

2010 Statewide Transportation Enhancements Program PSRC Regional Application Form

****Please read all of the text in this section before completing this application****

Important notice: The importance of complete and accurate information on every application cannot be overemphasized. The evaluation and scoring of all submitted projects will be based on the answers provided in this application. A project's suitability for funding may be compromised if the application is found to have omissions or inaccuracies.

Projects receiving funding as a result of this competition: Funding distributed as a result of the 2010 Statewide Transportation Enhancements Program is awarded competitively to projects, and not to the sponsoring agency itself. Sponsors of projects that are awarded funds from this competition will be required to submit a more detailed application in order to program the funds into the State and Regional Transportation Improvement Program. Please refer to the Schedule in the Call for Projects for more information.

Email submissions are preferred: Attach your completed application to an email and send it to tipapp@psrc.org. Please name the file "**2010 Enhancements-[agency]-[project title]**". If you are unable to email the application, please mail a copy of the electronic file on diskette or CD, and fax or mail a corresponding paper copy. Electronic copies of all applications are required, as they will be posted to the PSRC's web site. Mailed materials should be sent to: Tracy Murray, Puget Sound Regional Council, 1011 Western Avenue Ste 500, Seattle, WA 98104-1035 and/or faxed to 206-587-4825, Attn: Tracy Murray. For questions or to confirm receipt of your application, contact [Tracy Murray](mailto:Tracy.Murray@psrc.org), 206-971-3277.

Deadline: Applications must be received by PSRC by **5:00 PM on Monday, July 12, 2010**. Applications should be no more than **15 pages**, plus maps and/or other required supporting documentation.

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION	
1	<p>PROJECT TITLE: NE 3rd/4th Corridor Streetscape Enhancement and Gateway Project.</p>
2	<p>TRANSPORTATION 2040 ID# 3259</p> <p>To be eligible for funding, regionally significant projects must be explicitly identified in Transportation 2040, the region's long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). For the 2010 Statewide Transportation Enhancements Program, this would apply to regionally significant nonmotorized projects such as separated trails. To confirm whether your project is specifically listed in Transportation 2040, refer to http://www.psrc.org/assets/3763/Appendix_M.pdf. For assistance or questions regarding these issues, contact Kimberly Scrivner, 206-971-3281.</p>
3	<p>SPONSORING AGENCY: Renton</p> <p>Note: non-profit organizations may administer grants from the 2010 Statewide Transportation Enhancements Program <u>unless the project requires design, right of way acquisition, and/or construction</u>. In such cases, a public agency must serve as the project sponsor.</p> <p>Co-sponsor(s) if applicable:</p> <p><i>For the purposes of this application and competition, "co-sponsor" refers to any agency that would receive a portion of the funding if the requested grant were to be awarded.</i></p> <p>Does sponsoring agency have "Certification Acceptance" status from WSDOT? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Please note: the requirement that public agencies have Certification Acceptance status has been waived for this program; however, all federal and state project requirements must still be met. Refer to the Washington State Department of Transportation Local Agency Guidelines Manual at http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/LAG/ for more information.</p>
4	<p>PROJECT CONTACT:</p> <p>Name: Jim Seitz Email : jseitz@rentonwa.gov Phone: 425.430.7245</p>

<p>5</p>	<p>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</p> <p>Describe the proposed work and explain the nature of the entire project, including the existing and proposed conditions and type of use. Explain why the project is needed and how the project meets the eligibility requirements of the selected Transportation Enhancements categories. Attach a detailed 8 ½" by 11" vicinity map. Photographs are welcome, but not required.</p> <p>PROPOSED WORK</p> <p>The City has developed a comprehensive plan of improvements to address access, circulation needs, improve motorized and non-motorized mobility and safety, and enhance the aesthetics and streetscape of the NE 3rd/4th corridor to improve the overall travel experience along this major arterial corridor that connects the East Renton Plateau community with the Highlands Center Village neighborhood and the Downtown Urban Center.</p> <p>The City has identified NE 3rd/4th Street as an east-west bicycle/pedestrian corridor that links with various downtown Renton bicycle/trail facilities on the west and the Cedar-Sammamish Trail, part of King County Regional Trail System linking Issaquah to Renton, on the east.</p> <p>This project is the first stage of improvements on the east-most "gateway" segment of the NE 3rd/4th Street Corridor (between Rosario Avenue NE and the east City limits). The project will add a center landscaped median, landscaped buffers between the sidewalk and the travel lane, street lighting, street trees and a gateway treatment with public art work. The project also provides multi-modal improvements including curb, gutter, sidewalks and bicycle lanes, and accommodations for persons with disabilities.</p> <p>EXISTING CONDITIONS</p> <p>The existing roadway is a major arterial corridor that carries 30,000 vehicles per day, with two lanes of traffic in each direction and missing sidewalks or bicycle lanes along sections of the roadway. Where sidewalks do not exist, narrow paved shoulders are present. Substandard accommodations for pedestrians, bicyclists and persons with disabilities, and inconsistent street lighting contribute to a less than desirable pedestrian and bicycling environment. The existing streetscape lacks a consistent and aesthetically pleasing atmosphere, an important factor in creating a livable and walkable community.</p> <p>GOAL</p> <p>The goal of this project is to improve the corridor streetscape and aesthetics and create a gateway to Renton while improving pedestrian and bicycling accessibility and safety. The project will provide the community with increased opportunities to walk and bike safely along NE 4th Street to local and regional amenities, as well improve the scenic character of the area with street trees, landscaping and public art work.</p> <p>ELIGIBILITY</p> <p>(1) Landscaping and other Scenic Beautification:</p> <p>The project will enhance the aesthetic or visual character of the NE 3rd/4th Street Corridor by providing landscaping, streetscape, lighting improvements, and a gateway with public art.</p> <p>(2) Facilities for Bicycles and Pedestrians:</p> <p>The project will also install new sidewalks, curb ramps and bicycle lanes.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>PROJECT LOCATION: Renton</p> <p>County(ies) in which project is located: King</p> <p>Answer the following questions if applicable:</p>

