

What's happening in your neighborhood?

# 84<sup>th</sup> Ave NE

## Corridor Improvements



Approximately two years ago, the Cities of Clyde Hill and Medina came together and began planning for the improvement of the 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE corridor between NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 28<sup>th</sup> Street, where the new 84<sup>th</sup> roundabout is. Both cities, individually and jointly, spent months upon months performing traffic analyses, reviewing different options for how to control the intersection at 24<sup>th</sup> and 84<sup>th</sup>, and determining the most efficient way to design the corridor for the benefit of their residents. In addition, a \$1 million grant from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board will be used to pay a large portion of this project.

Roadway Section



On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, work on these improvements will started. In addition to new landscaping features like retaining walls, fences, shrubbery, and trees, the residents of our two cities who use this corridor will, after it is completed, enjoy a much needed upgrade, the first of which will be a brand new, state-of-the-art traffic signal at 24<sup>th</sup> & 84<sup>th</sup> that uses motion sensors to help control the flow of traffic.

Also, the entire length of the roadway will be repaved for a smoother ride, and a new drainage system will be installed along the side of the road to help alleviate the pooling of water that currently frequents this corridor. Last, but not least, both sides of the corridor will have a new side path.

This final element is important to point out because currently each side of the corridor has a sidewalk for pedestrians to use that is approximately four feet in width. The new side path that will replace this is designed for multi-modal transportation - specifically, pedestrians and bicyclists. In order to support both, the new side path will range from eight to ten feet in width. For those of you who are avid bicyclists, we hope that this news is well-received, as it means you will be able to more safely travel while in our cities.

You can expect the other elements of this corridor to remain the same. For instance, the new side paths will be integrated into the pre-existing side paths and crosswalks recently constructed on the 84<sup>th</sup> roundabout. The Metro bus shelters will be torn down and replaced with new Metro bus shelters. The lane configuration for traffic will remain the same and crosswalks will be repainted. Trees along this strip will be replaced with a greater number of trees of a more appropriate height so you can expect to see a noticeable difference in illumination along this corridor during evening hours as well.

Like all capital projects of this size and nature, residents who use this corridor frequently will experience shifting traffic patterns during its construction, which is expected to last until the end of October. Though it will mean a short-term inconvenience for the long-term benefit of a beautified and improved corridor, residents of our two cities are advised to plan accordingly by anticipating longer travel times and/or, potentially, temporary road closures. While the project ensues, both cities will provide continuous updates. However, always feel free to contact either Clyde Hill City Hall (425-453-7800) or Medina City Hall (425-233-6400) should you have any questions.



Both the City of Clyde Hill and the City of Medina thank you, our residents (particularly those adjacent to 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE), as well as our neighbors, for your patience during the redevelopment of this corridor...and we very much hope that you enjoy the fruits of your patience once it's completed!