



# 2021 Neighborhood Safety Program Application

Application Deadline: February 28, 2021

(Note: One project location per application)

## Contact Information

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## General Project Information

Location: **108<sup>th</sup> Ave NE (Edith Moulton Park Entrance)**

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

Project Priority 1 (select if you only have one 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 was previously submitted last year. It ranked 5<sup>th</sup>, just below the funding threshold, and is being resubmitted for this year.

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> Pl which is at the main entrance to Edith Moulton Park. As a result of this project, safety will be enhanced and access to the park will be improved through measures that will encourage lower vehicular speeds along 108<sup>th</sup>, a cut-thru street for many drivers, which are often exceeding the 25 mph speed limit traveling at speeds over 35 mph.

Proposed improvements are depicted on the attached figure:

- New marked crosswalks (2)
- SW corner improvements to modify this location to expand and upgrade the pedestrian space with tactile edge lines and/or flex posts and include curb ramp improvements
- NW corner improvements to provide an ADA ramp and smooth asphalt paving between ramp and crosswalk
- The potential for an adjustment of an existing light or installing a new light is being evaluated by the City and PSE and will be included if required to ensure the crosswalks are well-lit
- Types of treatments used will be adjusted as needed to stay under the \$50,000 funding limit



**City Cost Estimate:**     \$35-50K     [to be completed by City staff]

## 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 the nearby area 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>) 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 (this year) and completion in 2024. As this NSP cycle will complete improvements by June 2022, we believe this is an appropriate time to provide needed improvements to address immediate safety concerns as well as helping to address future concerns.

When this project option was presented to the Juanita Neighborhood Association for the 2019-2020 NSP cycle in November 2019 amongst a group of project options, there was unanimous support from all neighborhood members (25 in attendance) for this project to be the top neighborhood priority.

In addition to sharing this project at that November 2019 meeting, by email, and on the JNA website, outreach was done to the principal and PTA for nearby Helen Keller Elementary given that the school is 1 block away from the improvement location and 108<sup>th</sup> Ave NE is part of the local school walk route.

Outreach to immediate neighbors above and beyond current neighborhood communications, such as modifications for streetlights at the crosswalks, was not conducted. All improvements would be done within City right of way and in the current roadway footprint. Potential modifications to adjust the lighting to ensure the crosswalks are well lit would not be evaluated until project funding is obtained and design is under way.

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 many residents. 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 Fall 2019 Welcome to Juanita event at Edith Moulton Park, our yearly picnic in non-pandemic times, the possibility of intersection improvements were discussed with attendees from the immediate neighborhood area 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 PTSA's, 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.)

During the February 2020 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:

City of Kirkland

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