

NE 153RD PLACE - SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Current Status - COMPLETED

We are wrapping up the grant-funded Safe Routes to Schools 153rd PL sidewalk project near Arrowhead Elementary to make the area more walkable, comfortable, and safe for students and other pedestrians. The project team has been working hard since the last day of school in June to put in the new sidewalk, angle parking, landscaping, and a new feature wall at the southeast corner of NE 153rd PL and Juanita Drive NE.

Project Update

Both traffic lanes are now open. Right now, the new sidewalk is also open to pedestrians. If there is a need to detour pedestrians to the north side of the street again, flaggers or crossing guards will be provided.

Schedule

Weather permitting, the schedule to complete remaining work includes irrigation and topsoil (week of 9/16); planting, driveway and parking stall paving and final paint striping (week of 9/23) and property restoration (week of 9/30).

New Vehicle Lanes

- Yes, the new vehicle lanes are more narrow than before. This is part of the traffic calming design.
- We coordinated with King County Metro during the design phase and each lane is 10.5 feet - an acceptable lane width for buses.
- It may feel constricted when driving through this block. When the road is slightly more narrow, it will slow vehicles down in an area where lots of school kids walk to school daily.

The city appreciates everyone's patience as we complete this important project, especially The Guesthouse restaurant. We ask that the community continue to make it a point to support their business during construction!

Background

As part of the City's 2015-16 Neighborhood Transportation Plan program, the City held two public meetings with citizens in the Arrowhead Elementary School neighborhoods. In these meetings, citizens were asked to provide public comment on traffic, pedestrian and cyclist safety concerns and improvements. One of the top safety concerns identified was the narrow shoulder with undefined driveways along the south side of NE 153rd Place which serves as the primary route for walking students attending Arrowhead Elementary school, east of Juanita Drive NE. Based on this feedback, the City submitted a grant proposal in 2016 to develop sidewalk along NE 153rd Place through the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)'s Safe Route to Schools program. WSDOT awarded a grant to fund this sidewalk project in June 2017.

Project Description

The purpose of this project is to provide a safe, comfortable pedestrian facility along NE 153rd Place for children and the public to access Arrowhead Elementary School. The project includes the design and construction of curb & gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, angled parking, paving, driveways, storm drainage, landscaping, irrigation and cast-in place feature wall along the south side of NE 153rd Pl between Juanita Drive NE and 70th Avenue NE.

Funding

This project is funded by the [WSDOT Safe Route to School program](#) (90%) and the City of Kenmore (10%).

- WSDOT Safe Route to School funds: \$673,594
- City funds: \$76,354

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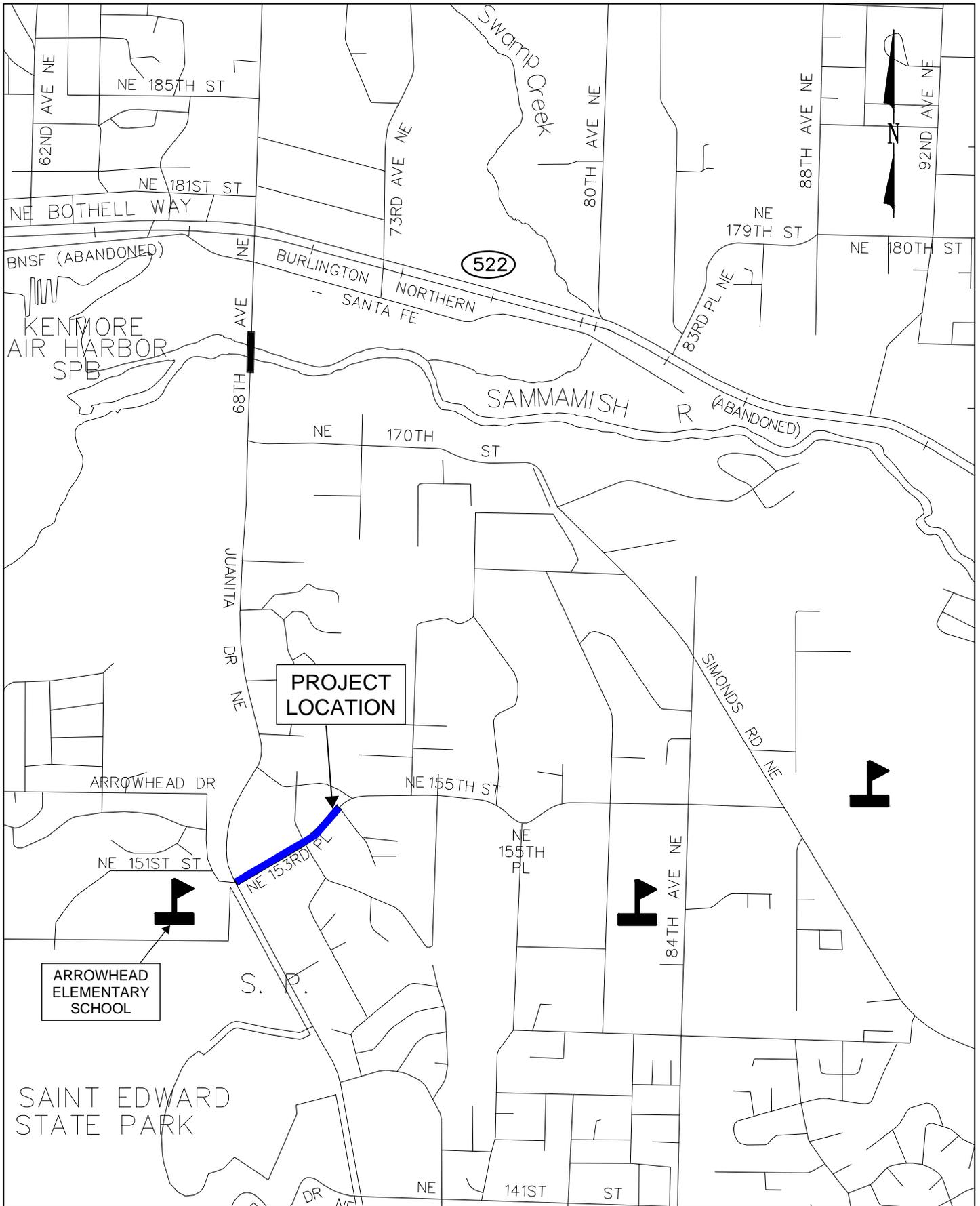


