



## PROJECT BENEFITS

The planned redevelopment of the Aurora corridor began with a multimodal corridor study. This study selected a preferred alternative which includes features that encourage and promote growth in business and redevelopment along the corridor. These features will include improvements in traffic capacity and safety, pedestrian safety, transit, and aesthetics.

### TRAFFIC CAPACITY AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS



The redeveloped Aurora corridor will include two general-purpose traffic lanes in each direction and one combined business access and transit (BAT) lane in each direction.

The BAT lanes will allow easy access to businesses and improved transit operations.

Improvements at major intersections will include additional turn lanes to provide additional cross-street capacity. Some driveways will be relocated and consolidated to meet Washington State and King County access management standards. A continuous left-turn, U-turn and pedestrian refuge lane will replace the existing two-way left-turn lane. Left-turn and U-turn opportunities will be located to provide access to minor cross streets and to some consolidated driveway locations.

### PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS



Pedestrian safety improvements along the Aurora Avenue corridor will include continuous sidewalks; pedestrian-scaled lighting throughout the corridor; and improved pedestrian crossings, including signalized street crossings and median refuge islands at all pedestrian crossings.

### TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS



Continuous BAT lanes will be developed in each direction throughout the corridor. These lanes will be shared by transit vehicles and traffic entering the roadway and accessing driveways and cross-streets. In addition, enhanced bus zones and bus shelters will be created, and traffic signals will be prioritized for transit. Enhancing transit features along the Aurora corridor will encourage more transit ridership, which should reduce traffic congestion. A continuous sidewalk system in the corridor will make it safer and more convenient to use transit.



## **AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENTS**

Aesthetic improvements will include the development of entry gateways at both ends of the Aurora corridor to welcome residents and visitors to the City of Shoreline. These gateways, at North 145th Street and North 205th Street, will include interesting landscaping, paving, public art, and lighting. In the area of the North 175th to North 185th Street additional special interest landscaping and design treatments will be used to reinforce the City of Shoreline's connection to the Interurban Trail. In addition, landscaping and urban design elements will also be used to create a unified, visually appealing design along the entire length of the corridor. Landscaping will include street trees and other landscape plantings along the center refuge areas and in planting strips or tree grates along the amenity zones that separate the sidewalk from the roadway. Lighting will include special lighting at entry gateways, and pedestrian-level lighting will be used throughout the corridor to increase pedestrian safety and comfort. Urban design features will include benches, bike racks, information kiosks, and art installations.

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

In addition to traffic, safety, and aesthetic improvements the City of Shoreline is also working to evaluate and determine historical resources along the Aurora Avenue corridor. Currently, project team members are conducting a building-by-building field review to evaluate properties along the corridor.

## **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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