	<p>a. Crossroad/landmark nearest to beginning of project (identify landmark if no crossroad): Rosario Avenue NE</p> <p>b. Crossroad/landmark nearest to end of project (identify landmark if no crossroad): East City limits</p>
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7	<p>PROJECT TYPE (Please select 1 or more of the following 12 eligible Transportation Enhancements categories):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provision of Facilities for Bicycles and Pedestrians</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition of Scenic Easements & Scenic or Historic Sites</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Scenic or Historic Highway Programs (including tourist & welcome center facilities)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscaping and other Scenic Beautification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation and Operation of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures or Facilities</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of Abandoned Railway Corridors (including conversion and use for pedestrian or bicycle trails)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Control and Removal of Outdoor Advertising</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological Planning and Research</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mitigation of Water Pollution due to Highway Runoff or Reduce Vehicle-Caused Wildlife Mortality while Maintaining Habitat Connectivity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Provision of Safety and Educational Activities for Pedestrians and Bicyclists</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Establishment of Transportation Museums</p>
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PLAN CONSISTENCY

Cities, towns and counties seeking federal funds managed by PSRC may submit an application only if their comprehensive plan has been certified by PSRC. All other agencies (e.g., transit agencies, WSDOT, tribal nations, nonprofit organizations, etc.) must show that their project is consistent with the applicable city and/or county comprehensive plan(s), and with VISION 2040 and Transportation 2040, the central Puget Sound region's long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan. For questions on consistency and certification, contact [Rocky Piro](#), 206-464-6360.

8	<p>CONSISTENCY WITH VISION 2040 AND TRANSPORTATION 2040</p> <p>All applicants must answer the questions in this section. If you need assistance, please contact staff at the local jurisdiction in which the project is located. Information on the current certification status of a local plan is available on the PSRC website at www.psrc.org/growth/planreview/statusreportppr/. For copies of VISION 2040 or Transportation 2040 documents, please contact the PSRC Information Center, 206-464-7532. Regionally significant projects that expand transportation system capacity must be identified in Transportation 2040. This includes nonmotorized trails and separated pathways. For assistance refer to www.psrc.org/transportation/t2040/ or contact Kimberly Scrivner, 206-971-3281.</p>
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	<p>Indicate the current certification status of the local comprehensive plan in the community where the project is located. Select only one from the drop down box below and provide the most recent date of certification action. If you select "Not Certified," leave the date field blank.</p> <p>Certification Status: Certified Date of certification action (mm/dd/yy): 11/1/2004</p>
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	<p>Please check all boxes that apply to the project's location. If portions of the project are located in more than one of the locations listed, please check all appropriate boxes. (See http://www.psrc.org/assets/465/Centers_small.pdf for more information.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The project is located outside the designated urban growth area.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The project is located within the designated urban growth area.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The project is located within an identified regional growth center or town/activity center. Refer to http://www.psrc.org/growth/centers/ for more information. For identified local city/town locations, please describe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Growth Center(s): . • Regional Manufacturing/Industrial Center(s): • Local Town/Activity Center(s):
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Is the project specifically identified in a local comprehensive plan?

Yes. Indicate the (1) plan name, (2) relevant section(s), and (3) page number where it can be found:

1) City of Renton Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Element; (2) Arterial Plan, 2002-2022 Improvements; (3) Pages XI-20; XI-24.

