

# Park Lane Pedestrian Corridor Enhancements Project

## January 2015 Construction Open House Summary

### I. Introduction and background

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#### Open house purpose

The City of Kirkland held two public open houses on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at the Kirkland Library. The purpose of the open houses was to share the latest project information with the public and allow members of the community to meet the contractor and project team.

#### Outreach

Outreach efforts for the January 8 open house focused on business and property owners along Park Lane as well as residents and businesses in the project area. Outreach activities included (see Appendix A):

- An email invitation to the open house to project email listserv, including business and property owners within the project area
- A mailer invitation to the open house sent to all addresses within a half-mile radius of the project area
- An update to the project website, including an invitation to the open house
- Updates to the City of Kirkland Twitter
- Updates sent to the Downtown Business Association listserv and posted on the Moss Bay Neighborhood Association website
- A press release announcing the open house

#### Format

The open house allowed the public time to ask questions of project team members and the contractor, as well as learn more about what to expect during construction. The display boards were organized in a circle around the room, and the roll plot was available for viewing at the center of the room. Members of the public could drop in at any time to talk one-on-one with the project team. Members of the project team in attendance were: Christian Knight, Frank Reinart, Dennis Sandstrom, Sophie Cottle, Kurt Ahrensfield, and Dave Marshbank.

#### Project Materials

Project materials at the open house included display boards and a project folio.

##### 1. Display Boards (see Appendix B )

The open house display boards presented information on the following topics:

- Meeting overview
- Project History
  - General history of the project and planning process
  - Funding information
- Final design elements
- Stormwater management elements
- Expected construction activities
- Construction schedule
- Project area map
  - Business access
  - Parking
  - Design roll plot
- How to provide feedback and contact the project team

## 2. Project newsletter

The project newsletter was a takeaway item that included general information about the project. It included information on the project background and history, project goals and elements, and expected construction activities.

## II. What we heard

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A total of thirty-eight (38) people attended the open houses: twenty (20) at the morning session and eighteen (18) at the evening session. Attendees included local residents and business/property owners, and representatives of local community groups and organizations. Some attendees were familiar with the project and came to the open houses prepared with questions and comments, while other attendees were not familiar with the project and used the open houses as an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the project. Most attendees provided positive responses to the project and the information provided at the open houses. Although the main purpose of the open houses was to share information about the project, the public was able to provide verbal comments and ask questions by speaking to the project team. The following key themes emerged in conversations with open house attendees:

- General project information
- Final design and improvements
- Tree removal
- Tree placement
- Construction schedule

## Appendix A: Notifications

Kirkland Downtown Association e-newsletter

### Park Lane Is Getting A Makeover

To prepare Kirkland's residents, business-owners and property owners for the construction that begins on Park Lane after the holidays, the Park Lane project team is hosting a pair of open houses at the Kirkland Library.

Both Sessions will be on January 8th. The first session will take place from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. and the second session will take place from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.



The City of Kirkland is creating a more walkable, vibrant, and green Park Lane by improving its walkability and protecting Lake Washington from pollutants that drain directly into the lake after storms. Improvements to Park Lane will address tree roots buckling sidewalks, replace a 70-year-old water main, and upgrade an inefficient stormwater infrastructure. The city has worked with property and business owners and the local community to develop plans for the improved, pedestrian-friendly Park Lane.

Moss Bay Neighborhood Association website



"The Water Bearers" at Brink Park

## Moss Bay Neighborhood Association

Kirkland, WA

Our next meeting will be held Monday, Jan 19, 2015, 7PM at Heritage Hall, click [here](#) for more info. Stay up to date by [joining our email list](#) (email [donw@mossbay.org](mailto:donw@mossbay.org))

The [minutes of our Nov 17, 2014 meeting](#) are now available. Try our new search function below which searches through our web site. Our minutes contain a treasure trove of information going back to 1997!

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Construction along [Park Lane](#) will be starting in January 2015. The project team will be hosting a pre-construction public open house on **January 8, 2015 at the Kirkland Library at 10AM and again at 6PM**. This is an opportunity to learn more about the project, meet the contractor, and learn what to expect during construction.

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2nd Open House tonight 6-7 pm, Park Lane Enhancement Project & construction timeline. Kirkland Library



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What's happening to Park Lane in downtown Kirkland? Find out at Open House tomorrow, 10-11am & 6-7pm, Kirkland Library @KCLS



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OPEN HOUSE: Learn about the construction sequencing for Park Lane construction, Jan. 8, 10-11 am & 6-7 pm, Kirkland Library #ParkLane



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City of Kirkland

NEWS RELEASE

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### **Jan. 8th Open House prepares public for Park Lane construction**

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KIRKLAND, Wash. – Next week, Marshbank Construction will begin transforming Park Lane into a greener, more walkable and vibrant corridor. To prepare residents, property-managers and business-operators for what that will mean, the City of Kirkland is hosting a pair of open houses Jan. 8 at the Kirkland Public Library.

