



Sahalee Way Corridor Widening Project  
Comment Form  
October 19, 2016

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\* PLEASE CONSIDER THIS DESIGN'S IMPACT (THE UPPER PORTION OF SAHALEE WAY) ON THE FUTURE DESIGN OF THE LOWER PORTION OF SAHALEE TO SR 202 DESIGN FOR MAXIMUM RETENTION OF MATURE EVERGREENS ON THE WEST SIDE OF SAHALEE.  
Thank you

Please share any additional comments you have below.

\* PLEASE DO NOT LOWER SPEED LIMIT  
\* ADDRESS THE SR 202 / EASTLAKE SAMM PIKWAY PROBLEM.  
\* BETTER BUS SERVICE please  
\* REPORT WITH EVERGREENS NOT

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OR THICKER OVERLAY

BETTER MAINTENANCE OF PLANTED STRIPS

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Randabout at 223rd instead of signal?

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I understand that traffic is a complex system and problem that extra lanes won't solve. I like the current proposal especially the lower speed limit and balance with pedestrian and bicycle traffic





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HOPEFULLY YOU TAKE EXPANSION FROM 37TH TO 202 WTD  
CONSIDERATION INSTEAD OF FUNNELING INTO A  
SMALLER LANE.

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PLEASE RECONSIDER THE COMMITTEES 5-LANE DESIGN PROPOSAL  
OR MY 4-LANE ALTERNATIVE DESIGN PROPOSAL <sup>LOCATED IN</sup> THE COMMENTS  
SECTION OF THE CORRIDOR WIDENING WEBPAGE,  
THE 3-LANE DESIGN PROPOSAL DOES NOT REDUCE VEHICLE  
CONGESTION TODAY (2016) OR 20 YEARS FROM NOW IN 2035.  
  
NO 3-LANE DESIGN GO TO 4 OR 5-LANE DESIGN

Please share any additional comments you have below.

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**Notes**

2 Signal 36th & 37th block apart - will slow traffic  
LOST SIGHT  
e. Park Lane 2 Departed Area Median 3 Stops



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- to keep sound down - The section you are expanding is in ~~many~~ neighborhoods
- keep as many trees as possible
- I like the expansion of sidewalk
- Do we need planter section??

- I like the third lane

Please share any additional comments you have below.

- Concerned about property loss, natural sound buffer (trees)
- retaining wall already there is missing from the plan.
- interest in quiet payment.
- new signals light pollution.
- bus
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shrubs in planter strip vs visibility  
- I don't think we need planter  
section between road & sidewalk



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PROTECTED LEFT TURN LIGHT AT NEW 223RD/28TH TRAFFIC LIGHT

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SIDEWALK ON EAST SIDE NEAR EVANS CREEK PRESERVE FOR WALKABILITY

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3-lanes design is absolutely pointless!  
it doesn't improve traffic (almost, except bus stops)  
we need 4- or 5-lanes.  
if we don't have money for it right now, let's work on getting the money and don't spend what we already have for nothing

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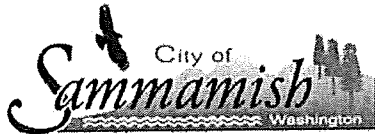
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- Minimize impacts to adjoining Property owners
- Keep the trees / don't cut down without good reason
- Notify property owners ~~of~~ prior to all tree removal. - even if they are in the right of way as they may provide a buffer currently
- Don't allow newer subdivisions with HOA's to influence (negatively) those property owners who lack a HOA!!!!

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- Yes! on south end narrow stamped concrete vs. planter median





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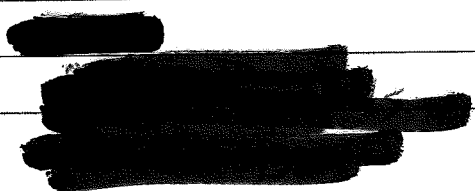
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The Two Lane Proposal Appears  
 To Be Inadequate To Reduce Congestion,  
 John Cunningham Assisted At The February  
 Meeting, That After The Sahalee Way  
 Pattern Design Was Completed Traffic  
 Congestion Would Be Bad Enough That Traffic  
 Would Divert Through The Timberline Neighborhood  
 If The NE 42nd St. Bypass Was Removed.  
 This Remark Indicates That After The Improvements  
 Are Made Travel Speeds Would Be Less Than 20MPH.  
 Otherwise Traffic Would Not Divert On To 25 MPH Neighborhood  
 Streets.