No. Describe how the project is consistent with the applicable local comprehensive plan, citing specific local policies and provisions the project supports. Please include the actual text of all relevant policies or information on where it can be found, e.g. the policy document name and page number.

ADDITIONAL REGIONAL PROJECT EVALUATION

Part 1: Questions for All Projects

Instructions: Once all of the sections in Part 1 have been completed (questions 9 through 13), complete the appropriate questions in Part 2 (question 14 and one only of questions 15 through 18). Refer to the Regional Project Evaluation Criteria to assist you in answering these questions.

9 RELATIONSHIP TO CENTERS

Describe the relationship of the project to a regional growth center, town/activity center or connecting corridor.

The NE 3rd/4th Street Corridor is a principal arterial providing multi-modal connectivity between the rapidly developing East Renton Plateau community, Renton Regional Urban Center and the Highlands Center Village. This corridor also directly connects to the Duvall Avenue NE/Coal Creek Parkway corridor, a north-south arterial that serves the cities of Renton, Newcastle and Bellevue as an alternate to the heavily congested I-405.

This project is the first stage of non-motorized and landscaping/streetscape improvements on the NE 3rd/4th Street Corridor that also benefits existing and future high density mixed-use development, a regional technical college, a City designated Commercial Corridor, a major US Post Office facility, and numerous single-family developments along the corridor by improving multi-modal mobility, connectivity, safety, and attractiveness in this important corridor.

10 COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Describe the public review process for the project. List all letters received or other types of support for the project; include any negative response to the project. Provide the dates, times and locations of all public presentations. If appropriate, describe how the project meets identified state, regional and/or local planning objectives.

During the NE 3rd/4th Street corridor planning process, three public open houses were held to keep the community integrally involved.

An initial open house on November 14, 2002, invited the public to learn more, give input on problems and issues that should be addressed, view background information on corridor conditions, and review the types of improvements and strategies available.

A second open house was held on March 4, 2003, to give the public the opportunity to review and comment on the street, bicycle and pedestrian improvement concepts that were being developed.

A third open house was held on June 18, 2003, with the purpose of presenting to the public the street, bicycle and pedestrian improvement concepts developed, and then collect public comment on the proposed recommendations.

A public hearing was conducted by the Renton City Council on the final report of the NE 3rd/4th Street Corridor project on May 23, 2005. No resistance or negative responses were

expressed by the public at the hearing. Members speaking on behalf of the Cascade Bicycle Club expressed strong support for the project.

11 FINANCIAL PLAN

Please fill out Tables 11A - D below and corresponding questions 11E - F. The purpose of the tables and questions is to allow sponsors to fully document their project's financial plan and schedule. Tables 11A -C build upon one another to provide the estimated cost of each phase as well as a project's total cost (Table 11D). The tables require sponsors to list the Transportation Enhancements funds being requested (Table 11A), as well as ALL other sources of secured (Table 11B) and unsecured funds (Table 11C) needed to complete the project.

Provide financial information for all funding types in every applicable phase, and use a separate row for each funding source. Totals of federal and other funds listed in Tables 11A - C should equal the total project cost in Table 11D. Funding Commitment Letters must be provided for all financial partners.

Required Match: No local match is required; projects may be funded with 100% Enhancement funds.

11A: Enhancements Funds Requested

Phase (Planning, Preliminary Engineering, Right of Way, Construction, Other)	Estimated Obligation Date by Phase (mm/dd/yy)*	Enhancements Funds Requested
Design	01/02/2011	\$150,000
Right-of-Way	04/01/2011	\$100,000
Construction	01/02/2012	\$950,000
		\$
		\$
TOTAL:		\$1,200,000

*** Note: the required obligation deadline for these funds is no later than two years from selection approval, estimated to be January 2011.**

11B: Existing Secured Funding

Phase	Estimated Obligation date by Phase (mm/dd/yy)*	Source	Amount
Design	01/02/2011	Local	\$20,000
Construction	01/02/2012	Local	\$250,000
			\$
			\$
			\$
TOTAL:			\$270,000

*For tables B and C "obligation" may be defined as expenditure or other commitment of funds; for more information regarding secured and unsecured funding sources please refer to <http://www.psrc.org/assets/469/SecuredUnsecured.pdf>.

