



CITY OF MUKILTEO, WASHINGTON
WISE INVESTMENTS IN TRANSPORTATION TASKFORCE MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2016
City Council Chambers—11930 Cyrus Way

Call to order

Chairperson Joe Marine called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Diane Cooper, Joe Marine, Laura McCarty, Cyndi Thomsen, Councilmember Randy Lord

Staff Present: Marko Lias, Policy Analyst; Andrea Swisstack, Assistant City Engineer; Glen Pickus, Planning Manager; Patricia Love, Community Development Director; Karl Almgren, Assistant Planner

Agenda order

No changes

Meeting Items:

- Approve Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2015

Item tabled due to lack of a quorum

- 2016 Work Plan

Policy Analyst Lias reviewed the timeline for submitting a final report to the City Council and solicited feedback from the Taskforce about information and tasks to complete the report.

Taskforce member discussed the need to prioritize spending as well as developing a funding mechanism. There was general support for a few options, but not too many to overwhelm Council and the public. These options should cover both the \$900,000 and \$1,500,000 funding levels addressed by the interim report. In evaluating funding tools, members are interested in understanding who pays various taxes and fees, and looking for creative tools. There was also a discussion of the best ways to get neighborhood buy-in, through education and outreach. With a May deadline, members agreed it was best to build backward from the deadline.

- BTW Tour Discussion

Policy Analyst shared the BTW Tour guide document and solicited feedback from members who participated in the tour about the types of improvements viewed and thoughts on applicability in Mukilteo. Members discussed:

- Using the neighborhood greenway as a tool for residents and neighbors who know the route well, it was tougher to follow as a visitor.
- Talk to users and get feedback as projects are designed, consider aesthetics and function together, don't sacrifice usability to make it attractive
- General support and excitement about pedestrian overcrossings at busy intersections, downside is the cost
- Support for a wide walking/biking path the length of the Speedway

- Questions about funding, the Shoreline improvements were extensive and must have cost a lot, who paid?
- General support for the Linden Ave complete street cross section, where different users are separated and given adequate space
- Interest in thinking about an alternative to the Speedway for bikers who don't like sharing space on a busy highway.
- BTW Plan Feedback

City Staff presented concepts for SR525 pedestrian crossings in midtown Mukilteo and 5th Street cross section alternatives that will eventually be part of the BTW Plan.

The 5th Street cross sections included bike lanes, a multi-use path, parking lanes, and travel lanes. Discussion centered around the need to have some sort of bike lane on both sides of 5th, not allowing 5th Street to resemble a parking lot, and if possible separating the bike lanes from the travel lanes. An option with a landscaped center median was discarded as being impractical. Other discussion concerned how the multi-use path uses would be demarcated and alternates to parallel on-street parking. There was consensus that the preferred cross section would be a hybrid of Options A and B with bicycle facilities on both sides (either bike lanes or sharrows).

City Staff discussed possible locations for pedestrian crossings of SR 525 between 5th Street and 92nd Street SW. and issues that need to be considered when choosing a location. The BTW Plan will only generally locate where these crossing should occur. The locations discussed were at Goat Trail Road, 76th Street SW, 80th Street SW, 81st Place SW, between 84th Street SW and 88th Street SW and between 88th Street SW and 92nd Street SW. The committee decided a crossing between 88th and 92nd was unnecessary. There was also discussion about relocating the Community Transit bus stop on the west side of SR525 to facilitate locating a pedestrian crossing.

Public Comments

None

Reports and Communications

Taskforce members discussed moving the start time later to accommodate commuters, and there was consensus to move the start time back to 6:30pm for subsequent meetings.

Comments from Staff

Policy Analyst Liiias notified the Taskforce that Rick Norman has resigned due to increased work commitments.

Planning Manager Pickus discussed the upcoming BTW Open House and solicited volunteers.

Adjournment: 8:06 p.m.

