2020 FHWA REGIONAL COMPETITION: PROJECT SPONSOR FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

AGENCY: Marysville
PROJECT: 156th St NE Corridor Improvements

Question #1: The sponsor’s presentation referenced that the funded project would address a traffic “bottleneck.” Is this congestion issue a current problem or a projected problem (with assumed growth, development, etc.)?

Answer #1: This bottleneck is a projected problem and will only continue to grow as development occurs and the roadway is extended and connected with the future I-5 Interchange. We will see opening of businesses along the corridor by the time the project is proposed to be constructed in 2023, at which time such a bottleneck will become a concern for movement of freight and goods as well as maintaining safety along the corridor. The completion of this gap will always fall onto the City as it abuts existing development and since this is a key corridor within the Cascade Industrial Center, completion of the corridor is a priority for the center.

Question #2: The mapping shows a future phase to the east of the project, what is the anticipated timing for completion of the ultimate corridor? What is the status of the WSDOT interchange project referenced in the presentation?

Answer #2: Extension to the east will likely occur through existing development. A development pre-application was submitted to the City in March to extend the roadway to the east. The WSDOT interchange project at I-5 and 156th is scheduled to begin in 2025 and complete by 2031. The City anticipates with full buildout interchange and continued development that the 156th corridor will be built out from I-5 to at east of 51st Ave NE before completion of the interchange (highlighted area below). This is generally the limits of the corridor within the manufacturing and industrial center. It was discussed that the corridor could extend east to SR-9. This is part of the City’s long-range plan and vision, by which will create another arterial connection between two major highways, SR-9 and I-5.