11C: Needed future funding (unsecured) Do not include the grant funds requested in Table 11A

Phase	Estimated Obligation date by Phase (mm/dd/yy)*	Source	Amount
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
TOTAL:			\$0.0

11D: Total Project Cost

Total estimated cost of each phase	Scheduled completion date by phase (mm/dd/yy)

Planning:	\$	Planning:	completed
Preliminary Engineering/Design:	\$170,000	Preliminary Engineering/Design:	12/31/2011
Right of Way:	\$100,000	Right of Way:	12/31/2011
Construction:	\$1,200,000	Construction:	09/30/2012
Other (Specify):	\$	Other (specify):	
Total Project Cost:	\$1,470,000	Estimated date of completion (i.e. open for use)	09/30/2012

11E. Identify the project phases (PE, ROW, CN, etc.) that will be fully completed if requested funding is obtained:

Preliminary Engineering, Right-of-way and Construction.

11F. If unable to completely fill out Table D (Total Project Cost), please explain why:

12 PROJECT READINESS

Please fill out the questions below if your project is requesting funds for a Right-of-way (ROW) and/or Construction (CN) phase. Projects requesting funds for a Preliminary Engineering phase need not answer question #12.

PSRC recognizes that the complexity of some projects can trigger a variety of prerequisites that must be satisfied before funding is typically eligible to obligate. These questions are designed to identify those requirements and assist sponsors to:

- Identify which requirements apply to their specific project.
- Identify which requirements have already been satisfied at time of application.
- Provide an explanation and realistic completion date for all requirements not yet completed.

Important instructions: For question 12A below, select one of the three options from the drop-down list for each item that applies at the time of submission of this application. These items are based on the documentation requirements for obligation of federal funds. For any item where "Item not yet completed" is selected, and for any additional requirements pertaining to the project, provide details in question 12B, including the estimated schedule for completion.

12A. Check all that apply. If no ROW is required for the project, select "not needed" for sections b through g.

Not yet completed a. Final FHWA approval of environmental documents including:

Not needed - BA Concurrence: NMFS, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, WSDOT.

Not yet completed - Section 106 Concurrence.

Not yet completed - FHWA Environmental Classification Summary Checklist (or EA or EIS).

Not yet completed b. True Cost Estimate for Right of Way.

Not yet completed c. Right of Way Plans (stamped).

Not needed d. Relocation Plan (if applicable).

Not yet completed e. Right of way certification.

Not yet completed f. Certification Audit by WSDOT R/W Analyst.

Not needed g. Relocation Certification, if applicable.

Not yet completed - Certification Audit by WSDOT of Relocation Process, if applicable.

Not yet completed h. Engineer's Estimate.

Not needed i. All environmental permits obtained such as Army Corps of Engineers Permit, HPA, etc.

12B. Additional information: include details on any items above that are not yet completed and provide an estimated schedule; please provide any additional information as appropriate.

The NE 3rd/4th Street Corridor Study has been completed and adopted by the Renton City Council.

	<p>The City is ready to complete design of the NE 3rd/4th Street Corridor Improvements from Rosario Avenue to the east City limits (Stage 1).</p> <p>The City has programmed \$270,000 in FY 2011 and 2012 towards the Stage 1 project.</p> <p>The City can obligate the federal funds as soon as they are available.</p> <p>There are no anticipated environmental issues at the project limits. No creek or stream is present. Based on the Environmental Classification Summary (ECS) we anticipate a Categorically Excluded (CE) FHWA approval. The ECS checklist will be submitted to WSDOT in March 2011 and approval is anticipated within six months.</p> <p>Right-of-way acquisition consists of land only with no relocation required. It will start as soon as 30% design is completed and is anticipated to be completed (certified) within eight months.</p> <p>An engineer's estimate will be provided at 30% design completion, or April 2011.</p>
13	<p>OTHER CONSIDERATIONS</p> <p>Please describe any additional aspects of your project not requested in the application that could be relevant to the final project recommendation and decision-making process. No points will be given to this section.</p> <p>The NE 3rd/4th Street Corridor is one of the fastest developing areas in the Puget Sound Region. Since 2000, approximately 3,000 new homes have been built in the expanding NE 3rd/4th Street Corridor.</p> <p>Endorsement of the proposed project by the Mayor, the City Council and the community is evident by the adoption of the NE 3rd/4th Street Corridor Improvements Final Report as the long-range transportation plan for this corridor.</p> <p>This project will also include public art to enhance the experience and appreciation of users of this corridor. If funding is received, the public art elements will be developed in partnership with the Renton Municipal Arts Commission and the local community.</p>
<p>PART 2: CATEGORY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS</p>	
14	<p>Select one of the following four categories that best fits your project and follow the corresponding instructions:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Nonmotorized Projects: Complete question 15.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scenic Resources Projects: Complete question 16.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Historic Resources Projects: Complete question 17.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Projects: Complete question 18.</p>
15	<p>NONMOTORIZED PROJECTS</p> <p><u>Instructions: Complete this section if you selected "Nonmotorized Projects" in question 14.</u></p> <p>Please explain how your project addresses the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project extends, completes or otherwise adds to an existing nonmotorized system or network. • The project connects or links to other multimodal facilities (such as transit stations). • The project addresses current nonmotorized needs in the community, e.g., - gaps in the system; safety issues, etc. • The level of public exposure or access to the project (for example, current and future land use in the vicinity of the facility). • Explain how the project relates to surface transportation. If the project has recreational aspects, demonstrate that the purpose is primarily for transportation rather than recreation. Explain how this enhancement is "over and above" normal project or activities (i.e., not routine or required).

