



SR 303 Corridor Improvement Study Public Open House

Aug. 6, 2019

East Bremerton Gym | 2810 Spruce Avenue, Bremerton
4 – 7 p.m.

EVENT SUMMARY

Overview

On Aug. 6, 2019, the City of Bremerton and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) hosted an open house to learn about community priorities for the State Route (SR) 303 Corridor Improvement Study. The City notified community members of the open house through postcards and website updates. The project team handed out comment forms and shared display boards with about 55 open house participants. Project staff explained why we are studying the corridor and timeline for improvements. The project team encouraged people to visit the [online open house](#) to view the same material and provide comments.

Event Objectives

- Educate community members on the study status for the SR 303 (Warren/Wheaton) corridor.
- Listen to community interests and concerns.
- Gather input about the corridor issues, needs, and opportunities for improvements.

Comment Overview

The project team provided comment forms and encouraged people to place notes on a map. A majority of people who commented encouraged the City to improve accessibility and mobility. Participants also highlighted safety and corridor aesthetic improvements. Below is a summary of key themes received from the public.

Accessibility and mobility:

- Use roundabouts at Olympic College and where possible along the corridor.
- More bike lanes, in particular on Almira Drive, Tracyton Blvd and Wheaton Way (near YMCA).
- Improve intersection signal timing, especially at Sheridan, Hollis and 6th and 11th streets.
- Add pedestrian tunnel at the college to connect neighborhoods.
- Build pedestrian overpass at Sheridan Road.
- Widen pedestrian path on the Warren Avenue Bridge.
- Include shared use paths near the Warren Avenue Bridge and at the school and Kitsap County Library properties between Sheridan Road and Sylvan Way.



- Bicycle connections from the Warren Avenue Bridge to the Manette Bridge.
- Improve cross-corridor connections by adding more bike lanes, crosswalks or other structures that connect neighborhoods and businesses.

Safety:

- More police patrols along and near the corridor.
- Reduce speeds along the corridor to improve safety at crossings.
- More frequent roadway and shoulder cleaning to improve bike and vehicle travel experience.
- More crosswalks to prevent illegal crossings.
- Widen shoulders and sidewalks for people walking or riding their bikes.

Aesthetics:

- More greenery and landscaping near businesses and in the center travel lane.
- Limit plantings at business driveways to maintain safe sight distance.

Next Steps

The project team will review and consider all comments before designing potential improvements. We will select a preferred alternative in spring 2020 and present our recommendation to the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) and City Council for approval. We will come back to the public with a final plan in spring 2020. All open house and SAG materials are available on the [project website](#).

Attendance:

Project Team:

- Katie Ketterer, City of Bremerton
- Alex Atchison, Parametrix
- Michael Horntvedt, Parametrix
- Emily Welter, Parametrix
- Bryanna Bui, PRR
- Andrew Royer, PRR



SR 303 Corridor Study Open House Comments
(PostIt notes on map)