Next meeting: February 24, 2016

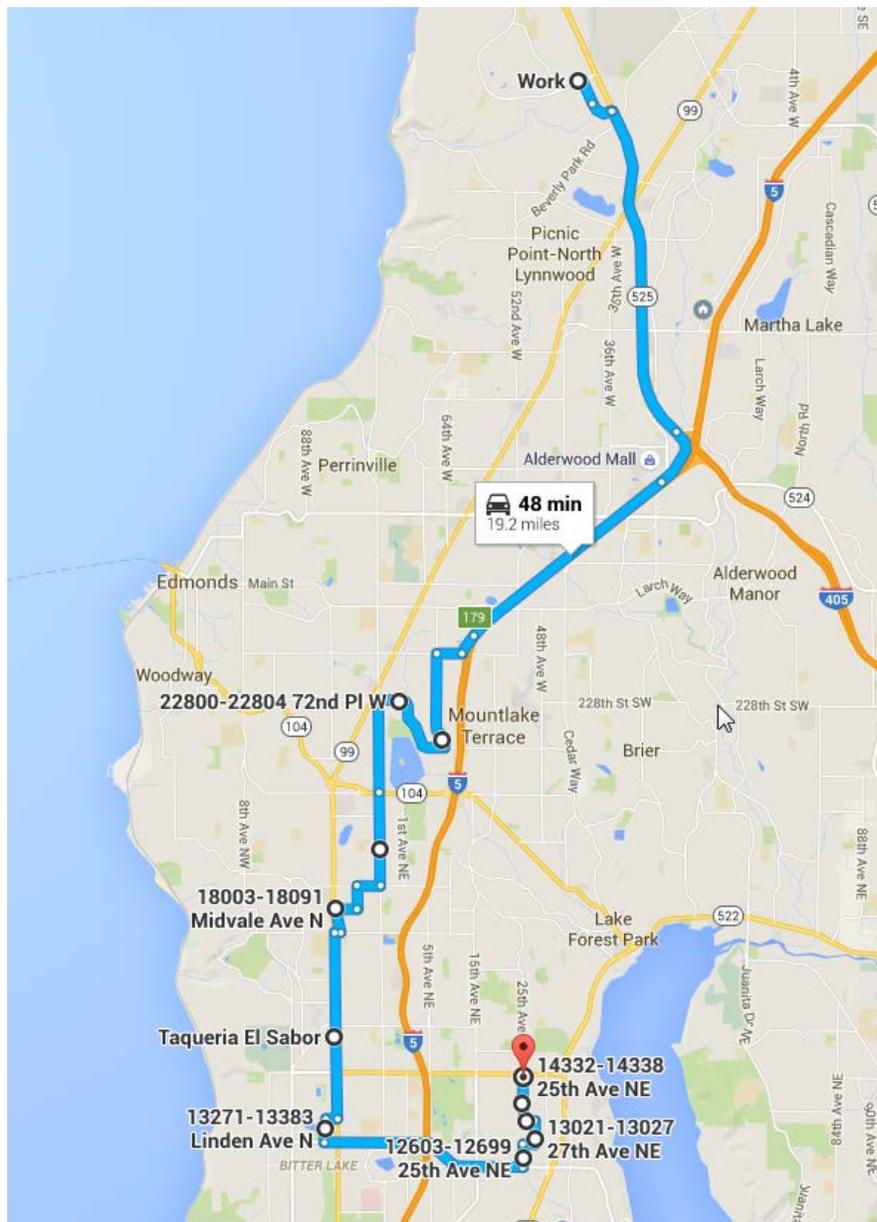
Exhibits: BTW Tour Guide

BTW Tour Guide

Attached are maps and directions to five tour stops:

1. Lakeview Trail in Mountlake Terrace
2. Aurora Corridor improvements near 185th Street
3. Aurora Corridor improvements near 155th Street
4. Linden Ave N Complete Street Project
5. 25th Ave NE Neighborhood Greenway