N/A

16 SCENIC RESOURCES PROJECTS

Instructions: Complete this section if you selected “Scenic Resources Projects” in question 14.

Please explain how your project addresses the following:

- The project promotes greater public appreciation or use of the transportation system.
- The project contributes to the preservation of significant scenic resources.
- The level of public exposure or access to the project.
- Long-term preservation plans to maintain the scenic character of the property.
- Whether or not there is perpetual ownership of the property.
- Whether or not the resource is threatened, or if there will be a loss of opportunity if the project is not funded.
- Explain how the project relates to surface transportation; explain how this enhancement is “over and above” normal project or activities (i.e., not routine or required).

The landscape and gateway treatment with public art work will create an attractive entrance to Renton and will enhance the corridor and improve the overall travel experience along this section of the NE 3rd/4th Street major arterial corridor, which carries 30,000 vehicles per day.

The aesthetics and streetscape improvements will enhance a corridor that serves diversified communities, contribute to the community's desirability as a place to live while contributing to the overall quality of life and the City's attractiveness to its citizens and visitors.

The project supports a variety of transportation modes: bicycles and pedestrians as well as vehicles. The sidewalks and bicycle lanes will benefit non-motorized (pedestrian and bicyclists) and encourage greater use of these modes of travel for destinations along this corridor.

This project is Stage 1 of a long-term plan of improvements for the NE 3rd/4th Street corridor. The improvements will be within public right-of-way and the City will retain perpetual ownership and provide maintenance of the landscape and facilities.

