



City of Sammamish

# Issaquah-Fall City Road Improvements Project

Phase I Design: 242nd Avenue SE to Klahanie Drive SE

## Frequently Asked Questions

Summer 2016

### What is the Issaquah-Fall City Road Improvements Project?

The City of Sammamish is planning improvements to Issaquah-Fall City Road from 242nd Avenue SE to Issaquah-Beaver Lake Road that will add capacity and improve safety. With over 1,800 vehicles travelling along the roadway during peak hours, and few alternate routes, Issaquah-Fall City Road is one of the most highly used roads in the area. The current shape and slope of the roadway can create difficult sightlines for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. Roadway improvements are needed to reduce congestion and improve safety for all users.

The design and construction of the roadway will be broken into two phases. Phase I is from 242nd Avenue SE to Klahanie Drive SE. Phase II is from Klahanie Drive SE to Issaquah-Beaver Lake Road.

### How will Issaquah-Fall City Road be improved?

The Issaquah-Fall City Road Project will:

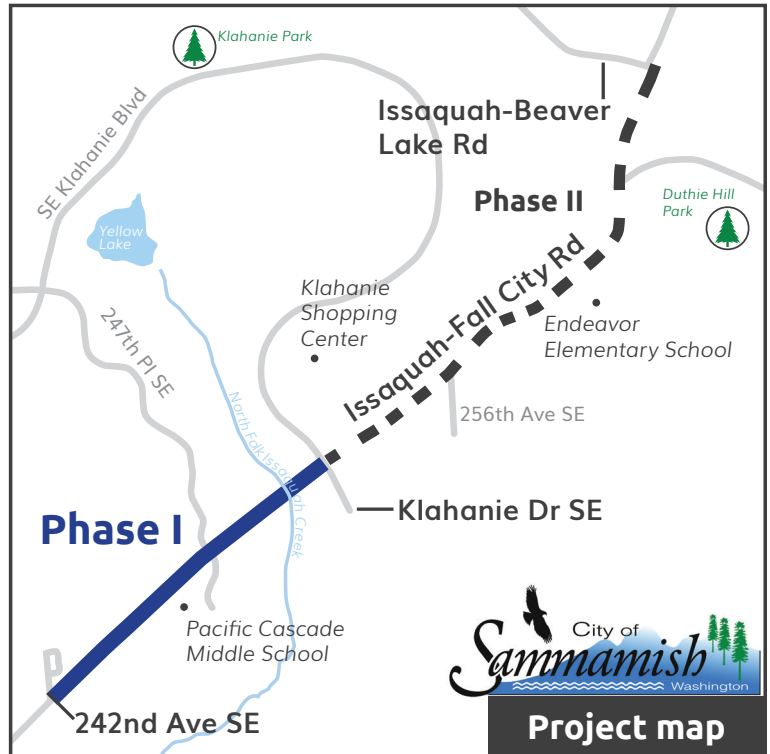
- Improve safety for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians along the roadway and at intersections
- Improve operations at intersections
- Increase capacity with additional travel lanes
- Protect mature trees and environmentally sensitive areas

### What will the new road look like?

The design of the future Issaquah-Fall City Road will be developed by the project team with input from the community and City Council. Design options for community feedback include added travel lanes where possible, bike lanes, sidewalks and landscaping in a variety of configurations.

### Who will decide on the final design for Phase I of the project?

Sammamish City Council will approve the final design for Phase I, with input from the public.



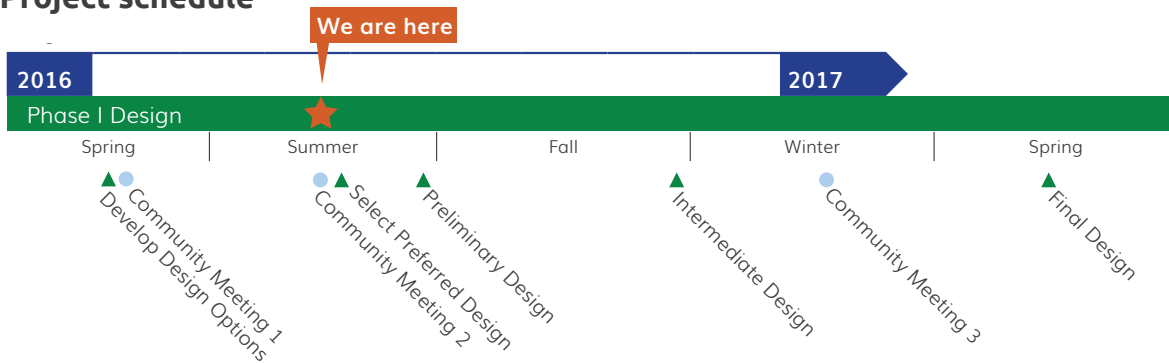
### How will the public be involved in developing what the future corridor will look like?

