



SR522 Improvement Project

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – June 24, 2009

Intersection Open as a Four-Way Stop – 68th Ave. NE and NE 181st St.

On Monday, June 22, crews completed repaving the 68th Ave. NE and NE 181st St. intersection and reopened the roadway as a four-way stop. Originally slated to reopen in early July, the intersection paving was completed ahead of schedule. The four-way stop will be in place until mid-September when the new traffic signals are installed and activated.

Throughout the summer, crews will remain on-site to complete various improvements around the intersection. Lanes on 68th Ave. NE and NE 181st St. may be limited intermittently during construction, at which time flaggers and traffic control will guide vehicles and pedestrians through the work area.

Please continue to refrain from cutting through business parking lots to avoid traffic on 68th Ave. NE. Kenmore Police are monitoring the area and ticketing drivers. We thank you for your patience during this intersection work and roadway closure.

SR 522 Pavement Overlay between 73rd Ave. NE and 83rd Pl. NE

Drivers are now experiencing a smoother ride on SR 522 with the completion of the final pavement overlay between 73rd Ave. NE and 83rd Pl. NE on SR 522. The minor adjustments to the paving were completed last week.

The traffic medians are also now landscaped and complete. The final improvements to the roadway include construction of curbs in the center lane and permanent roadway striping.

Joint Utility Trench (JUT) – 68th Ave. NE between SR 522 and NE 175th St.

This week crews will begin preliminary work on the west side of 68th Ave. NE just south of SR 522. Crews are scheduled to begin undergrounding utilities in a joint utility trench the week of June 29.

To build the trench, crews will remove the sidewalk and pavement, dig the trench, install the utility conduit, fill the trench and then place steel plates over the area until paving can occur. After the utility conduit is laid underground, construction crews will rebuild curb, gutter and sidewalks, and repave individual driveways. Drivers and businesses can expect to see steel plates covering the trench intermittently during this work.

The trench will cross driveways to businesses on the west side of 68th Ave. NE and some businesses will have gravel driveways for periods of time. Construction barrels, cones and business access signs will be used to help guide drivers to driveways. Additionally, while crews are widening 68th Ave. NE in this area, there will be times when the westernmost lane of the roadway will be closed. This trench work is anticipated to take a couple of weeks to complete; however, crews will be completing improvements in the area throughout the summer. Also, at times, crews will alternate between working days and nights.

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