The first session begins at 10 a.m. and continues until 11 a.m. The second session begins at 6 p.m. and continues to 7:30 p.m. The Library is located at 308 Kirkland Avenue.

At the open house, residents, property-managers and business-operators will have the opportunity to engage with project staff, explore the ultimate vision for Park Lane and get a look at how Marshbank will sequence its construction phases.

Earlier that same week, Puget Sound Energy will start relocating its gas and power lines, which runs down the middle of the street. The work should last one week and will require Puget Sound Energy's contractors to excavate a few trenches in and near Park Lane.

Kirkland's Park Lane contractor, Marshbank will likely begin construction on the Park Lane project before Puget Sound Energy is finished with its gas line and power line relocation. One of the early tasks on Marshbank's list is repainting the Lake Street and Central Way parking lot to allow vehicles to circulate within the parking lot. The current configuration forces vehicles to exit onto Park Lane once they've looped through the parking lot.

Marshbank will also be preparing to close the street next week and mobilizing construction equipment.

For project information, go to [www.kirklandwa.gov/parklaneproject](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/parklaneproject) and to receive project updates via email, go to [www.kirklandwa.gov/ebulletins](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/ebulletins) and select Capital Improvement Projects.

# Mailer invitation

## PARK LANE PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENTS



January 2015

### CONSTRUCTION ON PARK LANE BEGINS JANUARY 2015; BUSINESSES WILL REMAIN OPEN

The City of Kirkland is beginning a project in January that will make Park Lane a greener, more walkable and vibrant street. These improvements will help protect Lake Washington from pollutants that drain directly into the lake after storms. They will also prevent tree roots from buckling sidewalks and replace a 70-year-old water main. The most tangible benefit of these improvements will be the street, itself. The new Park Lane will be a one-level plaza-style street, on which people can walk, bike, or drive. During special events, the community will be able to transform it into a pedestrian-only plaza.



The planned improvements to Park Lane include additional trees and a one-level plaza-style street.



### WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION:

- Construction will close Park Lane to all vehicle traffic between Third Street and Lake Street South.
- The City of Kirkland will maintain pedestrian access to businesses along Park Lane (see map to the left).
- Businesses to remove their private property from the right of way by Jan. 7. City crews and the contractor will also be removing street features. Private features include, but are not limited to, tables and chairs, signs, merchandise, and dining area fences.
- Disruptive noise and increased dust, odor, and vibration will occur.
- Public parking will be available in public lots on Central Way and Lake Street, Park Lane and Main Street, and Third Street and Kirkland Avenue (see map to the left).
- On-street parking will not be available on Park Lane.
- Staff will email weekly updates to subscribers and post the updates on the project website. See the other side of this page for more information.

### CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Construction is currently scheduled to begin Jan. 5 or 6 with the City closing both blocks of Park Lane to automobile traffic. The project will likely be complete early spring 2015. Activities will include:

- Removing trees
- Removing the existing roadway and sidewalks
- Building a temporary walkway to maintain access to businesses
- Replacing the water main and local services
- Installing a new stormwater management system
- Installing brick pavers
- Planting trees

PARK LANE PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENTS

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**LEARN MORE ABOUT PARK LANE CONSTRUCTION**

**STAY IN THE LOOP**

If you have any questions about the project, or would like us to add you to the project email list, contact:

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**PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE**

Join us to learn about what to expect during construction and meet the project team and contractor.

**Date:** Jan. 8, 2015  
**Times:** 10 – 11 a.m. or 6-7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Kirkland Public Library, 308 Kirkland Ave.

# Appendix B: Display Boards

## Meeting Overview

**PARK LANE PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENTS**

**WELCOME**

Thank you for coming tonight

We invite you to:

- Meet the project team and contractor
- See the final Park Lane designs
- Find out what to expect during construction
- Ask questions

PLEASE SIGN IN

## Project History



## Final design elements

### PARK LANE PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENTS

The City of Kirkland began working with property owners, businesses, and the local community in 2008 to create a vision for a more walkable Park Lane. The plaza-style street emerged as the preferred concept.