NE 153rd Pl Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project



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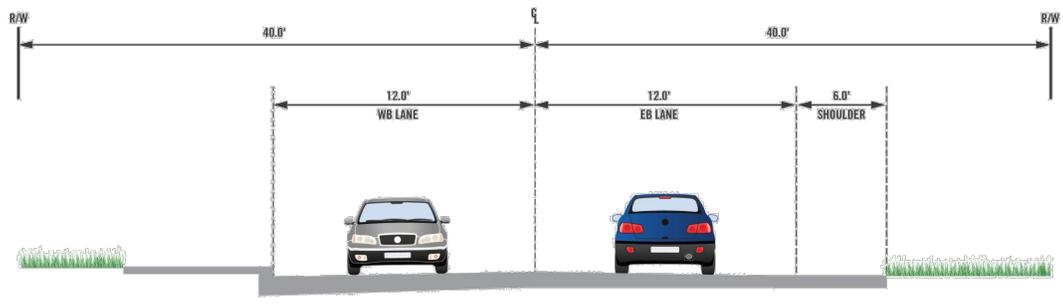
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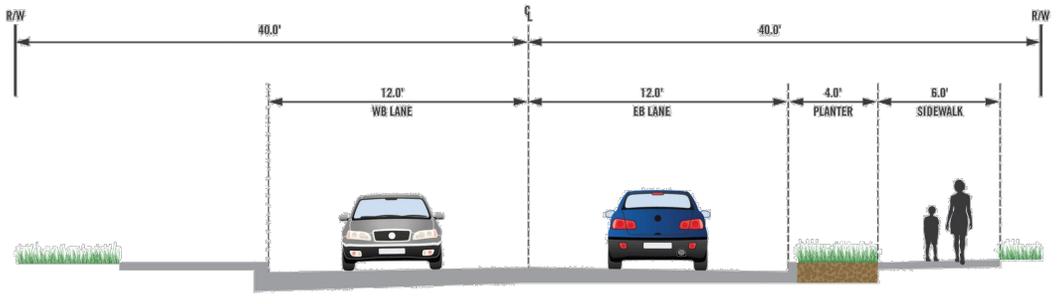
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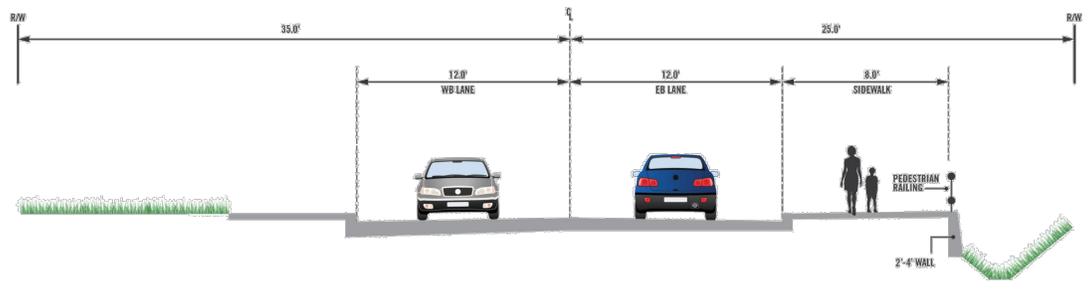
