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CONSTRUCTION PHASE UPDATE
76TH AVE. W @ 212TH ST. SW INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

(Edmonds - WA) 76th Ave W at 212th St SW is one of the busiest signalized intersections in the City and is served by two busy arterial streets. The intersection experiences long delays during peak commuting periods and school hours due to the limited capacity of the intersection. Both approaches of 76th Ave W have two shared lanes with no dedicated left turn lane. The left turn volumes are very high, and operate independently. The proposed improvements will provide dedicated left turn lanes on 76th Avenue with simultaneous turning movements during the left turn phase. This, along with the addition of right-turn pockets and new traffic signals will increase the capacity and improve intersection signal operation, traffic flow, vehicle delay, and air quality by reducing vehicle emissions. Various City utility upgrades (water, sewer, and drainage) as well as conversion of overhead utilities (both power and communications) to underground are being incorporated into the project. Bike lanes will also be added on all approaches as part of this project, extending approximately 300' from the intersection.

The design and right-of-way phases were completed in May, 2016 and the project was advertised for construction shortly thereafter so that construction could begin in July. A federal construction grant was secured in 2015, in the amount of $3,020,000 (with 13.5% local match from Streets and Utility Funds). Unfortunately, the low bid received at the June 9th, 2016 bid opening was significantly greater than the resources currently available to complete the work. Edmonds City Council has therefore rejected all bids. That means construction won’t begin this July as planned and the project will need to be re-advertised in early 2017. Over the next couple of months, the City will be applying for additional grant funding to eliminate the existing budget shortfall. As soon as we can assemble the necessary funding package the City will rebid the project.

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