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**To:** Dave Ramsay, City Manager

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**Date:** July 21, 2006

**Subject:** Slater Avenue Update

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council review the background information and identify next steps for staff to take.

BACKGROUND:

This memo is divided into three parts; a) information about the July 14th bicycle collision at the intersection of Slater Avenue and NE 100th Street b) a description of traffic calming measures on Slater Avenue and intersection treatments c) Next Steps – a description of measures to be taken immediately and in the near future. The section of Slater Avenue in question is the portion between the dead-end south of NE 97th Street and 124th Avenue NE. The intersection of Slater Avenue NE and NE 100th Street is where the west end of the 100th Street ped bridge is located See Figure 1.

*The July 14th Collision*

The collision occurred on Friday, July 14th at approximately 7:00 PM. A young cyclist was struck by a car driven by a 19 year old male. The cyclist entered the roadway from west to east and the motorist was south bound. Police investigation indicates that the driver was traveling at less than 35 MPH and that alcohol was not involved. The driver and witnesses report that the bicycle entered the roadway without giving the motorist adequate time to stop. The driver was not cited. The cyclist sustained ankle injuries and was transported to Evergreen Hospital.

*Previous traffic calming efforts on Slater Avenue*

In 2002, Public Works' Neighborhood Traffic Control Program worked with neighbors to develop a potential traffic calming treatment for Slater Avenue. The plan included a median, and intersection treatments such as bump outs. It was difficult to come up with a robust plan for traffic calming because of the length of the street, the lack of curb and gutter and the long stretches between intersections. While the plan had support from some neighbors, it did not achieve the 70% of votes necessary to pass. The City did re-stripe the pavement markings on portions of Slater to narrow the travel lanes and provide a larger pedestrian refuge area.

*Next Steps*

Given the nature of the recent collision, Public Works staff is installing a stop sign for eastbound pedestrians and cyclists coming off the bridge. Pedestrian warning signs for motorists will also be installed on northbound and southbound Slater Avenue north and south of NE 100th Street. Measures such as trimming of grass and trees will also be taken to improve sight distance at the intersection. These actions are scheduled to be completed by July 26th.

At the July 18th meeting, Council requested that staff schedule a session to hear neighbors' ideas about improvements neighbors would like to see on Slater Avenue. This session could be scheduled for early September. Based on the outcome of that meeting staff will further define other steps to be taken and report back to Council.

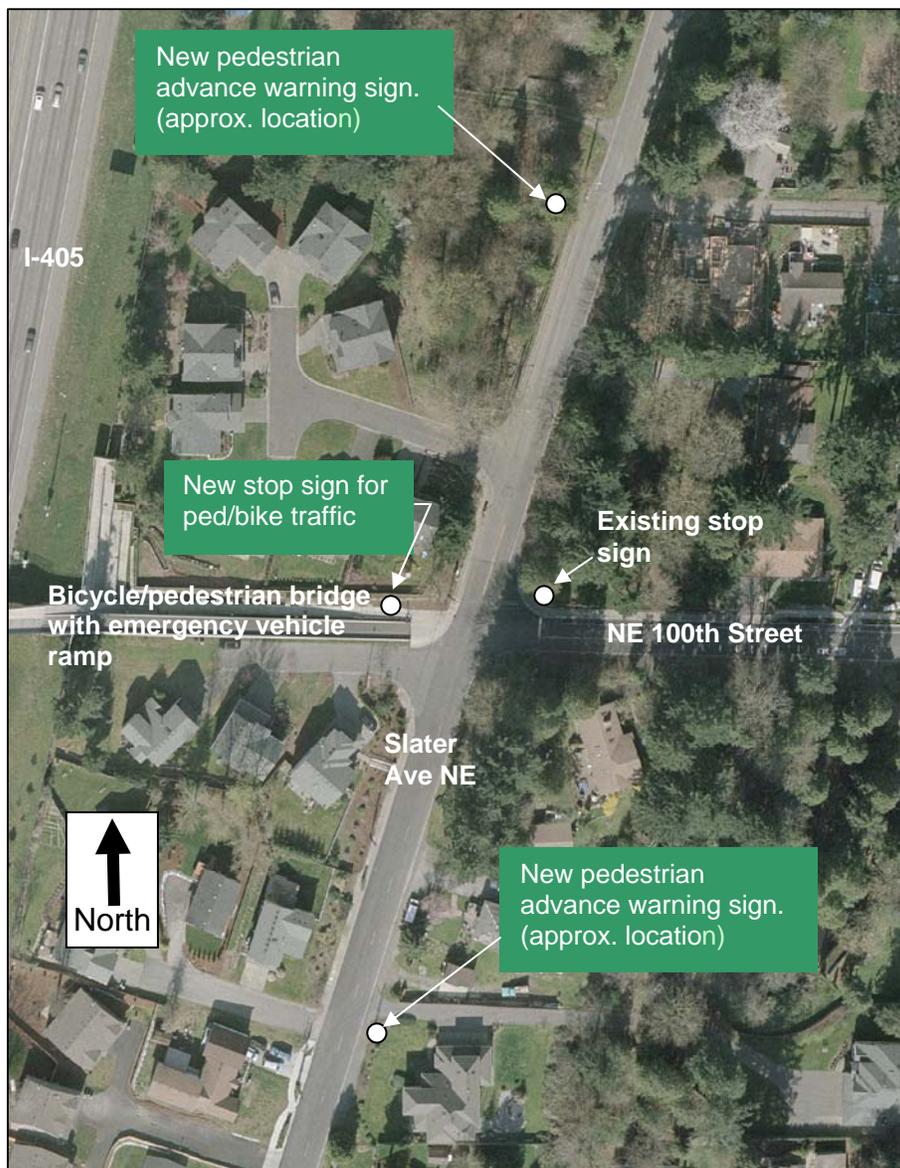


Figure 1.  
Vicinity of NE 100th  
Street and Slater  
Avenue NE