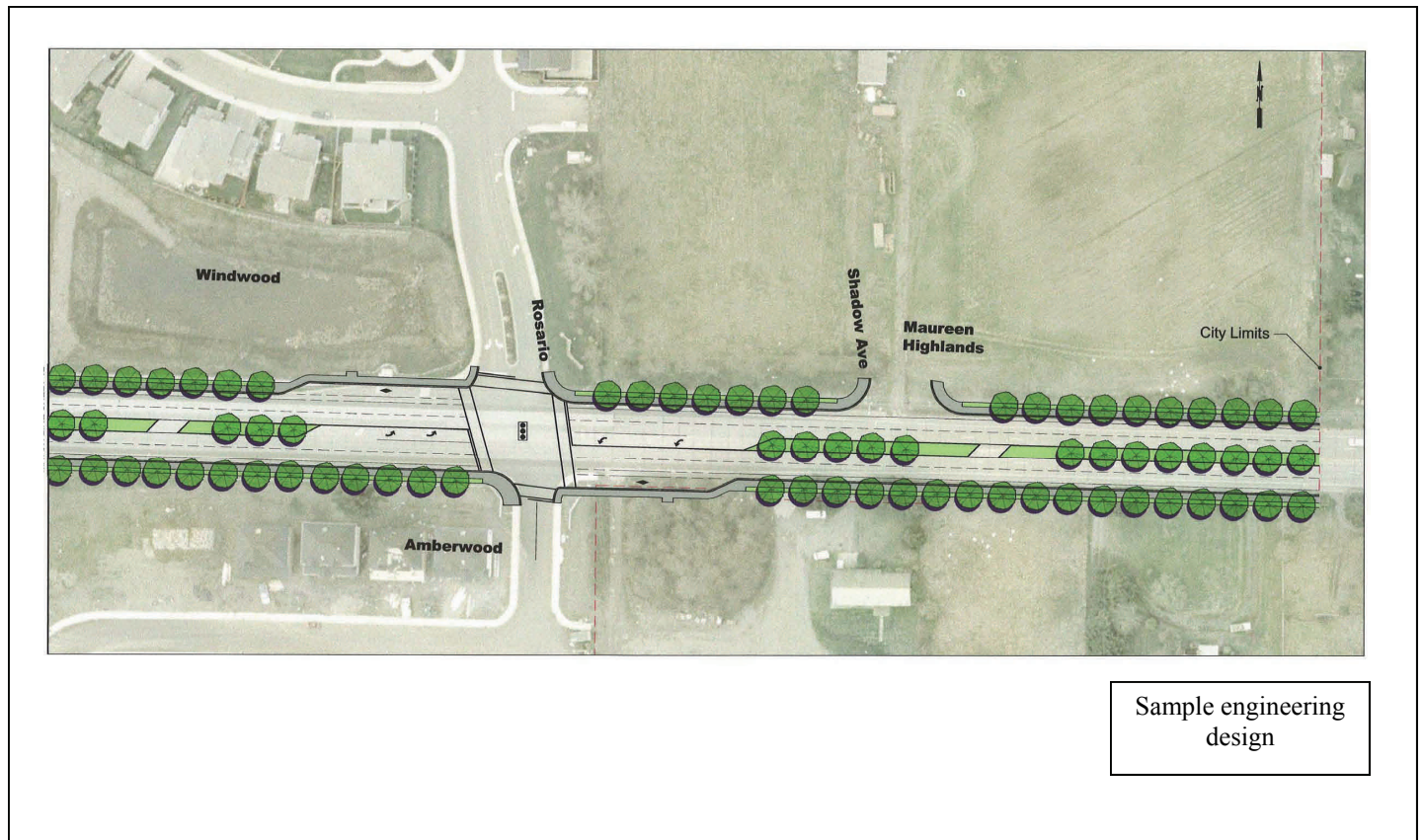
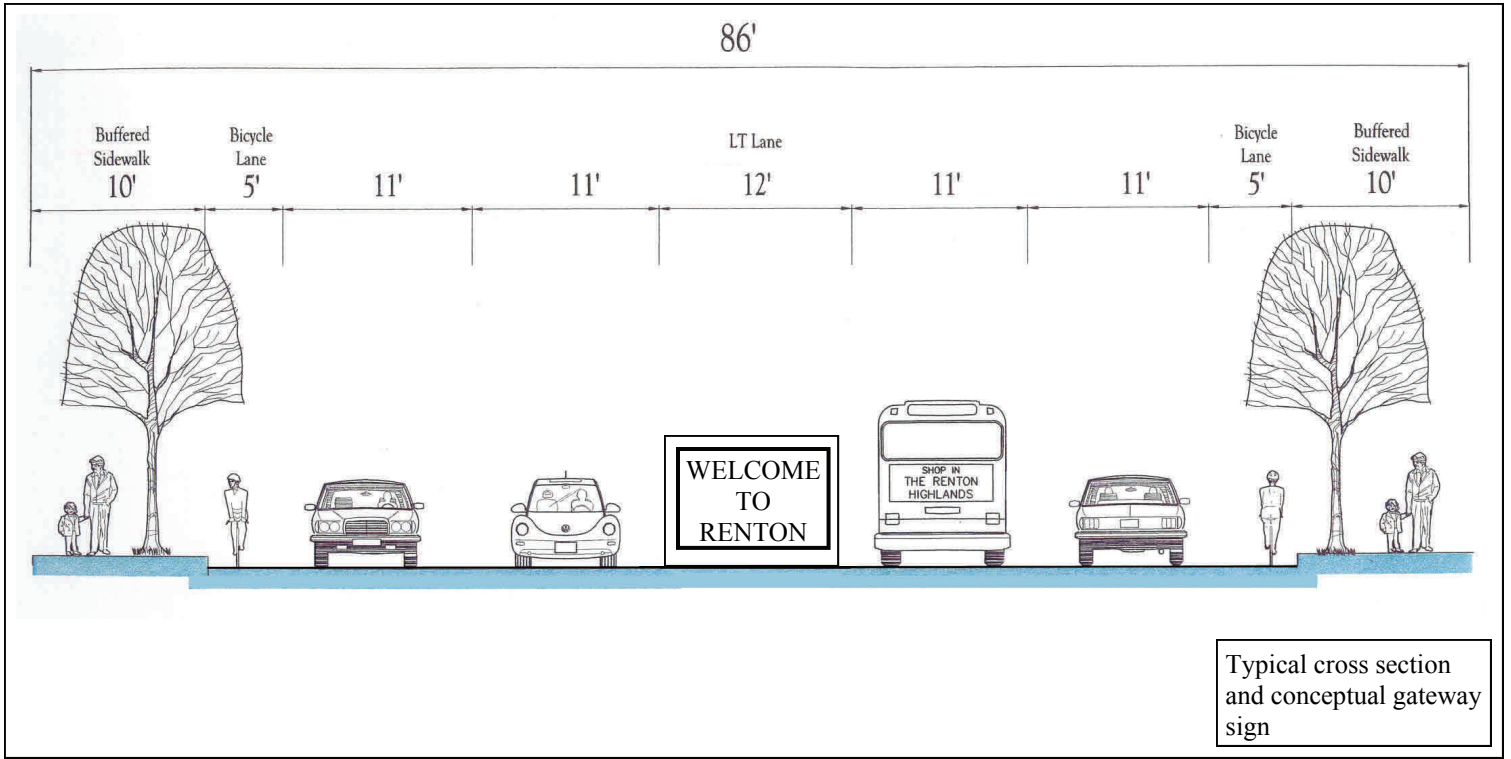
The NE 3rd/4th Street Corridor Stage 1 project will improve corridor aesthetics by providing roadside and median landscaping, while providing access to pedestrians and bicyclists, and improve the vehicular experience as well.