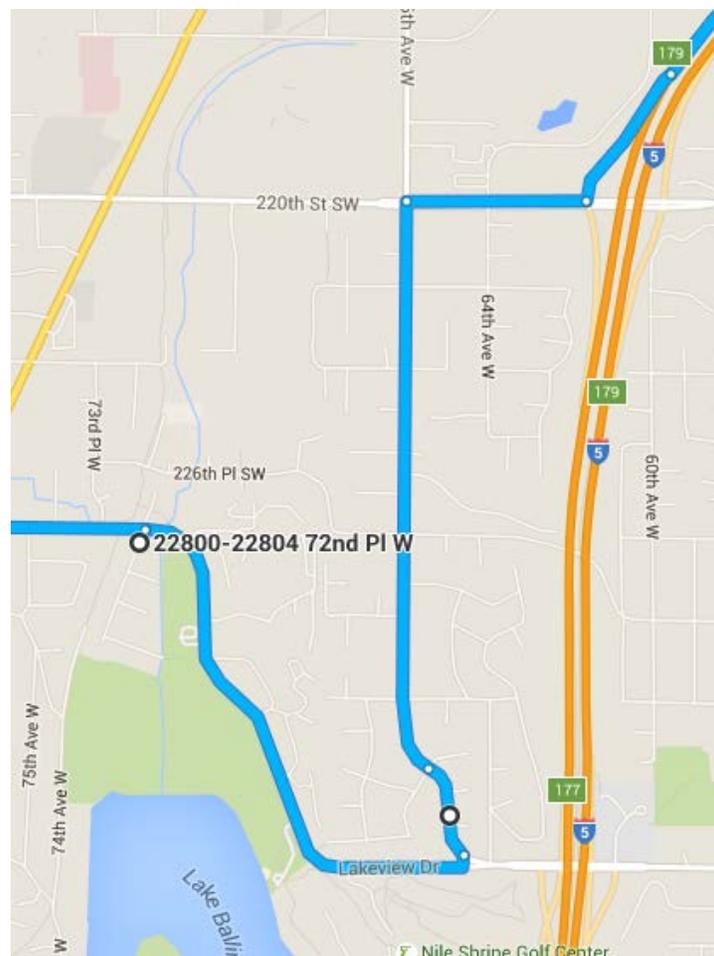
The complete tour takes about an hour to drive through, with additional time needed to stop and observe at the stops.



Stop 1: Lakeview Trail in Mountlake Terrace

Directions: Take Exit 179 off I-5, turn right onto 220th St SW, turn left at 66th Ave W, proceed straight on 66th, turn left at the traffic signal at Lakeview Drive, follow Lakeview Drive until you reach the Interurban Trail near 72nd Place W

