

## Keeping Aurora Safe for Drivers and Pedestrians...



- Build a raised median with defined left-turn and u-turn opportunities
- Construct continuous sidewalks and landscaping on both sides of Aurora Avenue
- Improve street crossings and intersections
- Consolidate some driveway locations

## Keeping Aurora Moving for Commuters, Residents and Businesses...



- Widen existing lanes
- Add a southbound business access and transit (BAT) lane
- Consider new or improved bus stop locations

**Learn more about the initial design & proposed improvements inside...**

### What Do You Think?

## SDOT Wants to Hear from You!

### Community Open House

Wednesday, November 16

5:00 - 7:00 pm

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1819 N 135th Street

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# Keeping Aurora Safe and Moving

In 2003, the Washington State Department of Transportation finished a Route Development Plan that included several recommendations for making it safer and easier to get around on Aurora Avenue.

Today, the City of Seattle is leading the effort to improve Aurora Avenue from N 110th Street to N 145th Street. Building upon the recommendations in the Route Development Plan and recent public feedback, SDOT has prepared the initial alignment design.

Read inside for highlights of the proposed improvements along Aurora Avenue.



Looking north along Aurora toward the N 145th Street intersection.



Looking north along Aurora from the vicinity of N 130th Street.

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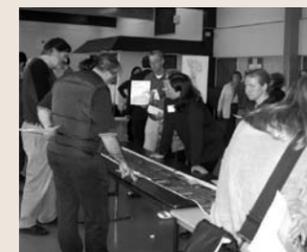
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## Neighbors Speak Out

More than 30 community members attended SDOT's first Aurora Avenue North project open house at Ingraham High School on May 12. SDOT received valuable feedback from residents and business owners.

### What we heard...

- Improved transit services, driver and pedestrian safety, parking, and access to local businesses are high priorities for the community
- There is strong support for continuous sidewalks on both sides of Aurora with suggestions to plant landscaping that won't shelter illegal activities
- There is a high level of support for a southbound business access and transit lane
- Reducing cut-through traffic is a major priority.



**"Aurora is one of the city's busiest destinations and thoroughfares. These improvements will help keep Aurora moving while making it safer."**

— SEATTLE MAYOR GREG NICKELS

## Questions? Concerns? Ideas?

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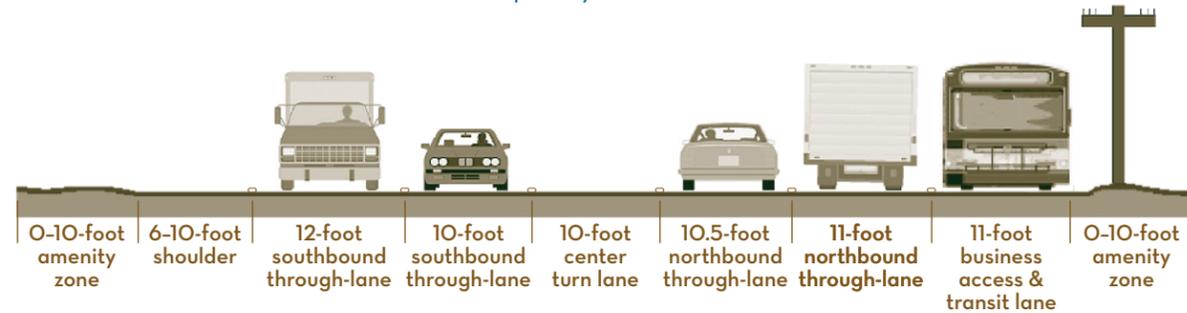
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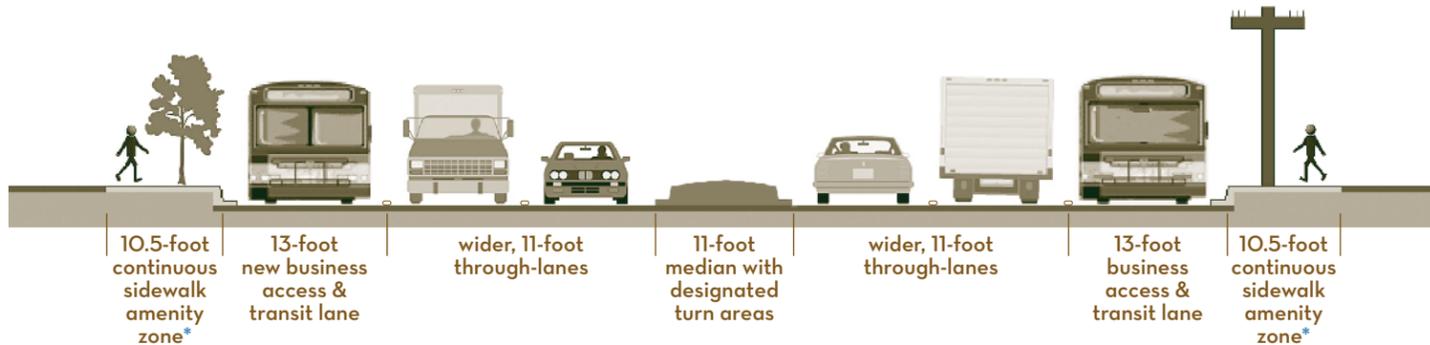
## Aurora Avenue Today...