Segment	Safety	Accessibility and Mobility	Aesthetics
11th Street		A request for three lanes heading west on 11th Street.	
11th Street		A request not to add bike lanes on 11th Street.	
13th Street		A request to add a left-turn lane from 13th Street to 303.	
6th and 11th streets		A request for pavement markers and signs, similar to the Centennial and Cushman trails.	
6th Street		Several requests for a mixed-use path each direction (east/west) to connect to grocery stores and neighborhoods.	
Almira		Add bike lanes on Almira for those avoiding 303.	
Almira		Multiple requests to make Almira the primary north/south bound bike route through East Bremerton.	
Almira and Sylvan		Reduce traffic bypassing 303 through Almira.	
Burwell		Increase traffic lanes from Burwell to 303 back to four lanes.	
Burwell		A request to remove the merge sign on Burwell and 303.	
Corridor-wide	A request for more police patrols by foot, bike, and vehicle along the corridor.	A separated pedestrian and bicycle path near the corridor.	A request for greenery and landscaping where possible - make the corridor inviting.
Corridor-wide	A request to shift the vehicle exit lanes and shoulders so bicyclists have a straight shot.	Reduce the lower portion of Wheaton Way to two lanes with bike shoulder on both sides of the corridor. This would connect to the North/South Corridor Trail.	
Corridor-wide		A request to adjust intersection timing to accommodate peak and off-peak travel times.	
Corridor-wide		A request for roundabouts at as many intersections as possible.	
Corridor-wide		A request to keep the Callahan Underpass tunnel if a roundabout is constructed.	
Corridor-wide		A request for wider driveway exits.	
Corridor-wide	Reduce speeds on the corridor.	Don't include bikes lanes on SR 303.	
Corridor-wide		Connect shared use path to neighborhoods, not just the bridge.	
Corridor-wide		A request for bike connection between Warren Avenue Bridge to Monette Bridge on the northside of Warren Avenue Bridge.	No bushes near businesses along Wheaton Way - concern that bushes would limit sight distance for vehicles leaving and entering businesses.
Corridor-wide	A request for a HAWK (?) light for pedestrians to cross the corridor.	Add bike lanes from Wheaton Way (past YMCA) to Sheridan.	
Corridor-wide	A request to add more crosswalks to prevent jaywalking.		
Corridor-wide		A request to add more blinking yellow left-turn signals on the corridor.	
Corridor-wide	A general concern for pedestrian and bike safety for those crossing the corridor.		
Hollis		A request to adjust the traffic light timing at Hollis on to 303.	
Olympic College		A request for roundabout in front of college.	
Olympic College		Several requests for a tunnel under 303, connecting neighborhoods to the college.	
Pine Road to Sylvan	Add shoulders on Pine Road to Sylvan for pedestrians and bikes.		
Sheridan	A request to limit speeds at this intersection, particular concern is the SE corner of Sheridan.	A request for pedestrian overpass at Sheridan.	
Sheridan		Improve light timing at Sheridan.	
Sheridan and Sylvan Way		A request for shared use path on school/library property between Sheridan and Sylvan.	

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Tracyton Blvd		Add a bike route on the west side of Tracyton Blvd.	
Warren Avenue Bridge		Add a path under the Warren Avenue Bridge to connect Evergreen to Olympic College.	
Warren Avenue Bridge		Add a walkway under the Warren Avenue Bridge at the south end.	
Warren Avenue Bridge		Widen the bridge pedestrian path so both pedestrians and bikes can pass each other safely.	
Warren Avenue Bridge	Maintain or fix (?) expansion joints on the bridge and perform frequent debris maintenance.	Add a shared use path on west side of bridge.	
Wheaton Way Transit Center		A couple requests to add stop light and cross walk at this location.	

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(Written Comments)

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11th Street to Burwell		A request to add 2 lanes each way on the 11th to Burwell section of 303.	
13th Street		Reform 13th St, add turn lane Eastbound to 13th Northbound.	
13th Street		Add right lane from 303 Southbound to 13th Westbound.	
16th Street		Add additional left turn queue.	
Almira	Limit the amount of traffic using Almira to bypass Sylvan and 303.		
Almira/Lebo Boulevard		Bikes should continue North on Almira (East Bremerton bike pedestrian corridor) or on the west side of bridge along Lebo Blvd and the waterfront.	
Corridor-wide	Several requests for more police patrol including bicycle and foot patrol over road sidewalks.	A request to construct right-ins/right-outs on the corridor leading to and from businesses.	Attract businesses to vacated buildings.
Corridor-wide	Multiple requests to make the corridor safe and accessible for people in cars, on bicycles, pedestrians and even more people with disabilities.	Multiple requests to decrease the number of exits and entrances to 303 from parking lots and businesses.	A request for 3-story buildings along the corridor with retail on bottom and 2 stories of apartments above.
Corridor-wide	Safe intersections for cars making left turns.	Better driveways out of shopping lots to ease entering onto 303.	A request for steak houses.
Corridor-wide	A request for illuminated and larger street signs -- yellow arrows and flashing red and yellow lights at night.	Multiple requests for roundabouts for slow and safe traffic that won't require stops at every intersection.	
Corridor-wide	Safer placement of benches for bus riders.	A request to widen SR 303.	
Corridor-wide		Multiple requests for wider, safer, sidewalks.	
Corridor-wide		Multiple requests to improve the timing of traffic lights along the corridor.	
Corridor-wide		A request for consistent traffic lights along corridor (i.e. flashing turn lights).	
Corridor-wide		A request for a consistent speed limit for the full length of the corridor.	
Corridor-wide		A request to lower the speed limit on 303.	
Corridor-wide		Multiple requests for add, improve, and increase safety of bicycles lanes along traffic.	
Corridor-wide		A request to have bicycles lanes with traffic barriers.	
Corridor-wide		A request for pedestrian overpasses.	
Corridor-wide		Multiple requests to keep pedestrian paths separated from traffic. Suggestion to buffer traffic from pedestrian paths with grass or low growing plants.	
Corridor-wide		Multiple requests to improve pedestrian crossings: More pedestrian lights at crossings. Better timing of lights to accommodate pedestrians and an increase of crosswalks.	
Corridor-wide		A request to improve walkability to/from stores and parks.	
Corridor-wide		Multiple requests for bus/transit only lanes.	
Corridor-wide		I know bike lanes will need to be added and possibly more people with bikes, however, I believe we're spending a lot of money for the very few who use them. We have been encouraging people for years to carpool and ride bikes or take transit and it just doesn't work for most of us. At some point we need to take a look at the effectiveness and efficiency of HOV lanes. I personally think they cause more congestion than they help. What good is adding to HOV lanes when so few can use them?	