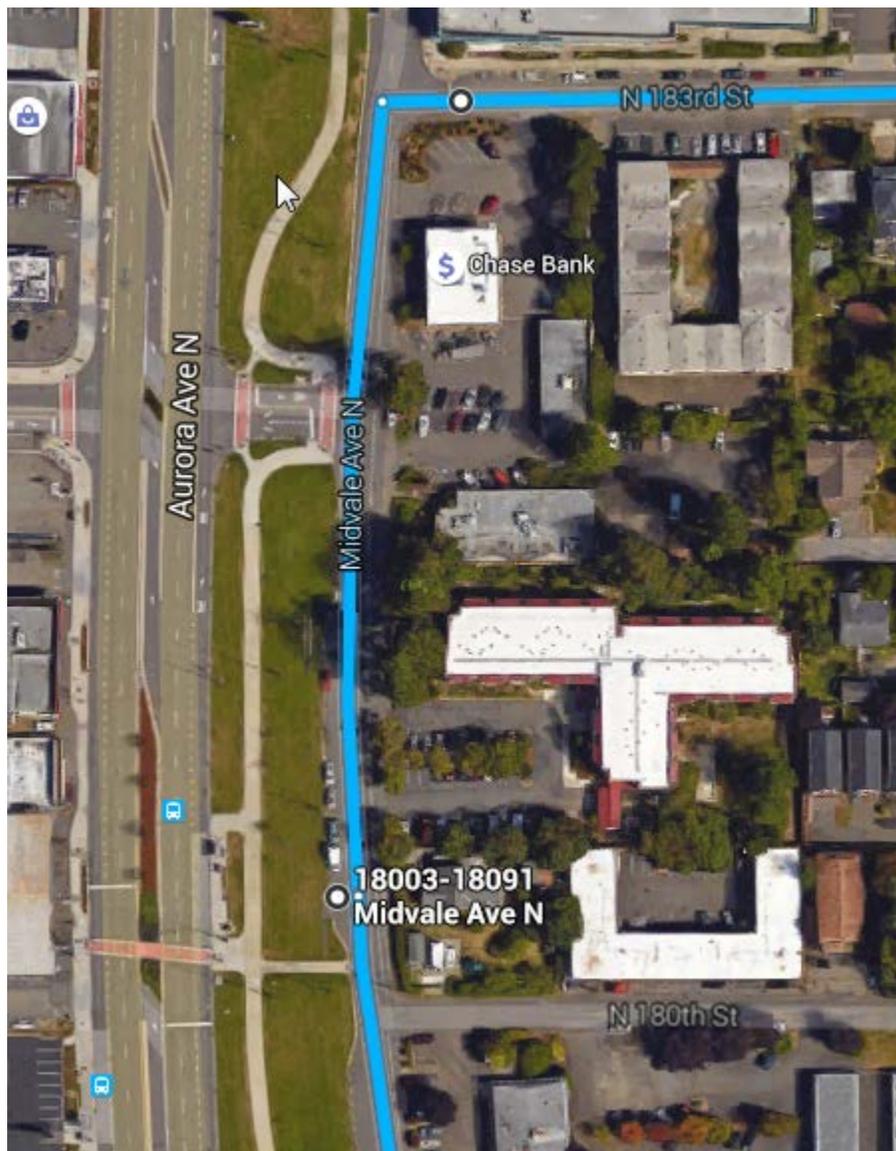
Notes: As you turn onto Lakeview Drive from 66th Ave W, you will see the Lakeview Trail on the left side of the street. Observe it as you drive down to the stop near 72nd Place W. You will see a wide multiuse path that is designed for bicyclists and pedestrians to share the same pathway. You are encouraged to stop near 72nd Place W and walk to the intersection of the Lakeview Trail and the Interurban Trail and observe the size and scale of the trail from a pedestrian perspective. The intersection with the Interurban Trail highlights the value of this trail as a connection between the Interurban Trail and the Mountlake Terrace Transit Center at the intersection of I-5 and Lakeview Drive (this is the site of a future light rail stop opening in 2023).



Stop 2: Aurora Corridor improvements near 185th Street

Directions: From the Lakeview Trail stop, continue on 228th Street, turn left onto 76th Ave W, which will turn into Meridian Ave N as you cross NE 205th Street, turn right onto N 185th Street, turn left onto Stone Ave N, right onto N 183rd St, left onto Midvale Ave N. Park along Midvale and walk to the pedestrian-only crossing of Aurora Avenue which you will see on your right.

