



July 27, 2012

Dave Snider  
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**RE: Draft CIP Comments and Finn Hill Project Recommendations**

Dear Mr. Snider:

Our organization's Public Policy Committee has reviewed the Transportation Section of the Draft 2013-2018 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) presented to City Council on June 5, 2012. We were very pleased to see several new transportation projects in the CIP that are specific to our neighborhood. These projects include the development of a Juanita Drive Master Plan and funding for miscellaneous non-motorized improvements in the new neighborhoods. These two projects are definitely a great start and should help identify and begin to address neighborhood concerns about pedestrian and bicycle safety.

However, we ask that you also incorporate several additional safety improvements that have been identified in past County planning documents, submitted by residents of the neighborhood through your online survey, or discussed at neighborhood meetings. We understand that the City continues to struggle with declining revenues and a large backlog of unfunded projects, but those challenges should not prevent the City from including projects identified through past or present planning efforts. Our organization has a proven track record of working alongside our government agencies to implement projects, and through that experience we know that if capital needs are not identified in an adopted plan, they are more difficult to implement. Therefore we ask for your support in including the improvements identified in the attached table and map into the City's 2013-2018 CIP.

If you have any questions about the attached material or if there is anything we can do to support you, please contact me at (206) 972-9493 or by email at [scottkmorris@comcast.net](mailto:scottkmorris@comcast.net).

Respectfully,  
Finn Hill Neighborhood Alliance

Scott Morris, President

cc: Kurt Triplett, City Manager  
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Dave Godfrey, Transportation Engineering Manager

**FHNA Recommended Transportation Capital Projects**

Map ID	Project Title and Location <sup>1</sup>	Description	Source
A	100 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Safety Improvements (NE 139 <sup>th</sup> St to NE 145 <sup>th</sup> St)	Widen roadway to construct two-way center left-turn lane, sidewalks, and bike lanes. Also would include stormwater detention/treatment, fish passage improvements of Juanita Creek tributary, new illumination, and gateway signage.	King County CIP
B	90 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Sidewalk Improvements (NE 136 <sup>th</sup> St to NE 138 <sup>th</sup> St)	Complete half-street improvements to provide missing sidewalk segment on one side of the street.	King County CIP
C	84 <sup>th</sup> Avenue School Walk Route Safety Improvements (NE 124 <sup>th</sup> St to NE 142 <sup>nd</sup> St)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Install automated school zone flashing beacons around Thoreau and Sandburg Elementary Schools</li> <li>- Replace extruded curbs along pedestrian pathway</li> <li>- Install improved signing, striping, and crosswalk markings</li> <li>- Consider installing arterial traffic calming measures</li> </ul>	Online Survey
D	NE 131 <sup>st</sup> Way / 90 <sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements (97 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE to NE 134 <sup>th</sup> St)	Remove existing extruded curbing and restripe roadway to provide wider asphalt shoulder for pedestrians and bicyclists. Consider installation of corridor illumination and a retaining wall in places to provide added shoulder width and improved sight distance.	Online Survey / Neighborhood Discussions
E	Juanita Drive Safety Improvements (93 <sup>rd</sup> Ave NE to NE 141 <sup>st</sup> St)	Improvements to be defined as part of the Juanita Drive Master Plan in 2013. Items could include improved signing, striping, lighting, and ROW clearing for improved sight distance. Additional improvements could include marked crosswalks, arterial traffic calming measures, shoulder and sidewalk improvements, and stream crossing and stormwater detention/treatment improvements.	Neighborhood Discussions / Juanita Drive Master Plan
F	Miscellaneous Shoulder/Pathway Improvements -Simonds Road (100 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE to NE 145 <sup>th</sup> St) -NE 122 <sup>nd</sup> Pl/NE 123 <sup>rd</sup> St (Juanita Drive to 84 <sup>th</sup> Ave NE)	Repair or remove extruded curbing and consider re-striping of roadway to provide wider shoulder for pedestrians and bicyclists. Identify any needed improvements to signing, side street traffic control, illumination, and drainage.	King County CIP / Neighborhood Discussions

1. The projects listed in the table do not represent a full inventory of needs.

# FHNA Transportation CIP Recommendations Map of Projects

