long-term solutions for this dangerous stretch of roadway. The traffic unit, consisting of two motorcycles and one traffic car, began working the area in May. As of Nov. 1, officers had written 1,349 traffic citations and given 304 verbal warnings. Due to the increased enforcement, collisions at these problem intersections have been reduced by 10 percent from the same period last year.

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