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I understand that traffic flow is the biggest concern, but please also keep in mind those of us who are living directly along 228th. Noise level! (lower speed limit?, quiet asphalt?, other noise cancelling possibilities?)

The new traffic light on 28th PL will bring more thru traffic to that road inside the Heritage Hills neighborhood (so far the intersection

Please share any additional comments you have below. with signal now on 25th Way is preferred by many for left turns going to Redmond). I anticipate that will change with the new traffic light. Please consider some sort of reminder for drivers to slow down (speed bump?, permanent speeding sign (which speed each car goes is being shown to driver) on NE 28th PL in both directions.





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Nice approach that pays attention to the beauty of our city.  
We don't want an Aurora type Blvd running thru our city.  
I'd like to see trees in the median and tree retention on both sides.  
All in all, very good presentation and thoughtful solution.

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Vertical handwritten notes on the left margin: 'I don't know... are they placed well, enough so folks will use them, and able to not block traffic... but can re-emerge after unload/load.'

Sammamish is bigger & more urban.

0) Lower Speed limit is a good idea... 40mph vs 45mph.

Notes

1) Know where the ditches, culverts & any pipes run under Sahalee before working on the surface. Stormwater, Landslides, Infiltration, Water Quality Treatment

2) Since sidewalks are added & bike lanes for non-automotive connectivity - they should connect people to Stevens Creek Preserve - Not just Sahalee residents, but Timberline, Heritage Hills, Cimaron, etc. Sidewalks are needed so people don't have to drive & park all the time. Teens, parents with kids in strollers, older & multi-ethnic non-English speaking people

3) Schools, Teen center, Businesses at NE sth should connect to. One side is ok - but ensure safe crossings where needed. Sidewalk

4) Planter strips, watering, trimming all takes time & \$ - and can impact visual paths needed for safety & Driving. Choose shrubs carefully. - Note: Inglewood Hill Road East of (circle) on South side with the new LID features - see the large Trees south of A - many are Dead/red likely due to water. Study this installation & results before implementing more, change & flow

5) 5-lane Alternative likely will NOT be stable due to 'uninsured Landslides' and Sahalee issues 1980 or 1981. - Show Photos of ... & Sudan



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1. Burying Power Lines. I know it is expensive but hopefully you can continue to investigate joint funding methods, or other original ideas to get it done right.
2. Are bike lanes really necessary on both sides? What does your analysis show as to number of bike riders? I have never seen more than a one or two bike riders on the entire road segment discussed at any one time.
3. Putting off discussion of the County owned portion of Sahalee Way NE, until later seems inappropriate. I would think these discussions should be #1 priority now. Is Sammamish annexing in all or most property South, to give us more control on road and busing options?
4. Hopefully as you move into the design stage you can consider expanding the fence design used along Sahalee Golf Course and the Crest sub-division along the rest of the roadway within this project. Heritage Hills has had discussion of this publically but it is impossible to get 100% consensus from all the 20+ home owners whose property boarders 228<sup>th</sup> and Sahalee Way NE. Considering this is a \$15 million dollar project, spending \$100,000 on a property line fence would be wise creating something that would substantially improve the road visually.

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## Jed Ireland

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 2, 2017 4:13 PM  
**To:** Jed Ireland  
**Subject:** RE: Sahalee Way roadwork

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Hi Jed,

Here are the latest recommendations from the American Medical Association regarding LED street lights.  
<https://www.ama-assn.org/ama-adopts-guidance-reduce-harm-high-intensity-street-lights>

As to providing lighting at busy bus stops and bus shelters, I personally feel that this is a good idea. Putting the lighting lower to the ground and shielded as you mention, can help with light pollution concerns. Common landscape lighting principles might be helpful. For example, lights can be mounted on the underside of a bench and shine out onto the ground where you need to see, rather than be mounted high on a pole.