In 2004, Aurora Avenue had one of the highest accident rates in Seattle. Between January 2003 and February 2005, 404 vehicle accidents occurred between N 115th and N 145th streets. Pedestrian-vehicle accidents also occur frequently at several intersections.



## Aurora Avenue Tomorrow...

Proposed typical roadway cross-section for Aurora Avenue from N 110th to N 145th



\*amenity zone width may vary due to existing structures and right-of-way constraints

## Design Goals for Aurora Avenue Tomorrow

In addition to improving driver and pedestrian safety, SDOT plans to

- Minimize right-of-way needs and impacts to property owners
- Find solutions to parking issues
- Improve transit operations
- Improve aesthetics of the corridor
- Keep Aurora businesses thriving.

## Project Design Schedule

- SPRING 2005** Sought community input on design issues
- MAY 12, 2005** Hosted Open House #1
- FALL 2005** Develop preliminary preferred alignment for public review
- NOV 16, 2005** **Host Open House #2**
- SPRING 2006** Complete environmental studies and final design of preferred alignment
- SPRING 2006** Host Open House #3



**Pedestrian improvement locations**

## Current Design Decisions

SDOT has developed a “preliminary preferred alignment,” or a first draft of the improved design for Aurora Avenue. SDOT has considered the following design issues:

**THE ALIGNMENT** of Aurora Avenue between N 110th Street and N 145th Street will change somewhat due to wider lanes, the new southbound BAT lane and new sidewalks.

**LEFT-TURN & U-TURN LOCATIONS** will be managed to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety on Aurora Avenue – a key goal of the project.

**PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS** will provide safer passage at seven signalized intersections. (See left.) These pedestrian accident locations will be improved.

**DRIVEWAYS WILL BE CONSOLIDATED** where it makes sense to improve safety for drivers and pedestrians. Today, cars enter and exit Aurora Avenue from a number of undefined driveways and parking lot edges.

**BUS STOPS MAY BE IMPROVED & ADDED** to increase safety along one of Metro’s busiest transit corridors.

**NEW SOUTHBOUND BUSINESS ACCESS & TRANSIT LANE** will increase safety for pedestrians and vehicles while improving traffic flow and transit speeds.

**LANDSCAPING & AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENTS** are good for businesses, residents, drivers and pedestrians. Landscaping on medians and sidewalks encourages people to drive slower, contributes to the safety and comfort of pedestrians and to the livability of nearby neighborhoods.



## SDOT also plans to:



**Work with businesses to address access, parking and signage needs**



**Minimize utility relocations needs**



**Develop sustainable storm-water solutions**

Don't forget!

You can check out SDOT's proposed improvements and offer your own suggestions at our Open House on November 16 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at Ingraham High.