The City of Sammamish will engage City leadership, key stakeholders, community organizations, affected businesses and residents, and the broader community throughout the design of the project. The City will hold community workshops, talk to community groups and provide updates to City Council throughout the design process to gather feedback and keep the community informed.

### What kind of input will I be able to provide to help shape the design?

The City's goal is for the final design of the roadway to reflect community priorities and feedback. Early in the design process, feedback will be gathered from City Council, community groups, and the public on goals and priorities to shape the vision for the design. As design progresses, the City will ask for feedback on some of the specific design components and details, such as lighting, landscaping, sidewalk design and more. We look forward to hearing your input!

### Project schedule



**Phase I Construction:**  
Anticipated 2017/2018

**Phase II Design:**  
Planned 2018/2019

**Phase II Construction:**  
Anticipated 2020/2021

*Community outreach and City Council updates will be ongoing throughout the duration of the project.*

### What is the project timeline?

In Spring 2016, the City of Sammamish started design for Phase I of the Issaquah-Fall City Road Improvements Project. During Phase I, the City will consider alternatives and finalize the design for Issaquah-Fall City Road Improvements between 242nd Avenue SE and Klahanie Drive SE. The final design is expected to be completed by Spring 2017.

Construction of Phase I is planned to begin in 2017 or 2018 once all funding has been approved. Design for Phase II is expected to begin in 2018. Design decisions made during Phase I of the project will influence the options and design for Phase II. The City will provide updates on the project schedule once funding has been secured.

### Will the design for Phase I impact the design for Phase II?

Yes, the Phase I design will serve as a foundation for the design of Phase II. The City is committed to reaching out to all affected stakeholders, including those located in Phase II to participate in Phase I community workshops and conversations.

### What is the estimated cost and what are the funding sources for the project?

The preliminary planning-level cost estimate for Phase I construction of a 5-lane configuration is \$15.6 million. Phase I construction and Phase II design are planned and anticipated to be funded in the City's 2017/2018 biennial budget. The City of Sammamish plans to apply for grant funding from local, state and/or federal programs to help fund the project work.

### How will the roadway improvements impact natural areas and habitat for fish and wildlife?

Roadway improvements need to be balanced with the City's commitment to protecting mature trees and environmentally sensitive areas, such as stream crossings and wetlands. While roadway widening may result in impacts to mature trees and vegetation, the City is committed to avoiding impacts, where possible. The City will work with the community and

appropriate agencies to ensure that roadway improvements are made while minimizing impacts to natural areas and areas which serve as important habitat for fish and wildlife.

### Will there be construction impacts?

The City of Sammamish recognizes that while roadway improvements are important to the community, it is also important to minimize construction impacts to the greatest extent possible. Construction of this project will be challenging and may require temporary partial or full closures of the roadway to complete certain pieces of the project. The City will seek input from the community to help develop a plan for construction. Final construction scheduling and sequencing decisions will be made by City Council and the project team after carefully considering feasibility, cost, community impacts, community preferences and environmental impacts. The City will keep all stakeholders informed of the timing of and what to expect during construction.

### How can I learn more about the project?

- **Join us** at a community meeting (see project website for dates and times)
- **Ask us** to stop by your next community group event
- **Visit** our website and submit comments online: <http://www.sammamish.us/departments/publicworks/projects/IssFallCityRoadWidening.aspx>
- **Contact** Sam Park, Project Manager with the City of Sammamish at [spark@sammamish.us](mailto:spark@sammamish.us) or 425-295-0538

### Who should I contact with additional questions?

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