



Puget Sound Regional Council

**2024 FHWA REGIONAL COMPETITION: PROJECT SPONSOR FOLLOW-UP
QUESTIONS**

AGENCY: Auburn
PROJECT: East Valley Highway Widening

Question #1: Please clarify whether a speed limit reduction from 40 to 35 mph and associated lane width reductions are part of this project's scope.

Answer #1: Yes, the project will reduce the speed limit on E Valley Hwy to 35 mph to match the existing speed limit the north of the Lakeland Hills Way intersection and to the south of the project in Sumner.

Design elements, including narrower lanes, to support the proposed reduction in the speed limit are being evaluated during the design phase of the project. Other benefits of a narrower cross section include reduced construction costs, reduced environmental impacts, and reduced future maintenance costs, however, E Valley Highway is classified as a T-2 facility which serves the Sumner-Pacific MIC, so a balanced solution needs to be developed.