This project will provide residents with increased opportunities to walk and bike safely along NE 4th Street to local and regional amenities, as well as improve the scenic character of the area with increased planting and median strips. The sidewalks will connect residential communities with local businesses such as a local butcher, produce stand, grocery stores, restaurants, coffee shops and other services. Residents can better connect to trails, parks and wetland areas for recreation, as well as a regional ice skating rink.

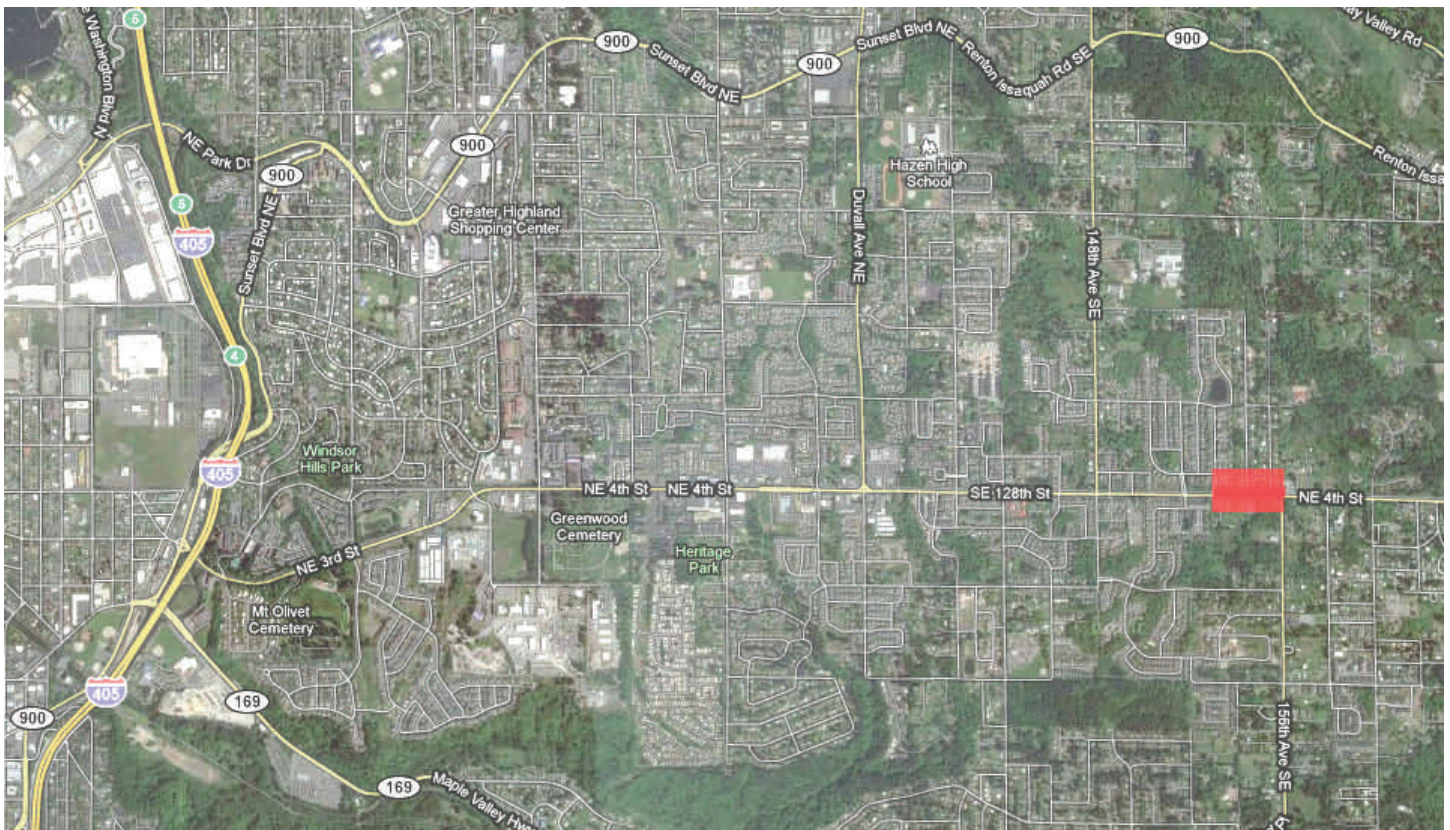
This project will also include public art to enhance the experience and appreciation of users of this transportation improvement. Public art increases a community's assets and expresses a community's positive sense of identity and values. Public art has the power to energize our public spaces, arouse our thinking, and transform the places where we live, work, and play into more welcoming and beautiful environments that invite interaction. Public art can help make strangers talk, children ask questions, and calm a hurried life. It enhances the quality of life by encouraging a heightened sense of place and by introducing people to works of art that can touch them and generations to come. It helps green space thrive, enhances roadsides, pedestrian corridors, and community gateways; it demonstrates unquestionable civic and corporate pride in citizenship and affirms an educational environment. This environment attracts creative businesses and employees, which contribute to the community through economic development, community building and attractiveness for all residents. A city with public art is a city that thinks, feels and grows.