Sorry for the slow response.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Jed Ireland [mailto:JIreland@sammamish.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2016 9:11 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Sahalee Way roadwork

[REDACTED]

Thanks for your feedback, and thank you for attending the meeting at the Sahalee Clubhouse. I've noted the points you shared, below. I will be sure our team looks at these. Regarding lighting, we are planning to upgrade the existing luminaires on the power poles with LED. Besides energy and maintenance savings, LED luminaires have directional light that can be aimed more effectively than traditional bulbs, which can help with a dark sky. We've also been asked to consider lighting at highly-used bus stops, perhaps in a bus shelter. Do you think there would be a benefit to a bus shelter or lighting at Sahalee Drive East?

Regards,

Jed Ireland  
Public Works, City of Sammamish  
801 228<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Sammamish WA 98075  
Ph: (425) 295-0563

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2016 4:52 PM

**To:** Jed Ireland <Jireland@sammamish.us>

**Subject:** Sahalee Way roadwork

Jed,

Thank you for coming to Sahalee last week to present the City's plans to improve Sahalee Way.

I'd like to summarize my thoughts and add some from my husband, who was not able to attend the meeting.

1. We generally support the improvements to the road. Adding sidewalks and bike lanes will improve safety for those of us who prefer to walk or bike rather than drive to see our neighbors. The bike lanes will improve the safety of those who commute by bike or ride for pleasure.
2. The turn pockets added for Sahalee Drive East have been extremely helpful for us to enter and exit our street across traffic! Thank you!
3. Bus stops. The bus stops on Sahalee Way near Sahalee Drive East create another hazard that was not addressed at the meeting. It is difficult to get across the street from the bus stops to Sahalee Drive East due to heavy traffic; winter's short days and fog create additional hazards. If a crosswalk is not possible, perhaps a raised median would be appropriate so walkers can wait in the middle for a clearing in the traffic. I note that in other upgrades in the city, side streets have been cut off from turning left with a median but drivers can access U-turns at nearby traffic lights.
4. Lighting. We sincerely hope that the improved road and sidewalks will not be overly lit up (as is the case in some parts of the City). One of the benefits of living in Sahalee is that the streetlights are dim and low to the ground, allowing great views of the moon and stars at night. A nearby road with tons of streetlights would increase light pollution making night sky views less visible. The wrong color lightbulbs, too many lights, lights that are too bright as well as lights that are not correctly aimed can affect people's normal night vision making shadows appear darker and people less able to properly see what is around them at night. Incorrect or over lighting also negatively affects nocturnal wildlife.

Thank you for listening to neighbor input.

Sincerely,

## Jed Ireland

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 25, 2016 6:41 PM  
**To:** Jed Ireland  
**Subject:** New comment: Sahalee Way Widening

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Sahalee Way Widening

**Question**

Your Name

Your E-mail Address

Your Message

**Answer**

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The bike paths being protected with the sidewalk next to the road, with some plants between would allow families to feel safe biking to the city's core. I would love to see a typical 90 degree edged sidewalk against the road with the other side rounded down to the bike lane (for safety).

## Jed Ireland

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**From:** [REDACTED] <reply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2016 10:04 PM  
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Question

Answer

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Your E-mail Address

Friday afternoon when I was driving home in the early rush hour I encountered a slow-down and backup at Sahalee Way southbound. Travel up Sahalee Way from SR 202 was at a speed of 10 MPH to 20 MPH. My wife was an hour behind me indicated that the backup extended midway west on SR 202 when she drove home.

I thought about the City of Sammamish presentation on the proposed improvements to the Sahalee Way. The plan being proposed is not good enough. I cannot understand how the "traffic model" can indicate that the back-ups that we see today show the street system is operation at an acceptable Level Of Service (LOS).

The configuration of one lane of travel in in each direction on the Sahalee Way hill does not provide an adequate or reliable LOS at the present time and I cannot understand how it could be determined to be adequate until 2035.

