

# South 154th Street Improvements Project

## Project Description

The South 154th Street Improvements Project will construct sidewalks and bicycle lanes on South 154th Street between 24th Avenue S and 32nd Avenue S, reconstruct existing travel lanes, and add new left-turn lanes at key intersections. A mid-block pedestrian refuge island will be built east of the SR-518 on-ramp to provide safe crossing for pedestrians to a new sidewalk on the south side of the freeway overcrossing. The project also includes streetscape improvements such as street trees, new street lighting, undergrounding of overhead electrical lines, and a storm water quality and conveyance system.

The project will complete a missing link in the pedestrian and bicycle transportation system and increase safety and efficiency for all modes of travel. The project is needed to serve current as well as future transportation needs in the northern portion of SeaTac and the urban centers of Burien and Tukwila that are connected by this arterial corridor.

## Schedule

Project design and environmental documentation began in 2008 and is currently 95% complete. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2011 and will continue through mid-2012.

## Funding

The total budget for this project is \$6.4 million. 60% of the funding comes from state and federal gas tax grants: the State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) awarded \$2.4 million in Urban Arterial Program (UAP) grant funds in 2007 and a \$1.5 million federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant was awarded in 2009. \$2.2 million is funded through the City's parking tax and Sound Transit has contributed \$315,000 toward this project.

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