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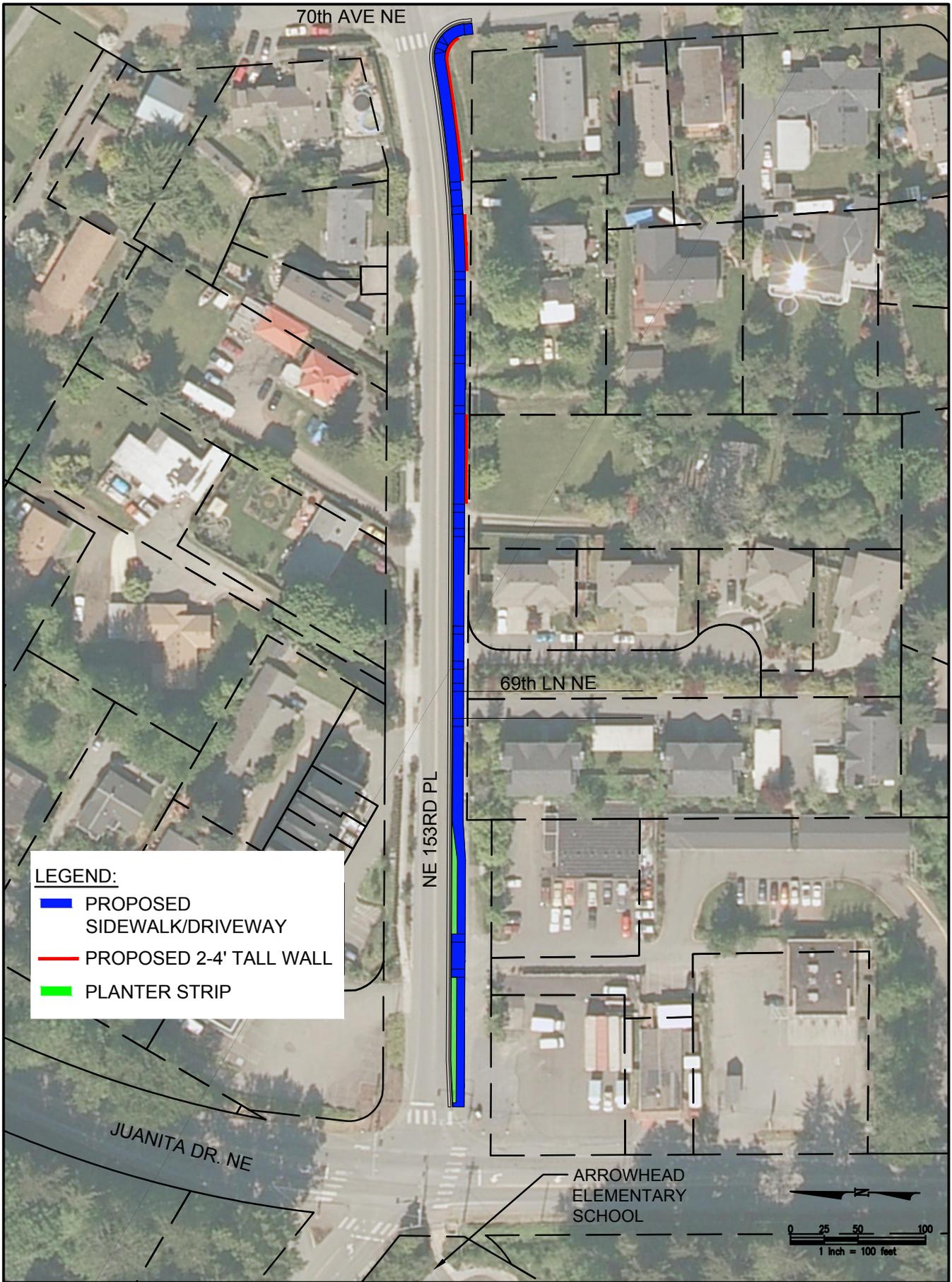
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LEGEND:

- █ PROPOSED SIDEWALK/DRIVEWAY
- █ PROPOSED 2-4' TALL WALL
- █ PLANTER STRIP

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