Points:

1. One slow heavy vehicle like a bus or semi-truck backs up the entire street going uphill.
2. One breakdown or accident can block and close the lane of travel completely.
3. The nearest detour routes are 2.7 to 244th Ave NE or 4 miles to Inglewood Hill Road. Use of these detour routes adds 7.6 to 8.25 miles to the trip.
4. The reliability of the route is also an issue. There is a greater risk of blockage of the route due to accidents as I experienced driving home from Wednesday evening's "Sahalee Way open house" I was forced to detour off of Sahalee Way at NE 25th Street. The four lane configuration (without medians) will allow traffic to be directed around the accident scene without closing

Your Message

the street completely.

5. The added lanes of travel will result in improved safety since there will be less congestion and more room for the cars to maneuver.

6. Start at The Sahalee Way SR 202 intersection and work to the South with the improvement project, don't start at NE 25th Street.

7. Retain the 45 MPH speed limit on the road. It is difficult to maintain a lower speed driving down the hill. A lower speed limit is not warranted by the 85th percentile calculation model.

8. The new Costco store will open next month in east Redmond adding even more traffic to the street system.

Please reconsider the Sahalee Way improvement plan and select the Four/five lane configuration similar to the Issaquah Pine Lake Road and the south end of East Lake Sammamish Parkway. An increase in the capacity of the street is needed for improved safety and reliability.

Respectfully,

A thick black horizontal bar redacting the signature of the sender.



## Jed Ireland

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**From:** Lyman Howard  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2016 3:18 PM  
**To:** Jed Ireland  
**Cc:** Steve Leniszewski; Andrew Zagars  
**Subject:** FW: Sahalee Widening--the 3-lane solution is a good compromise

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Input on Sahalee Way...  
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**From:** Ramiro Valderrama-Aramayo  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2016 2:17 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] Don Gerend ; Christie Malchow ; Tom Odell ; Bob Keller ; Kathleen Huckabay ; Tom Hornish ; Lyman Howard  
**Subject:** Re: Sahalee Widening--the 3-lane solution is a good compromise

H [REDACTED]  
Thanks for sharing your thoughts on the design. I have copied the City Manager to make sure your comments are properly captured by the design team. Let me know if I or the City can assist in any way.  
Ramiro  
Ramiro Valderrama  
Deputy Mayor Sammamish

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 24, 2016 9:59 AM  
**To:** Don Gerend; Ramiro Valderrama-Aramayo; Christie Malchow; Tom Odell; Bob Keller; Kathleen Huckabay; Tom Hornish  
**Subject:** Sahalee Widening--the 3-lane solution is a good compromise

Dear Council Members:

I attended the first open house on Sahalee Way widening and then the most recent. Thank you for compromising on a three-lane road. It looks as if this design will retain as many trees as possible in an effort to preserve the natural beauty of our city. The planted meridian will also help.

I am relieved we are not going to have an Aurora-type thoroughfare gutting our city. Thank you for not going with that idea.

I commute from Sahalee to Bellevue. For years, I drove to a Redmond Park and Ride to catch a bus, and for the last few years, I have driven. We don't need a 5-lane thoroughfare--there isn't enough traffic to justify this, and besides it is an old solution we don't want in our lovely, suburban city. The traffic light at Heritage Hills will help traffic flow, and the intelligent traffic system should help as well.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

Sammamish, WA 98074

[REDACTED]

## Jed Ireland

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**From:** [REDACTED]noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 20, 2016 8:51 PM  
**To:** Jed Ireland  
**Subject:** New comment: Sahalee Way Widening

Sahalee Way Widening

**Question**

Your Name

Your E-mail Address

Your Message

**Answer**

[REDACTED]

Appreciate all the preliminary work on this project! One suggestion is to separate the bike lane from traffic by putting it between the planting strip and the sidewalk instead of between the car lanes and the planting strip. Much safer for bikes and less distracting for motorists.

## Jed Ireland

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**From:** [REDACTED] <noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 20, 2016 6:37 AM  
**To:** Jed Ireland  
**Subject:** New comment: Sahalee Way Widening

Sahalee Way Widening

**Question**

Your Name

Your E-mail Address

Your Message

**Answer**

[REDACTED]

5 lanes with sidewalks and no bike lanes on any side is the only solution that makes sense to me. 3 lanes will improve nothing! Bikers can and should go on east lake Sammamish and stay out of main traffic corridor. I don't understand why every street in this region needs a bike lane...