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Corridor-wide		A request to stop busses from having priority at traffic lights.	
Corridor-wide		Multiple requests to improve routes and increase frequency of bus services.	
Corridor-wide		A request for more frequent weekend public transit.	
Corridor-wide		A request for bicycle paths and walkways to be located behind the strip malls lining Wheaton Way to separate traffic.	
Corridor-wide		More traffic lights.	
Misc.		The City's website references a "proposal" to widen the 303 corridor to 7 lanes, including an HOV lane, from 11th street to Fairgrounds Rd. Don't remember where, but it is in the 303 Corridor Study Documents.	
Misc.		Finish the two bridges loop.	
Olympic College/16th Street		A request for roundabouts at Olympic College and 16th Street.	
Olympic College/Callahan		A request for a tunnel under 303 at Community College. North tunnel from Callahan. South tunnel should be on OCC campus parking lot over to engineering building. This would allow east/west access.	
Sheridan Road/Sylvan Way		Multiple requests for wider sidewalks, but you would have to improve Sheridan/Sylvan too.	
Warren Avenue		A request to not put bikes on Warren Avenue, north of the bridge.	
Warren Avenue		Unblock intersections on Warren to allow more choices of travel for cars.	
Warren Avenue Bridge	A request for safer place for pedestrians and bikes.	Add connections to neighborhoods from Bridge to North, South, East and West.	
Warren Avenue Bridge		Add connections to bridge for pedestrian and bikes.	
Warren Avenue Bridge		Wider sidewalks.	
Warren Avenue Bridge		Add shared use/bike and pedestrian lanes to the west side.	
Waterfront		Add bicycle and walking paths.	



SR 303 Corridor Improvement Study Online Open House Comment Period Aug. 6 – Sept. 6, 2019

ONLINE COMMENT SUMMARY

Overview

On Aug. 6, 2019, the City of Bremerton hosted an [online open house](#) to learn about community priorities for the State Route (SR) 303 Corridor Improvement Study. The City notified community members of the online open house through postcards and website updates. The comment period lasted one month (Aug. 6 – Sept. 6, 2019).

Site Analytics

- Total visitors: 1,396
- Average time per page: 1:25
- Views by page:
 - Overview: 279
 - Project timeline: 183
 - Study area: 174
 - Survey: 151
 - What's next: 133
- Total comments: 60

Comment Overview

Participants provided a variety of improvement suggestions, ranging from sidewalk and bike lane improvements, to landscaping and design suggestions. The City asked participants to rank their top requested improvements, and a majority of commenters requested more bike lanes and pedestrian accessibility improvements. Below is a summary of key themes.

Accessibility and mobility:

- More bike lanes, either on SR 303 or on nearby arterials roads, leading to and from downtown.
- Build pedestrian and bicycle overpasses where possible and at Sheridan Road, Sylvan Way, and NE Riddell Road.
- Widen pedestrian path on the Warren Avenue Bridge.
- Improve traffic light timing during peak and off-peak hours.
- Improve cross-corridor connections by adding more bike lanes, crosswalks or other structures that connect neighborhoods and businesses.
- Increase bus service and improved bus stops.
- Improve sidewalks for ADA accessibility.

Safety:

- Reduce speeds along the corridor to improve safety at crossings.
- More frequent roadway and shoulder cleaning to improve bike and vehicle travel experience.



- More crosswalks to prevent illegal crossings.
- Increased lighting along the corridor.
- Widen shoulders and sidewalks for people walking or riding their bikes.

Aesthetics:

- Attract business to fill vacated buildings.
- More greenery and landscaping near businesses and in the center travel lane.

Next Steps

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