



# 2020 Neighborhood Safety Program Application

**Application Deadline:** February 14, 2020

**(Note:** One project location per application)

## Contact Information

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## General Project Information

Location: Central Way & Main St (near 232 Central Way)

Nearest Cross Street(s): Main St / 2<sup>nd</sup> Pl

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).

This project would add a rapid flashing beacon (RFB) to the existing crosswalk across Central Way on the east side of the intersection of Central Way and Main Street (the crosswalk in front of Wing Dome).

The City of Kirkland is already planning to construct a pedestrian island here, and city traffic engineers originally wanted to install an RFB as part of that work. However the most recent Capital Improvement Program included only half the funds needed, so only the pedestrian island is currently funded.

Due to the width of the road the crosswalk would require three rapid flashing beacons: one on each side of Central Way, and a third beacon in the middle of the newly constructed traffic island.

The city's pedestrian island project will result in several turning motions being restricted at this intersection. It's likely that vehicles will no longer be allowed to turn left onto Central from southbound 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, or to turn left onto Main St from westbound Central Way. These restrictions are planned whether or not this NSP proposal is funded.

**City Cost Estimate:** \$ 112,000

### 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):

Pedestrians have struggled for years to get motorists to yield at this crosswalk. Central Way is a busy arterial and the widest street in Kirkland’s downtown core. The various turning motions allowed at this intersection create complex situations where motorists feel pressured to dart through gaps in oncoming traffic and may miss pedestrians in any of the three crosswalks. At least one pedestrian-involved crash has been reported at this location.

This project was presented to Moss Bay residents at a neighborhood meeting and through an online survey. In person and through the online survey we heard from almost 100 people. Over 50% picked Central Way as their first choice out of all three projects, and almost half said they use this crosswalk regularly. 78% of people said they support this project.

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

Is there support for the project within the neighborhood (e.g., businesses, schools, and PTAs)? Yes  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):

This crosswalk connects two neighborhoods, Norkirk and Moss Bay, and provides a safe connection to downtown and Park Lane for Norkirk Residents. An improved crossing here will increase safety and comfort along the fastest walk route from the Kirkland Transit Center to City Hall. It would also provide a more attractive connection between Park Lane, which gets a lot of foot traffic, and businesses along the north side of Central Way which would benefit from more visibility. Finally, this project enhances pedestrian safety along a frequent transit corridor and allows Moss Bay to partner with the City of Kirkland to complete enhancements which the city has already identified as a priority for downtown.

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

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

### 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.)

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



**Please submit application to:**

City of Kirkland

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For any questions or further information, please contact Kari Page at [kpage@kirklandwa.gov](mailto:kpage@kirklandwa.gov) or (425) 587-3875.