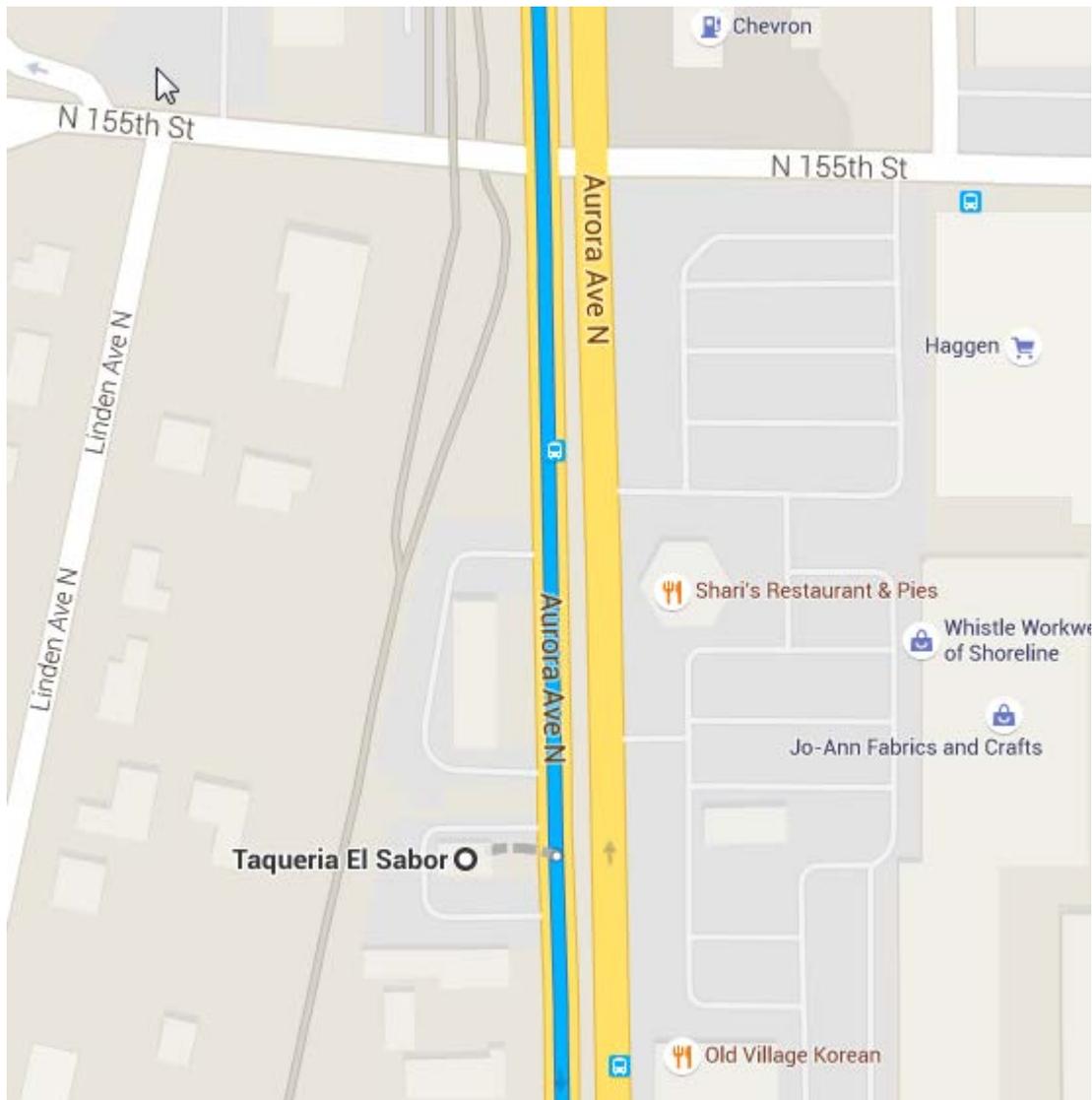
Notes: This stop highlights some potential improvements for the Mukilteo Speedway in the future. The midblock pedestrian crossing highlights a potential improvement for the crossing near Olympic View Middle School, the Rapid Ride transit stop illustrates what an upgraded transit stop could look like. And the green space and Interurban Trail along Aurora illustrate some potential designs for bicycle and pedestrian paths along the Speedway.



Stop 3: Aurora Corridor improvements near 155th Street

Directions: From the 185th stop, continue on Midvale Ave N, turn right onto 175th Street, left onto Aurora Avenue, continue straight until you pass N 155th Street and then turn right into the Taqueria El Sabor parking lot. You can access the Interurban Trail behind the taqueria and walk north to the pedestrian bridge over N 155th Street.