## Jed Ireland

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**From:** [REDACTED] <noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2016 4:45 PM  
**To:** Jed Ireland  
**Subject:** New comment: Sahalee Way Widening

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

### Sahalee Way Widening

#### Question

Your Name

Your E-mail Address

#### Answer

I am a Sahalee resident. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the planning meeting at the Boys and a Girls Club. I have a couple of questions and concerns:

- The idea of a complete street is appealing and much needed to connect our section of the city and downtown Sammamish. Adding said bike lanes and sidewalks on the west side of the road makes me nervous as this will encourage more foot traffic. The negative side of this is that since pedestrians have the right of way, it will take longer to leave our community since we will have additional lanes to cross (bike and pedestrian). I'm not confident I will be able to exit my community during rush hours. Currently, I often feel I have to drive more aggressively than I normally would in order to leave the neighborhood during busy times.

Your Message

- Please review the way the main Sahalee neighborhood street merges with Sahalee Way. The road currently is at an angle and those leaving the neighborhood turning Left often cross over the center lane, which makes it difficult for those turning left off Sahalee Way into the community. Difficult to explain, but the way the roads angle toward each other seems off.

- There was talk around whether, or where, a retaining wall would reside. I am more concerned about the electrical poles. Are these poles going to need to be relocated further into our community? Have there been conversations surrounding placing these underground?

- I love the bus pull offs. This is much needed and appreciated and will hopefully cut back on some of the aggressive driving.

-How long is this project expected to last?

- As a commuter, how will the construction impact my daily commute?

Thanks again for all your hard work on in this project.



## Jed Ireland

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**From:** [REDACTED]noreply@jotform.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2016 1:53 AM  
**To:** Jed Ireland  
**Subject:** New comment: Sahalee Way Widening

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Sahalee Way Widening

**Question**

Your Name

Your E-mail Address

**Answer**

This Sahalee Way Widening Project (Three-Lane Design Proposal) does not address in any way, shape or form the goal or objective this project should encompass - getting the citizens of Sammamish on and off the Plateau in the most expeditious way by increasing the lanes of traffic to 4 (2 lanes per direction) NOT 2 lanes of traffic (1 lane per direction) with raised or landscaped center medians, 2 sidewalks, 2 bike lanes, bus pullouts and side planter strips. The proposed widening project should begin at NE 8th Street/Inglewood and connect to SR 202 NOT the proposed NE 25th Way to SR 202.

Your Message

The proposed widening project does nothing to address and mitigate reducing the traffic congestion (1,350 to 1,660 vehicles per hour in 2014 or much less the projected traffic volume of 1,800 to 2,050 in 2035) neither of which meets the DOT traffic volume guidelines, but instead focuses on pedestrians (sidewalks), bike riders (bike lanes) and beautification enhancements (planter strips and raised median strips) rather than reducing the traffic congestion on Sahalee Way/228th Avenue NE.

As an alternative to the inadequate, design-flawed Three-Lane Design Proposal I respectfully submit a Four-Lane Design Proposal (with a Center Left Turn Lane at each appropriate intersection along 228th Ave NE/Sahalee Way NE. This road widening proposal would now start at NE 8th St/Inglewood Hill Rd NOT NE 25th Way as proposed in the Three-Lane Design and proceed North to SR 202 (approximately 3.5 total miles vs. 2.5 total miles).

The Three-Lane Design fails to provide a viable, cost effective

solution to the City of Sammamish with regard to traffic congestion. My Four-Lane Design Proposal (2 Lanes each direction) from NE 8th St/Inglewood Hill Rd north to SR 202 includes the following:

- Four (4) 11' wide Travel Lanes (2 each direction); One (1) 6' wide Sidewalk (West Side Only); One (1) 5' wide Bike Lane (East Side Only); Center Left Turn Lanes (each direction) at each appropriate intersection; NO Planter Strips; NO Center Medians (raised or level); NO Striped or Landscaped Medians; NO Roundabouts or New Traffic Lights; Place ALL Telephone/Utility Lines underground; Erect Light Poles in lieu of attaching Lighting Fixtures to Telephone Poles.

