

# NE 119th Street Corridor Projects



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**Project Description**

Clark County Public Works will improve the NE 119th Street corridor from NE 72nd Avenue to SR503 to increase safety, reduce congestion, and increase mobility. The 119th Street/NE 72nd Avenue intersection has a history of collisions involving significant property damage and the third highest number of collisions reported from January 1, 2000–December 31, 2007.

The county therefore plans to consider access management techniques such as left-turn lanes, roundabouts, and medians. The county is sensitive to concerns about changes in the traffic environment and their potential effects, and will seek to balance those concerns with proposed safety and mobility improvements. The corridor work will be done in **three phases**.

PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3
<p>Improvements scheduled for summer 2009 by Killian Pacific LLP, a private developer, include:</p> <p><b>New travel lanes, sidewalks, and bike lane Medians on NE 119th Street and SR 503 Intersection improvements New signal at NE 112th Avenue</b></p> <p>Also in summer 2009, the county will construct a new local access road, the NE 112th Avenue Extension, to provide access to a new storm water pond, high school, and recreation facilities.</p>	<p>Construction is scheduled for 2012 and is Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) priority #1. Approximately 1.23 miles of NE 119th Street between NE 72nd Avenue and NE 87th will be improved, including:</p> <p><b>New travel lanes, sidewalks and bike lanes Intersection improvements Access management Environmental enhancements including a bridge to improve Curtin Creek fish passage</b></p>	<p>Early engineering design and environmental permitting are included for this mid-stretch of NE 119th Street. Future construction will be scheduled subject to available funding. Phase 3 will include:</p> <p><b>New travel lanes, sidewalks, and bike lane Railroad crossing enhancements</b></p>

**Environment and Natural Resources**

Proactive, comprehensive environmental review and permitting are in process for the entire corridor to ready it for later construction. Enhancements include replacing existing, under sized culverts with a bridge crossing Curtin Creek to allow for fish passage.

**Economic Stimulus**

In addition to relieving congestion and improving safety, the 119th corridor projects will construct infrastructure necessary to support economic development and create private sector jobs. This project will improve a portion of NE 119th Street to a 4-lane minor arterial; these roads carry vehicles quickly from place to

place and connect principal arterials. Access to adjacent land use has a higher priority.

**Public Involvement**

Throughout the project, Clark County Public Works will use newsletters, media releases, and website updates [www.clark.wa.gov/119th](http://www.clark.wa.gov/119th) to keep residents, businesses, and property owners informed. Opportunities for input will be provided via an open house, property owner meetings, and the website.

## Safety First

Because 2009 construction will affect traffic, the county will work with the developer to implement traffic control and detour plans. This spring and summer, the general contractor will announce the location of work zones, traffic controls, and detours. These strategies will help drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists get through work zones with minimum inconvenience and maximum safety.

**Expect delays – plan ahead.**

**Allow extra time to get through detours.**

**Slow down; merge early and cautiously.**

**Pay attention. Be prepared for sudden slowdowns.**

**Leave room between vehicles for braking.**

**Use a designated detour route.**

## What's Coming Up?

During the next several months, construction activities in the vicinity of SR503/NE 117th Avenue will include, but are not limited to:

**Possible lane closures**

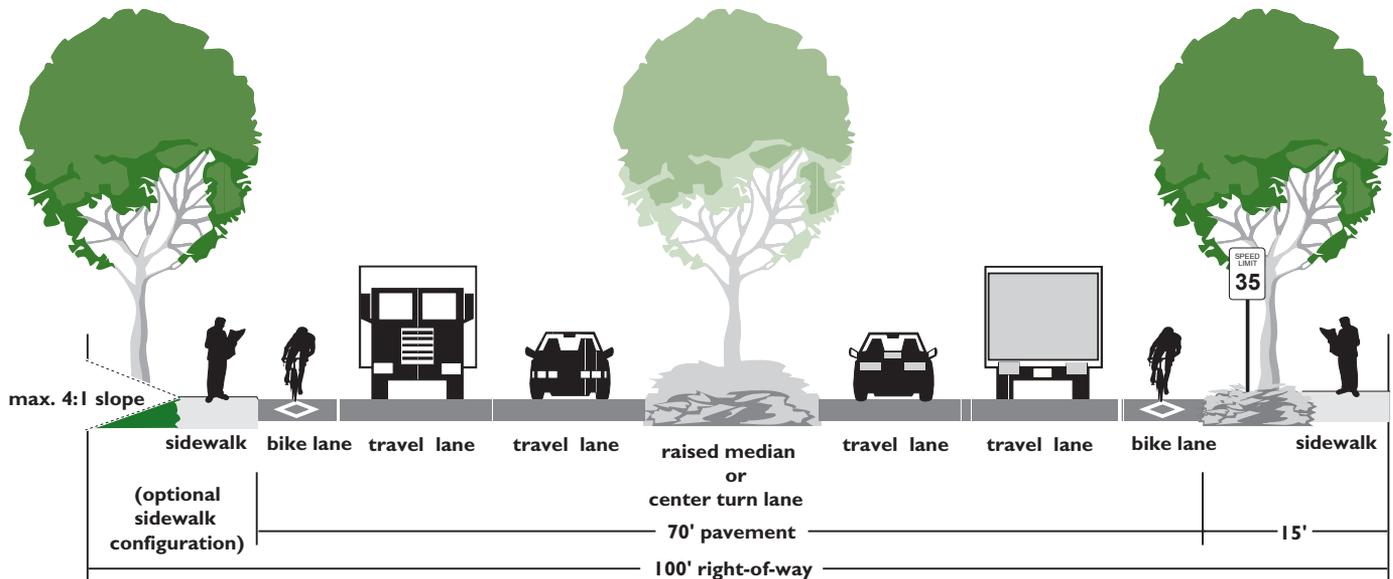
**New medians on SR503 and NE 119th Street**