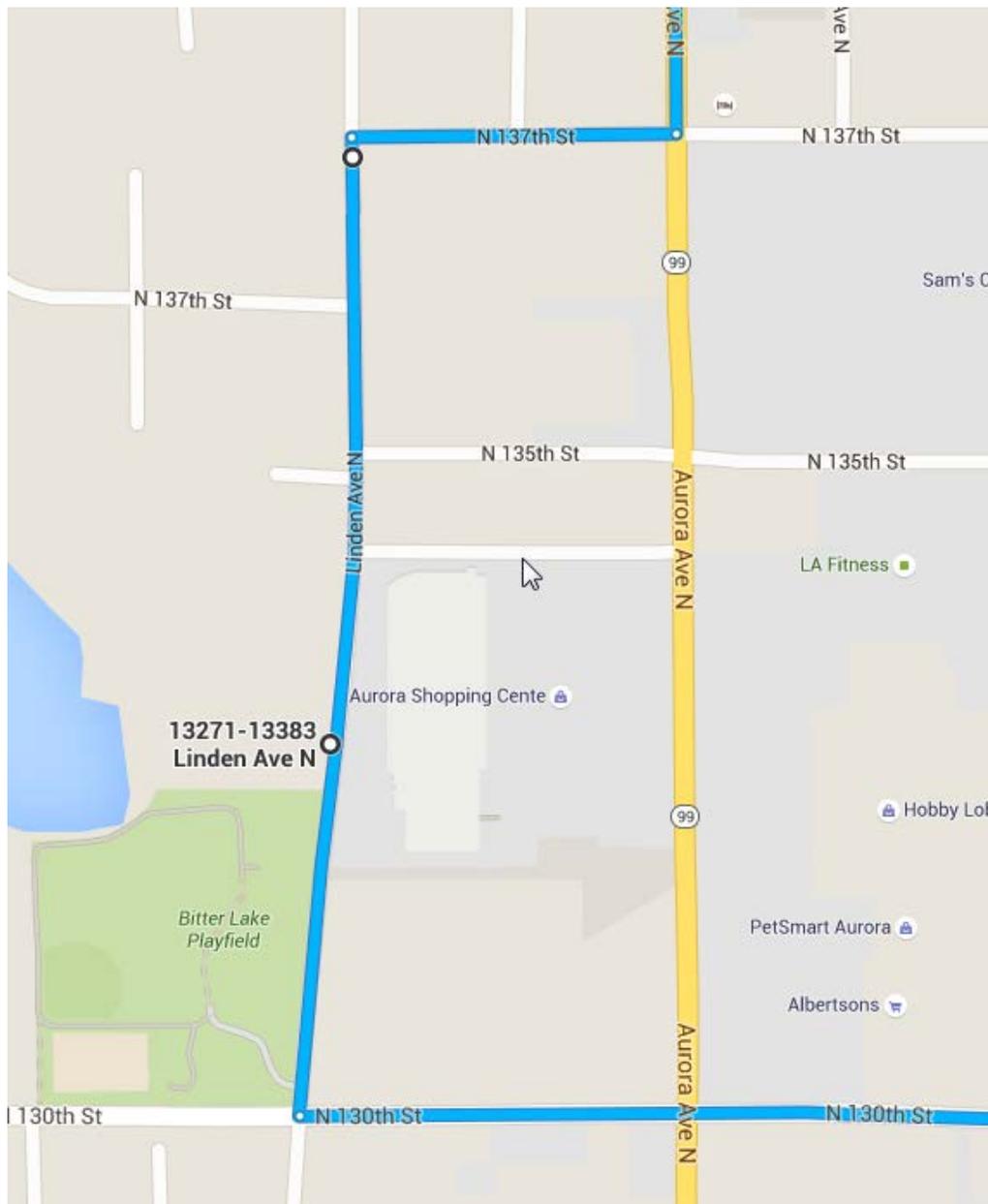
Notes: This stop illustrates a beautifully-designed pedestrian and bicycle bridge that avoids a very busy intersection. This shows what a pedestrian bridge at the waterfront could look like, and it is also a potential long term solution at Beverly Park Road and Mukilteo Speedway.



Stop 4: Linden Ave N Complete Street Project

Directions: From the 155th stop, turn right onto Aurora Ave from the taqueria parking lot, proceed straight on Aurora, turn right onto N 137th St, turn left onto Linden Ave N. There are angled street parking spaces near the Bitter Lake Playfield where you can stop.

