



2015 Neighborhood Safety Program Application

Workshop: January 22 | Application Deadline: February 9

(Note: One project location per application)

Contact Information

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General Project Information

Project Name: Crosswalk improvement

Project Location: NE 80th St & 124th Ave NE

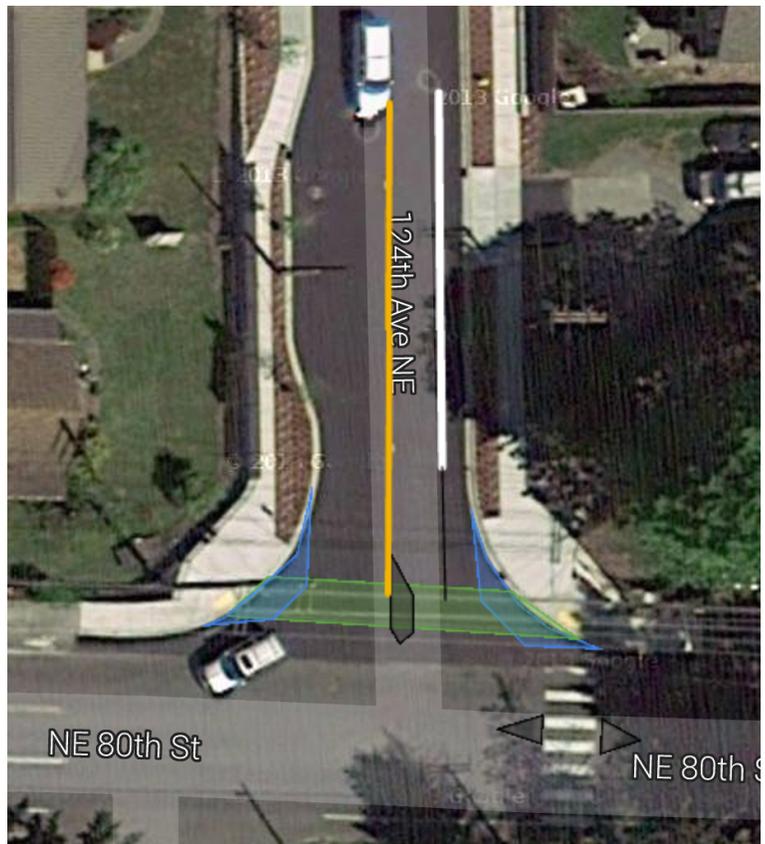
Project Estimate: \$6,800 (plus cost of curb extensions, if possible)

1. Please describe the safety problem or issue this project will address. (75–100 words) Please submit photo(s) with your application to illustrate the location and safety issue.

This intersection is dangerous for pedestrians due to the crossing distances, multiple ingress lanes (southbound and eastbound), and the offset intersection with 123rd Ave NE.

In October 2012, a teacher was hit at this crosswalk and was forced into early retirement. Many neighbors have witnessed near-miss incidents at this intersection; as a result, many parents choose to drive rather than walk to school, further exacerbating the safety problem.

*blue: proposed curb extensions
yellow line: existing center line on 124th
white line: existing bike lane on 124th*



grey areas: proposed crosswalk islands (but only

pursuing the east island in this grant)

green: existing crosswalk

Technical Evaluation (0–100 points)

2. Please describe how this project will address this safety need with a viable and creative solution resulting in a lasting, positive community impact. (75–100 words)

This project would:

1. *Add street lights to improve visibility at night (which could be installed on existing poles at both ends of each crosswalk).*
2. *On the east side of the intersection, install a center pedestrian island at the existing crosswalk (which could be installed as part of the planned rebuild of NE 80th St in 2015).*
3. *On the NW and NE corners, extend curb to reduce turning radius to no more than 35 feet (measured from the edge of the bike lanes to the curb) to reduce pedestrian crossing distance and eliminate space for vehicles to queue side-by-side from 124th (improving visibility of all roadway users).*



Vehicles entering from 124th Ave NE often queue side-by-side, obstructing visibility of traffic on 80th.

Neighborhood Panel Evaluation (0–50 points, 10 bonus points)

Neighborhood and Community Benefit (0–25 points)

3. Describe how and who will benefit from the project including those located within a ½ mile of the project (e.g. school, hospital, retirement facility, hospital, park, bus stop). Please use additional sheet if necessary.

This intersection is the primary gateway from South Rose Hill Neighborhood to the 85th Street Commercial District. Within ½ mile of this location is Lake Washington High School, Rose Hill Elementary School, Rose Hill Meadows Park, Holy Family Catholic Church & School, at least 15 restaurants, two coffee shops, two pubs, a grocery store, a drugstore, Costco, and the Kirkland Cemetery. This location's Walk Score is 48 (compared with Kirkland's aggregate score of 47). It is served by Metro Transit routes 238 and 277, and is within a block of Metro Transit routes 235 and 248, with a Transit Score of 37.

Neighborhood Association Support (0–10 points)

4. Priority Ranking for this Project (Priority 1 or 2) 2

Please outline the process your neighborhood used to select and prioritize this project.

This project is lower priority because this crossing:

- *handles lower traffic speeds (25 vs. 30 mph speed limits),*
- *handles lower average daily traffic (7k on NE 80th St vs. 12k on NE 70th Pl),*
- *requires a shorter crossing distance (45 ft on NE 80th St and 60 ft on 124th Ave NE, vs. 70 ft on NE 70th Pl),*
- *could be partially funded through the upcoming capital improvement project to rebuild NE 80th St (after the water main is replaced).*
- *could be somewhat mitigated by low-cost improvements that might be negotiated in the future (such as stop signs for east/west traffic) pending further study of traffic patterns.*

Project Readiness and Feasibility (0–15 points)

5. Did the Project Coordinator attend Neighborhood Safety Program Workshop? Yes X No

6. Did City staff evaluate scope and ongoing maintenance of project? Yes X No

Please attach the **Project Scope** form that includes the project scope prepared by City staff.

All files related to this application can be found at: <http://goo.gl/WHEsie>

7. Did City staff evaluate cost of project? Yes X No

Please attach the **Project Scope** form that includes a cost estimate of the project prepared by City staff.

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Community Support (0–5 bonus points)

5. Does this project have (or need) community support? Yes X No Do not know

If so, please demonstrate how you acquired that support.

This project has strong support from the neighborhood association board and from the neighbors who attended the January 2015 neighborhood meeting, and was developed in cooperation with Kirkland Greenways.

Project Partnership Contributions (0–5 bonus points)

6. Will there be financial contributions or volunteer hours for this project? If so, please list below.

Description	Non-City Contributions		
	Grant (\$)	Donation (\$)	Volunteer Hours (#)
Total Partnership Contribution			

Please submit Neighborhood Safety Program Application to:

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