**Relocation of public utilities across NE 119th Street and 117th Avenue**

**Construction of access roads off NE 119th Street**

**Possible night work**

## Cross Section - NE 72nd Ave to NE 117th Ave



This project will improve a portion of NE 119th Street to a 4-lane minor arterial. What does that mean? Streets generally fall into five (5) roadway classifications:

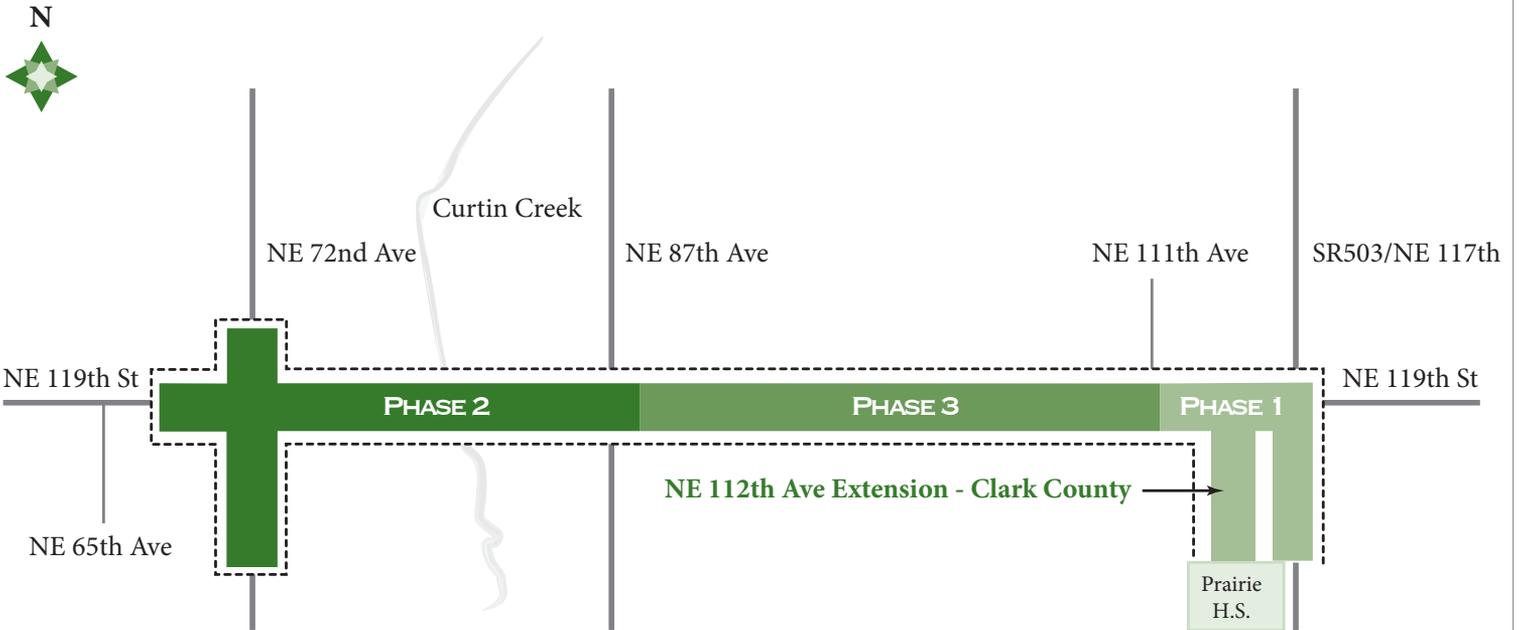
1. Interstate Highways are the most heavily used roads in the area, carrying the majority of the total vehicle miles traveled in the region.

2. Principal Arterials carry vehicles efficiently from place to place serving most trips entering and leaving the urban area. Access to adjacent land uses is a minor function for this classification of street.

3. Minor Arterials carry vehicles quickly from place to place connecting the principal arterials, but access to adjacent land use has a higher priority.

4. Collectors link local access streets to the arterial network. Speeds are generally lower than on arterials and access to adjacent land uses has a high priority.

5. Local Streets provide access to adjacent land uses. Speeds are intended to be lower and access to and from driveways is frequent.



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**Environmental Permitting in Process for entire corridor**

PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 1
<p><b>2012 construction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) priority #1</li> <li>New travel lanes</li> <li>Intersection improvements</li> <li>Access management</li> <li>Environmental enhancements including bridging to improve Curtin Creek fish passage</li> </ul>	<p><b>Future construction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental permitting and early design underway</li> <li>New travel lanes, sidewalks and bike lanes</li> <li>Railroad crossing enhancements</li> </ul>	<p><b>Summer 2009 construction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New travel lanes, sidewalks, and bike lanes</li> <li>Medians on NE 119th Street and SR503</li> <li>Intersection improvements</li> <li>New signal at NE 112th Avenue</li> </ul> <p><b>NE 112th Ave Extension - Clark County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roadway construction to provide access to a new storm water pond, high school, and recreation facilities</li> </ul>

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