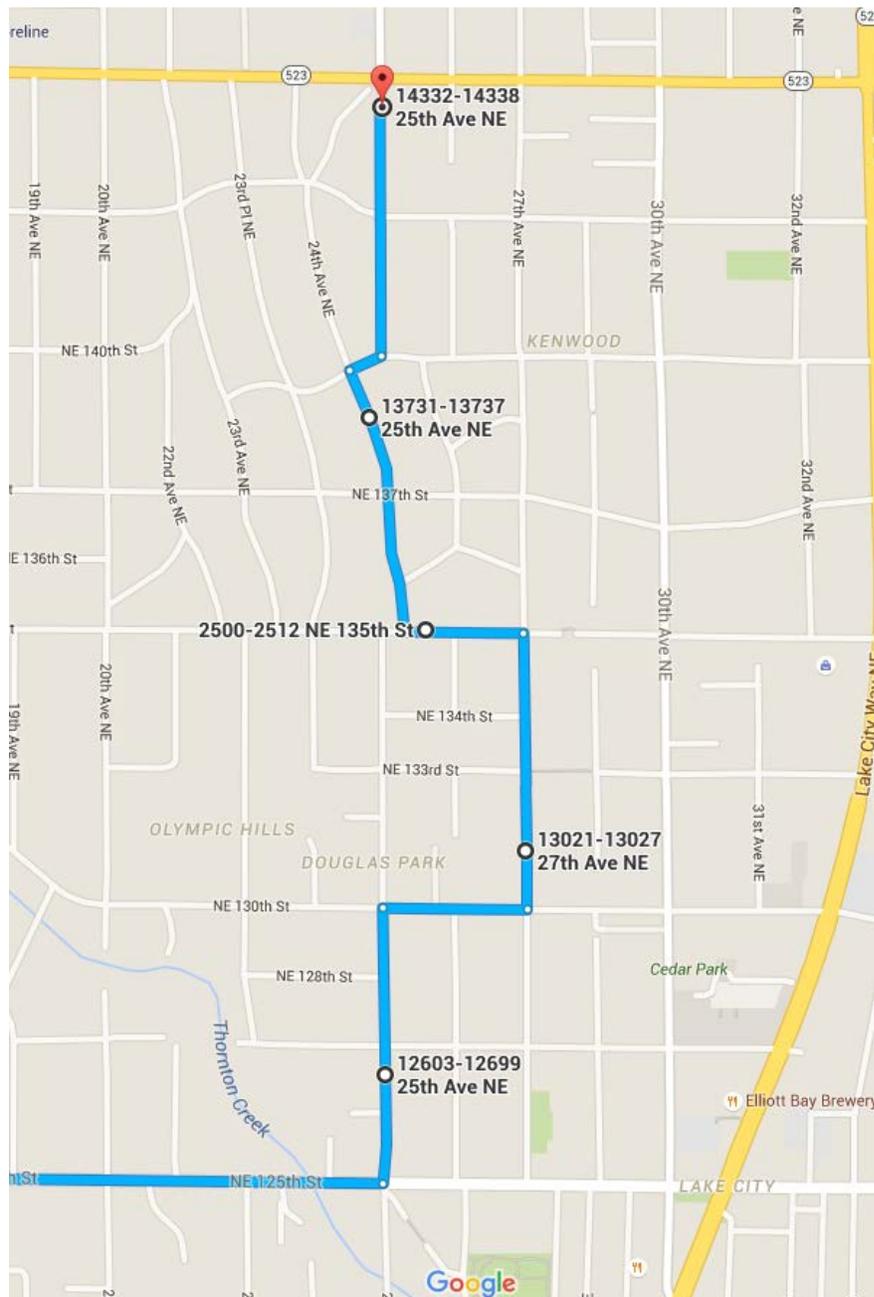
Notes: This stop illustrates a protected bike lane, where the roadway, bike lane and sidewalk are all separated and clearly designated for each user group. This concept could be used on the new Harbour Reach extension.



Stop 5: 25th Ave NE Neighborhood Greenway

Directions: From the Linden Ave N stop, continue south on Linden Ave N, turn left at N 130th Street, continue straight as it turns into Roosevelt Way and then NE 125th Street, turn left at 25th Ave NE. Follow the wayfinding signs marked “Neighborhood Greenway” as they guide you through the neighborhood from NE 125th St to NE 145th St. Careful! The speed limit is 20 mph in the neighborhood.

Notes: This stop illustrates a neighborhood greenway, which could be used on the Stairsteps in Mukilteo behind Olympic View Middle School or on the west side of the Speedway between 84th and 92nd Street.



Congratulations!

**Your tour is
complete.**