#### PROJECT 100% FUNDED



#### PUBLIC INPUT INFORMED FINAL DESIGN

- In 2014 the project team finalized the design concepts and is now prepared for construction.
  - A group of local business owners and residents reviewed design concepts and provided input on future outreach tools.
  - Community members shared feedback on the project design at public drop-in sessions and community group meetings.
  - The City met one-on-one with property owners and business operators to discuss business needs during construction.
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## Expected construction activities

### PARK LANE PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENTS

#### CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES: WHAT TO EXPECT

STEP 1: DEMOLITION & TEMPORARY WALKWAY INSTALLATION	STEP 2: STREET AND UNDERGROUND WORK	STEP 3: FINAL ROADWAY AND SIDEWALK SURFACE WORK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contractor will remove the existing surface and trees.</li> <li>• To maintain Park Lane business access, the contractor will build walkways immediately after demolition.</li> </ul> <p><b>WHAT TO EXPECT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• disruptive noise (jackhammering, etc.), increased congestion, dust, vibration, strong odor, large equipment near buildings, temporary access restrictions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developments in the travel lane, underground utility work, installation of Silva Cells and bio-retention areas, and planting trees.</li> </ul> <p><b>WHAT TO EXPECT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dust, large equipment, intermittent disruptive noise (machinery, etc.), temporary water service distribution, increased congestion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of the temporary surface, final grading, and placement of pavers.</li> </ul> <p><b>WHAT TO EXPECT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increased congestion, concrete pouring, temporary access restrictions, disruptive noise, vibration</li> </ul>
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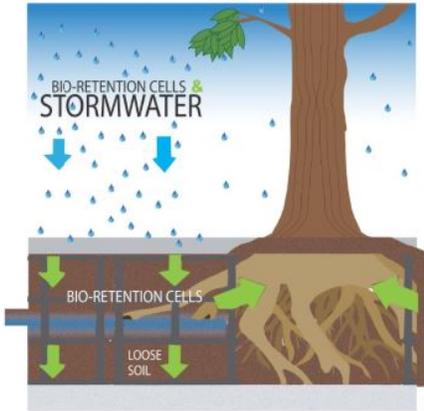
## Stormwater management elements

### PARK LANE PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENTS

#### IMPROVED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Today, stormwater mixes with road pollutants and flows directly into Lake Washington. Improvements to Park Lane will help protect Lake Washington:

- Bio-retention cells use plants and soils to prevent flooding and filter untreated stormwater.
- Silva Cells and structural soils create more room for tree roots to grow and, in turn, absorb substantial amounts of stormwater.



## Construction schedule

### PARK LANE PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENTS

#### PROJECT SCHEDULE

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobilization and demolition</li> <li>• Temporary installation of utility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West block and underground work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East block and underground work</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roadway open</li> </ul>	
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final restoration work</li> </ul>	

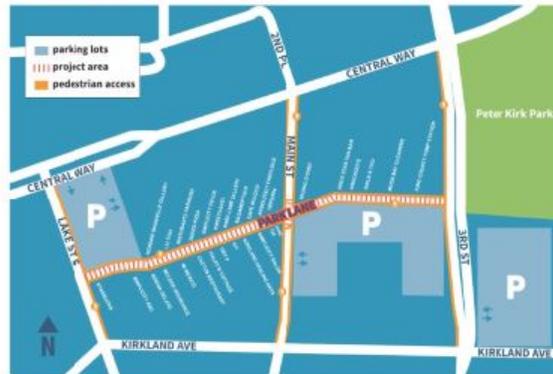
Schedule subject to change; project includes 90 construction days.



## Project area

### PARK LANE PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENTS

#### ACCESS DURING CONSTRUCTION



#### ALL BUSINESSES WILL REMAIN OPEN

- Pedestrian access to all businesses along Park Lane will be maintained throughout construction.

#### PARKING

- Public parking will be available in public lots on Central Way and Lake Street, Park Lane and Main Street, and 3rd Street and Kirkland Avenue.
- On-street parking will not be available on Park Lane during construction.

#### TRAFFIC CLOSURES AND CONGESTION

- Park Lane will be closed to all vehicle traffic between 3rd Street and Lake Street S.
- Expect increased congestion due to construction truck traffic on local streets.



## How to provide feedback and contact the project team

**LEARN MORE ABOUT PARK LANE CONSTRUCTION**

**COMMUNICATION COMMITMENTS**

- Advance notice about construction activities
- Weekly website and email updates
- Pedestrian access to businesses maintained during construction
- Clearly marked routes for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles
- Advanced notice of planned utility service disruptions

**Visit the project website:**  
[www.kirklandwa.gov/parklaneproject](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/parklaneproject)

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**Sign up for weekly email updates at the Welcome Table**

**Attend regularly scheduled drop-in sessions with the construction team**