



## 2020 Neighborhood Safety Program Application

Application Deadline: February 14, 2019

(Note: One project location per application)

### Contact Information

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### General Project Information

Location: **108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE**

Nearest Cross Street(s): **NE 137<sup>th</sup> Place**

Project Priority 1 (or only project)  Priority 2

#### Project Type:

Bicycle Improvement

Rapid Flashing Beacon

Trail Improvement

Crosswalk Improvement

Sidewalk Improvement

Walkway Improvement

Intersection Improvement

Street Lighting

Radar Speed Sign

Traffic Calming

#### Describe the Project Scope:

Please include all aspects of the project (e.g., ADA ramps, street lights, thermoplastic, hand rails, asphalt vs. gravel).

The purpose of this project is to provide safety improvements to the intersection of 108<sup>th</sup> Ave NE & NE 137<sup>th</sup> PI. As a result, there will be safer crossings of both streets at the entrance to Edith Moulton Park, enhancements for a safe route to school, and measures that will help reduce vehicular speeds along the 108<sup>th</sup> Ave NE corridor which is a cut-thru street for drivers, many who tend to exceed the speed limit by 10 mph or more.

The proposed improvements are depicted on the attached figure and listed below:

- New striped crosswalk (South leg, across 108<sup>th</sup> Ave NE)
- New striped crosswalk (West leg, across NE 137<sup>th</sup> PI NE)
- SW corner improvements such as bulbing out the corner to reduce vehicular turning speeds and reduce pedestrian crossing distances. Treatments may include flex posts, new edge lines, and/or an upgraded curb ramp
- NW corner improvements to provide an ADA ramp and restored asphalt paving between the ramp and crosswalk
- The potential for an adjustment of an existing light or additional light is being evaluated by the City and PSE and will be included if required.



**City Cost Estimate:** \$ 35-50k

## 1. Neighborhood Benefit/Support (0–60 points)

Please explain how the project will address a recognized safety need (especially with school kids or other vulnerable populations) and result in a positive and lasting neighborhood benefit (e.g., creates an important neighborhood pedestrian or bicycle connection):

The need for this project has long been identified within the neighborhood. 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE is a street within Juanita that collects a lot of traffic flow from nearby residents and also those from outside Kirkland who use the street as a cut-thru route. Edith Moulton Park (at NE 137<sup>th</sup> Pl) and Helen Keller Elementary (at NE 140<sup>th</sup> St) are both located on this street. Further, 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE is a school walk route for both Helen Keller Elementary and nearby Juanita High School. This street is also identified in the Kirkland Transportation Master Plan to be a recommended greenway. Within the Kirkland Neighborhood Greenways Guide for Implementation, this is listed as the 'Juanita HS' and of the 14 projects this corridor tied with others for the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest score in categories of 'Connects Destinations' and 'Improves Safety'.

Beyond the current needs already identified through these sources, members of our neighborhood understand that [WSDOT's project \(https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I405/NE132ndStInterchange/Default.htm\)](https://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/I405/NE132ndStInterchange/Default.htm) to construct a new interchange at I-405 and NE 132<sup>nd</sup> St will increase traffic along this corridor with construction on that project starting in 2021 and completion in 2023. As this NSP cycle will complete improvements by May 2021, we believe this is an appropriate time to provide needed improvements to address immediate safety concerns as well as helping to address future concerns.

During the November General Meeting for the Juanita Neighborhood Association, a short-list of 3 projects were presented for input. Following discussion with 25 people in attendance at the meeting, there was unanimous support from all neighborhood members for this project.

In addition to sharing this project at the November meeting, by email, and on the JNA website, the principal of Helen Keller Elementary as well as the PTA were contacted following the Project Conference meeting which refined the scope of project improvements.

Were adjacent neighbors who will be impacted by the project contacted (e.g., street lights)? Yes \_\_\_ No X

Is there support for the project within the neighborhood (e.g., businesses, schools, and PTAs)? Yes X No \_\_\_

**Note:** Please attach letters, emails, or a petition of support for your project.

## 2. Community Benefit/Support (0–30 points)

Please explain how the project benefits people outside of the neighborhood (e.g., creates a community-wide connection):

As noted above, this project has widespread support within the immediate portion of the neighborhood. For benefit of the community beyond the neighborhood, this project stands to benefit all users of Edith Moulton Park. As Edith Moulton is the largest park in North Juanita (and was recently improved), it has become a destination for residents throughout Kirkland and beyond the City. The ability to enhance the entrance to the park and provide a safer access for these users will be a wonderful benefit to the greater community.

During the most recent Welcome to Juanita event, our yearly picnic which took place in Fall 2019, the possibility of intersection improvements were discussed with several attendees from the immediate neighborhood area, miles

away within Juanita, and beyond. Each person fully supported improvements and several even questioned why at least one crosswalk wasn't installed as part of the recent park improvement project!

Is there broad community support for the project outside the neighborhood (e.g., businesses, schools, and PTSAs, and community groups)? Yes\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

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**3. Neighborhood/Community Project Partnership (0–10 points)**

Will there be financial contributions and/or volunteer hours for this project (e.g., trail construction or maintenance)? If so, please provide details of the contributions. (**Note:** Volunteer value is \$23.56.)

During the February Project Conference meeting, the option of Civil Engineering support was offered as a volunteer effort as the Project Coordinator (Brian Magee) is a licensed Civil Engineer and offered to assist with reviews of the design to help minimize efforts on the City side during design development.

While this may not result in direct financial impacts that can be tabulated here, similar efforts in support of the active 2018-2019 Juanita project have been provided and have had a direct benefit to that project in adapting to site conditions in a way that reduced project cost and still achieved the goals of the project.

Description	Financial Contribution (\$)	Volunteer Contribution (# of Hours * \$23.56)	Total
<b>Total Neighborhood/Community Project Partnership</b>			

**Please submit application to:**

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