I believe the people of Sammamish deserve much better and the Sahalee Way Corridor Widening Committee needs to step up and admit failure and present Sammamish with a new design solution like my Four (4) Lane Design Proposal or modify the Committee's Five-Lane Design Proposal rather than a costly, inadequate band-aid proposal that fails to reduce our traffic congestion and calling for all of us to accept (settle) for the ridiculous "beautification" Three-Lane Design Proposal.



## Jed Ireland

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2016 4:52 PM  
**To:** Jed Ireland  
**Subject:** Sahalee Way roadwork

Jed,

Thank you for coming to Sahalee last week to present the City's plans to improve Sahalee Way.

I'd like to summarize my thoughts and add some from my husband, who was not able to attend the meeting.

1. We generally support the improvements to the road. Adding sidewalks and bike lanes will improve safety for those of us who prefer to walk or bike rather than drive to see our neighbors. The bike lanes will improve the safety of those who commute by bike or ride for pleasure.
2. The turn pockets added for Sahalee Drive East have been extremely helpful for us to enter and exit our street across traffic! Thank you!
3. Bus stops. The bus stops on Sahalee Way near Sahalee Drive East create another hazard that was not addressed at the meeting. It is difficult to get across the street from the bus stops to Sahalee Drive East due to heavy traffic; winter's short days and fog create additional hazards. If a crosswalk is not possible, perhaps a raised median would be appropriate so walkers can wait in the middle for a clearing in the traffic. I note that in other upgrades in the city, side streets have been cut off from turning left with a median but drivers can access U-turns at nearby traffic lights.
4. Lighting. We sincerely hope that the improved road and sidewalks will not be overly lit up (as is the case in some parts of the City). One of the benefits of living in Sahalee is that the streetlights are dim and low to the ground, allowing great views of the moon and stars at night. A nearby road with tons of streetlights would increase light pollution making night sky views less visible. The wrong color lightbulbs, too many lights, lights that are too bright as well as lights that are not correctly aimed can affect people's normal night vision making shadows appear darker and people less able to properly see what is around them at night. Incorrect or over lighting also negatively affects nocturnal wildlife.

Thank you for listening to neighbor input.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

## Jed Ireland

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2016 9:31 AM  
**To:** Jed Ireland  
**Subject:** Sahalee Greens

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Good Morning Jed,

Thanks for meeting with [REDACTED] and myself last week. It is great to know that you are looking out for everyone's best interests!

The two major issues I would like to reiterate are:

The Sahalee Greens Gate is the only ingress and egress for the residents of the greens. This an important consideration during and after the construction. Most everyone has choices during construction of different routes to avoid the congestion, we do not. Secondly, almost on a daily basis, there is a back up of two cars, or a car and a truck, which will hang out into the traffic lane. On the rare occasion there are three vehicles backed up.

Everything that can be done to shift the road center-line should be looked into. Just a move of as little as five feet will make a huge difference for safety. We realize that there are costs involved in looking into the possibility but given the safety concerns of cars protruding into the bike lane and the traffic lane, (while waiting to get through the gate) it seems only reasonable to do so.

We are concerned about noise issues as well. Knowing that the speed limit will be 40 mph will really help. Any additional consideration of noise reduction would be very welcome.

Let us know if there is anything we can do to help assure our issues are kept on the forefront,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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## Jed Ireland

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 7, 2016 9:08 AM  
**To:** Jed Ireland  
**Subject:** Sahalee Way project/immediate need

Jed, not sure if you saw this from last week. Will this be discussed at Tuesday's meeting in Sahalee?  
Thank you.

[REDACTED]

Jed, I am more or less a representative of residents of Sahalee. We have had recent discussions about the sight-line when leaving Sahalee on NE 36th-- specifically the lack of viability from the left (traffic headed south on Sahalee Way).

