AGENCY: Snohomish County
PROJECT: Alderwood Mall Parkway 168th St SW - SR 525

Question #1: The application mentions provision of a dedicated transit lane. Please clarify if that is part of this project scope.

Answer #1: There will not be a dedicated transit lane for this project but high-frequency transit stops will be provided along the outside travel lanes. These lanes will have a mix of vehicles and transit.

Question #2: The application states that the project will support affordable housing; please elaborate.

Answer #2: The connection between affordable housing and alternatives to SOV transportation options is a key element in three levels of planning that impact this project; virtually all require maintenance of the LOS and the availability of non-SOV alternatives:

Regional – the draft of Vision 2050 recognizes the link in the Housing Element:

- The region’s continuing expansion of high-capacity transit provides one of the best opportunities to expand accessible housing options to a wider range of incomes. Promoting or requiring affordable housing in walking distance – about ¼ to ½ mile—from high-capacity transit stations and in regional growth centers can help to ensure all residents have opportunities to live in accessible and connected communities. Such housing will be particularly valuable to low-income households, who are the most dependent on transit and are at risk for displacement as housing costs rise.

- Regional growth centers and communities near transit are home to more people of color and higher concentrations of poverty than the region as a whole. As these central places connected by transit continue to grow and develop, residents and businesses who contribute to these communities should have the option to remain and thrive and take advantage of new amenities and services.

- The above Regional findings are supported and implemented by local planning documents at four levels:
  - Snohomish County Comprehensive plan
  - City of Lynnwood’s Comprehensive Plan
  - City of Lynnwood’s plan for its regional growth center and
  - City of Lynnwood’s sub-area plan for the City Center portion of the Regional Growth Center
**Question #3:** Please clarify the connections to existing or planned nonmotorized networks; a map would be helpful to provide.

**Answer #3:**
Please see the Non-Motorized Facilities map. This project connects to bicycle lanes and sidewalks to the north on Alderwood Mall Parkway from 168th St SW to 164th St SW. The missing sidewalks on the east side are currently under construction. These facilities link to the existing bicycle lanes and sidewalk along the 164th St SW, which is a principal arterial.

To the south, the project connects to an existing bicycle lane/shoulder on the west side and connects to an existing sidewalk and bicycle lane on the east side of the road. There is a pedestrian crossing at the existing traffic signal/intersection with the SR525 Northbound Ramps to provide pedestrian connectivity. Additionally, the interurban trail is located 1/10th of a mile east of the intersection of Alderwood Mall Parkway and Maple Rd, located south of the project.
Existing and Proposed Non-Motorized Facilities

- **Existing Sidewalk**
- **Sidewalk Under Construction**
- **Existing Bikeway**
- **Proposed Bikeway**
- **Interurban Trail**
- **City**

**Project Limits**

ALDERWOOD MALL PARKWAY

164th St SW

Ash Way