



Project Notice: Central Way and 6th Street Intersection Improvements

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- **Increase intersection efficiency**
- **Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety**
- **Upgrade capacity and sustainability of infrastructure**

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation as we make improvements to this important intersection.

Project Overview: The Central Way corridor provides access for approximately 18,000 vehicles per day between I-405, the City of Redmond, and downtown Kirkland. This project will install multiple upgrades to the intersection to increase efficiency and enhance the experience for visitors, businesses, employees and residents. The project is funded by a \$2 million State of Washington Community Trade and Economic Development Grant and \$50,000 from the City's Capital Improvement Program. **Expedited construction is expected to start in April and be complete by the end of June, 2011.** The City is seeking funding for phase two which will include public art and additional gateway enhancements.

Project Facts

Increase intersection efficiency:

- Revise traffic lanes to reduce congestion and increase efficiency.
- Install intelligent transportation system components for remote monitoring and control of the intersection.
- Realign westbound to northbound and eastbound to southbound right turn lane onto 6th Street from Central Way.
- Reconstruct and realign landscaped traffic medians.

Improve pedestrian and bicycle experience and safety:

- Remove pedestrian islands and provide more protected pedestrian crossings at all corners of intersection.
- Replace sidewalk and curb at all four corners of intersection.
- Improve way finding signage and connectivity on all corners of intersection.
- Install latest American Disability Act (ADA) pedestrian crossing technologies.
- Add bicycle signal detection.
- Remove vegetation and unhealthy trees to increase visibility of walkway on southeast corner.
- Remove over 3,000 square feet of asphalt to increase pervious surface and greenscape.
- Install new street lights and increase illumination of intersection.

Upgrade capacity and sustainability of infrastructure:

- Replace existing utility infrastructure to improve capacity and longevity.
- Extend the lifecycle and sustainability of road surface by installing concrete roadway.

What to Expect: Road construction is expected to begin in April and be complete by the end of June, 2011.

Expedited construction:

- Puget Sound Energy (PSE) work is anticipated to take approximately two weeks and begin in late January.
- Using the latest roadway construction techniques, the new concrete road surface is scheduled to be installed by closing the intersection entirely for two to three weekends as opposed to the typical fifteen weeks.

Advanced notice of road closures, parking restrictions and utility shutdowns:

- Businesses will be notified well in advance of road closures and planned utility shutdowns.
- No-parking signs will be posted 24 hours in advance of all parking restrictions.
- Traffic control and flagging operations will be in effect.
- Emergency vehicle access will be maintained throughout the construction process.

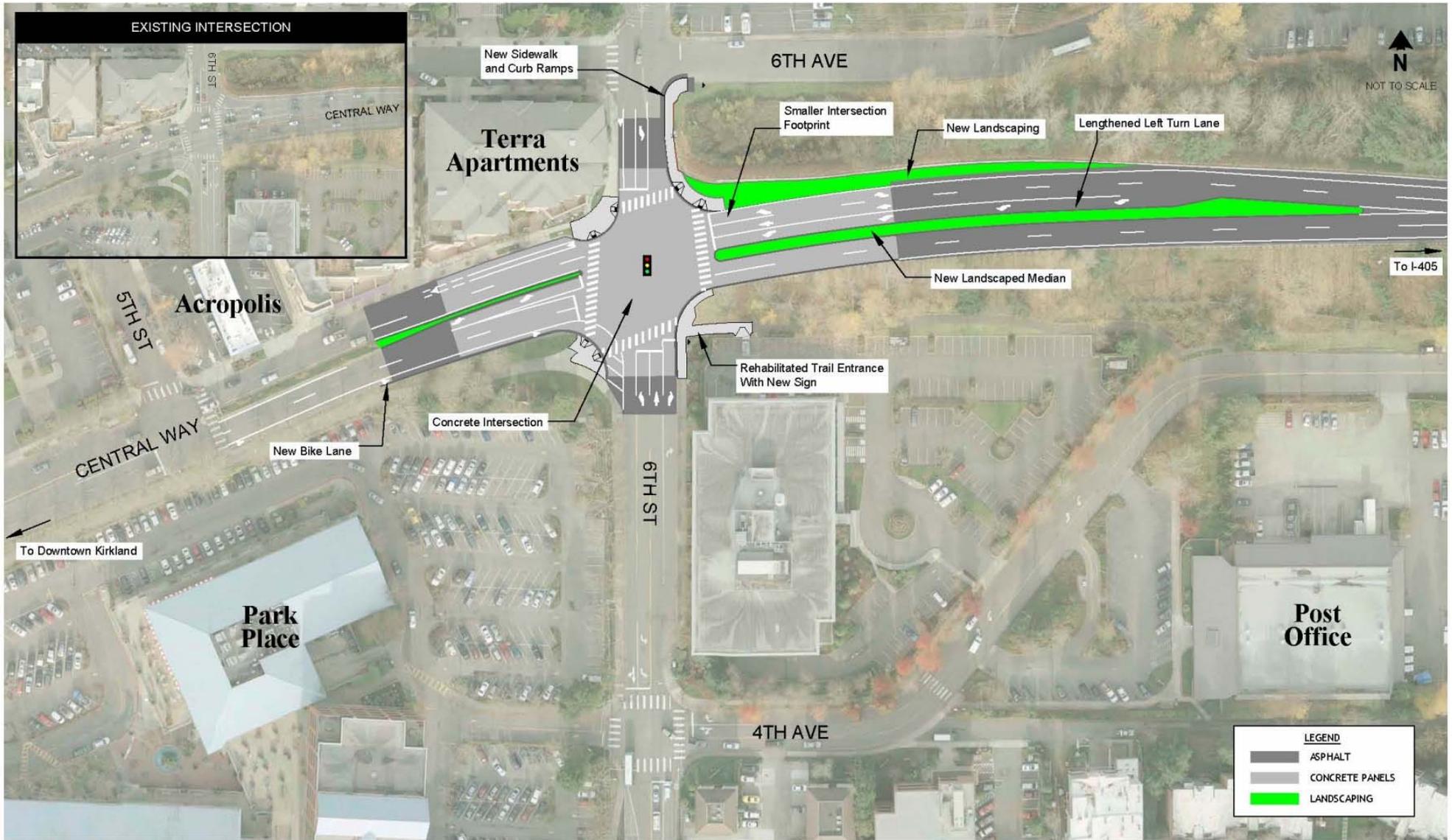
Easy access to information:

- Obtain current and up to date information: go to www.ci.kirkland.wa.us and search Central Way & 6th Street.
- Call the construction hotline for updates: (425) 587-3838.
- Contact us, if you have questions or comments.

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