I had discussions with your department about this corner a few years ago, but the problem was never solved. What happens is that when a driver wants to turn left onto Sahalee Way, he needs to pull beyond the stop line in order to see what is coming from his left. Some drivers do this well; some, not so. They pull way out almost into the traffic lane, and frequently go to the left of the center line. (of course, this blocks a north-bound car trying to turn left onto NE 36th from Sahalee Way).

We are hoping that the proposed widening project will alleviate this problem. However, realizing that this is probably a year or so down the line, we'd like to offer a suggestion:

Take out the rocks and landscaping on the NW corner of NE 36th and Sahalee Way. Level the ground back towards the tennis courts. This would be a quick-fix. I'm sure you and your department will have some more ideas, being the experts, but that's what we residents think will work. It doesn't have to be fancy, complicated or expensive: We just want to be able to see the cars.

We appreciate your concern. Thank you.

[REDACTED]  
720-800-5950

**Jed Ireland**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 24, 2016 8:45 AM  
**To:** Jed Ireland  
**Subject:** New comment: Sahalee Way Widening

Sahalee Way Widening

**Question**

**Answer**

Your Name

[REDACTED]

Your E-mail Address

Your Message

STOP all development projects, just STOP. Give us a break, you have already destroyed quality of life here. I know I've lived here since 1992, used to love it but Sammamish city council ruined it with overdevelopment - CLEARLY. you are not listening to citizens, only developers apparently. Not buying the king county forcing the overdevelopment and destruction of one of the best places to live in the US. Sadly no more due to sammamish city council sell out to developers and max tax revenue to feed the beast. There is no other logical explanation as to why sammamish city council ruined this town. NO DEVELOPMENT of Sahalee, leave it alone. No more development, do you hear this message, no more development, no more development,, no more development.

## Jed Ireland

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 23, 2016 10:28 AM  
**To:** Jed Ireland  
**Subject:** Re: Sahalee Widening - Pedestrian Access to Evans Creek trail head from Timberline/Sahalee neighborhoods

I hope a safe crossing from the west side of 228th (Timberline or close) to Evans Creek is now part of the new plan, could you please confirm.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

On 11/2/2015 4:26 PM [REDACTED]  
> Yes I am planning on attending tomorrow night. A crossing at NE 36th  
> would work for Evans Creek, as it would avoid the busy stretch of  
> road, as long as there was (west side) sidewalk access from NE37th to  
> the NE36th crossing. Be aware though there is a bus stop north of  
> NE37th (east side of street) and pedestrians currently use the NE37th  
> ped crossing to get to that.

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> Thanks for replying,  
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> See you Wednesday.

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> On 11/2/2015 2:07 PM, Jed Ireland wrote:  
[REDACTED]

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>> While the exhibits on the website do not show the locations, we are  
>> proposing that the design consider up to two locations for enhanced  
>> pedestrian crossings, where the pedestrian pushes a button to begin  
>> the flashers and wait for traffic to yield on the crosswalk. The  
>> locations have not been identified, but the access to Evans Creek  
>> Preserve parking lot is under consideration. Would a crossing at NE  
>> 36th Street likely resolve your concern, or did you have another  
>> recommendation?

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>> Are you planning to attend the Open House on Wednesday?

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>> Regards,

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>> Jed Ireland  
>> Public Works, City of Sammamish  
>> 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish WA 98075  
>> Ph: (425) 295-0563

## Jed Ireland

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 11, 2016 9:35 AM  
**To:** Jed Ireland  
**Subject:** New comment: Sahalee Way Widening

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Sahalee Way Widening

Question

Answer

Your Name

[REDACTED]

Your E-mail Address

Your Message

Hi. Thanks for the open house last fall. It has been a long time since an update has been posted. Is the project still progressing or is a major revision contemplated?  
Rick in Heritage Hills

## Jed Ireland

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 22, 2016 11:59 AM  
**To:** Jed Ireland  
**Subject:** Re: Sahalee Way Widening - Artifacts Prior to Open House