If funding is received, the Renton Municipal Arts Commission will be involved with the development and implementation of public art in the sidewalk, landscaped median or planting strip. Since 1965, the Municipal Arts Commission has worked with artists to develop the City's public art collection. The Municipal Arts Commission will select a qualified artist, research and outreach to the community to brainstorm theme ideas that would best enhance the improvements in their opinion. Reaching out to the public will include connecting to the local schools, homeowner associations and businesses in the area. This process will help to inform what the final public art work will be, but initial ideas include art that could be embedded into the sidewalk, such as embedded bronze insets or stamped concrete with images or words. Art could be incorporated into a “Welcome to Renton” sign or another type of art in the median strip. Themes could include connecting to nature, reflecting the history of the area, or Renton's diverse population.

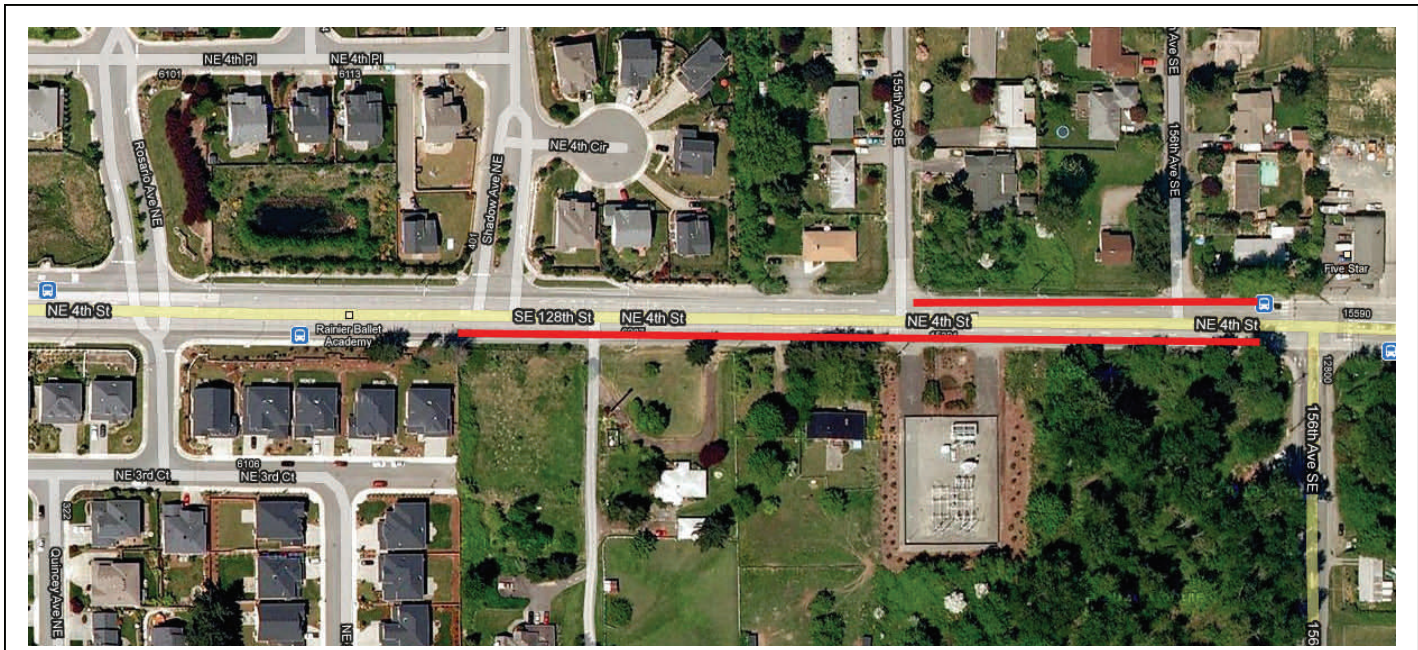
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Project limits