Hi Jed,

Thank you for the voicemail and explanations. Also appreciate your follow up. You've addressed or commented on my major questions/concerns right now and appreciate your willingness to explain how things are progressing. I will be interested to see how things progress and how the city proceeds. While I believe traffic is important to address, I believe Sammamish will always (at least for the foreseeable future) be limited to the options available to improve traffic flow in and out of the city. That being said, a draw for many of us to the Plateau was/is the mix of greenspace, natural vegetation & large trees as well as open space not jammed with dozens of homes. I understand the City's obligation as a result of the growth management plan(s) however I think there is a point when the City needs to decide when enough is enough with adding capacity on roads. Living in a Sammamish that is filled with 5+ lane roads isn't our idea of an inviting City to raise a family. We would opt to have a few minutes added to our commute in favor of keeping the things that drew us to move here in the first place.

Saving minor %'s off our drive time is not important to me if it comes at the costs large roads and sidewalks / bike lanes that will rarely get used.

Looking forward to future dialogues, thank you again for reaching out and responding.

[REDACTED]

On Mon, Apr 18, 2016 at 4:53 PM, Jed Ireland <[JIreland@sammamish.us](mailto:JIreland@sammamish.us)> wrote:

[REDACTED]

I left a voicemail at your number below on April 6. I just wanted to check back and learn if a sufficiently addressed your questions.

Thanks!

Jed Ireland

*Public Works, City of Sammamish*

*801 228<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Sammamish WA 98075*

Ph: (425) 295-0563

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 6, 2016 12:49 PM  
**To:** Jed Ireland <JIreland@sammamish.us>  
**Subject:** Sahalee Way Widening - Artifacts Prior to Open House

Hello Mr. Ireland,

My name is [REDACTED] and my wife and I live off 25th within the project area. We actually have property that butts right up against the ROW (our backyard).

I attended the first open house for this project (which was attended primarily by those living in the project area). I however was unable to attend the November open house due to work travel. In reviewing the artifacts you've posted on the city website, I have numerous comments (which I'll share in a separate email).

*Prior to the upcoming (soon to be announced) open house, will updated artifacts be posted on the city website for review?*

*Ideally, I'd also like to see some sort of summary in what has changed since the last open house in any of the plans.*

The format of these open houses has not been conducive to any type of structure and it is VERY unclear as to how the city is utilizing these open houses to shape the project.

**Curiosities:**

- How has public comment / feedback changed the project (or has it)?
- What weight is being given to those who are providing feedback and have property that may be impacted by acquisition vs. those who just saw the flashing sign and drive Sahalee and want 5 lanes + 2 sidewalks on a stretch of road they will only drive thru?
- When changes are made to the plan or decisions in certain areas are made - how do citizens gain understanding for the reasoning for those decisions?



Thank you for your time,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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## Jed Ireland

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2016 2:57 PM  
**To:** Jed Ireland  
**Cc:** Andrew Zagars  
**Subject:** Question on Sahalee Way Survey Work

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Hi Jed,

We live on 229<sup>th</sup> and our backyard is against Sahalee Way. I have a question, not so much about the survey but about the final outcome.

- How many lanes are being added? I'm assuming that's what widening the road means.
- Will there be any noise barriers added along the road?

The reason I ask is that already the traffic noise in our backyard is tremendous and the only time it is quiet is from about 2 AM to 5 AM.

We sit on our back deck and can barely hear each other talk. You can hear our water fountain only when there is a break in the traffic, which lasts about 20-30 seconds at a time.

In summer I have to keep the bedroom windows shut when I go to bed, because I can't get to sleep with the traffic noise. And I work from home and in summer keep the windows shut because I can't talk in on-line meetings due to the traffic noise. And I worry that we'll never be able to sell our house because of Sahalee Way in the back yard. It was the primary reason we almost didn't buy the house in the first place, and we definitely regret our decision.

We just worry that if the road is widened, the traffic noise will increase.  
At the same time I'm all for adding more lanes because I'm tired of driving behind people who can't drive faster than 40 mph when the speed limit signs clearly show 45 MPH.

And I am 100% supportive of any noise barriers, especially one behind my house. (Maybe I'm naively hopeful there)

Thanks for any information you can provide on the project.

Thanks!