



Sunnyside Road Improvement Project

Phases II, III, & IV: 122nd Avenue to 172nd Avenue

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE #1 MEETING SUMMARY

The Sunnyside Road Improvement Project Team held the first Final Design Community Open House on March 11, 2003 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sunnyside Foursquare Church. The meeting was announced through a mailing of 1,800 project updates to all residences and businesses within 1,500 feet of the project area. Sixty-two residents and business owners attended the Open House. Project Team members from the County and their contracted consultants were located near individual station displays around the perimeter of the Fellowship Hall. The informational stations included: welcome/sign in; schedule and funding; other county projects; cross sections; design aerial maps (wall mounted) of phases I, II, III, and IV; noise study; sound and retaining walls; traffic study; right of way; an aerial for the section from 122nd to 132nd, and a design map from 122nd to 132nd for citizens to write their comments on. The primary focus of the meeting was for citizens to review and comment on the draft final design for Phase II (from 122nd to 132nd).

All participants were encouraged to complete the "Citizen Comment" form after reviewing and discussing project information one-on-one with team members. The compilation below lists all written citizen comments.

Question from Comment form:

We'd like to know what you think about the final design so far. Your written comments will be distributed to all of the team members and County staff working on this project.

1. The final design looks good except there is not a sound wall on the north side of Sunnyside between 126th and Learning Tree. Our house's back faces Sunnyside Road. Not only do I not want to hear the road, but I really do not want to see the visual pollution. We were told in 1999 that since we are level with Sunnyside Road that we would get a wall. (12740 SE Majestic Ln.)
2. The projected increase in sound levels concerns me greatly. I feel the county needs to consider some meaningful sound mitigation effort, such as a soundwall or should consider purchasing my property in its entirety. I fully expect the increase in sound levels will result in turning my home into an uninhabitable environment and will substantially impact the property value in a negative way. (13254 SE 130th Ave.)
3. We're right next to the road, which is loud enough now. With the road widening and further construction of homes traffic will increase quite a bit in the next few years and beyond. (13230 SE 127th Ave.)
4. There needs to be right in/right out turns onto local side streets off Sunnyside Road. I sat for several minutes tonight (7 P.M.) waiting for a person to make a left turn onto 126th north of Sunnyside Road. This was when traffic was fairly light. There needs to be connections to signalized intersections. Do not install planted medians. They are not maintained and they take up land from properties or sides of the road. Use a concrete narrower median.
5. Please do not install medians! Especially those with tree plantings.

6. The design looks great so far, but I have serious concerns about the number of traffic lights on Sunnyside Road. Please consider adding a "dead end" sign at entrances to 137th Drive (west of Sagebrush Drive). This is a stud street but people turn down often thinking it is an exit to Sunnyside Road. Review the operation of the light at Sunnybrook and Sunnyside Road. I am often stopped on Sunnyside waiting for the light to change when there are no cars on Sunnybrook. (13155 SE 137th Drive)
7. We really like the improvements, however, we have been planning on selling our house (we've completely remodeled it) and now, not only will it be incredibly difficult to sell, but we're afraid we'll lose a lot of money! (13142 SE 125th Ave.)
8. I am concerned about the traffic on 132nd at the end of the school day. Very often the buses from the middle school and the high school back up on 132nd waiting for the light on Sunnyside Road to change. Also, the two small driveways at the elementary school get backed up out onto 132nd with buses and cars especially at the end of the school day. (13454 SE Erin Ct.)
9. If any intersection from 126th Avenue to 132nd Avenue is restricted there will be a ripple effect of traffic onto open access streets.
10. I hope that phase II, III, IV will all work with phase I of the Sunnyside Road Project. I rarely travel beyond 126th and Sunnyside Road when I do it's because of some traffic problems. To bad that you have to include bicycle lanes and center islands on Sunnyside Road that will be of little use to the people who use Sunnyside Road. The sidewalks along this whole project are probably the most welcome addition of the project. Just make sure the sidewalk goes the whole length of the project. When you have more businesses, homes, etc. coming in along Sunnyside Road please think about the whole impact it will have on all the people, too much emphasis is placed on the dollar of any construction. Please complete each phase completely before you start the next. It's bad enough to go through this construction. (12631 SE 126th Ave.)

Citizen comments written directly on the design map are listed below.

1. (12533 SE Sunnyside Rd.) Verify drainage away from approach if pond overflows.
2. (NW Corner of 126th Ave. and Sunnyside Rd.) Want soundwall on Sunnyside frontage.
3. (13081 SE 126th Ave.) Want soundwall along south property line if the NW corner of 126th Ave. and Sunnyside Rd. is a stormwater facility.
4. (13131 SE Sunnyside Rd.) Four written comments requesting a soundwall along Sunnyside frontage.
5. (12950 SE Marisa Ct.) Make soundwall as high as possible.
6. (13254 SE 130th Ave.) Would like to have a soundwall.
7. (13220 SE 127th Ave.) Would like a soundwall on Sunnyside frontage. Does not want a pedestrian path along property line.
8. (13230 SE 127th) Would like a soundwall on Sunnyside frontage.
9. (12874 SE Sunnyside Rd.) Concerned about right of way location and impacts.
10. (13130 SE Sunnyside Rd.) Concerned about after school traffic.
11. Need a crosswalk light and signal at 122nd and Mather Rd.
12. Need to allow u-turns at signals.
13. Right in/out for all local streets. Traffic light only for left turns.
14. Right in/out would force traffic to travel through side streets to get out of the neighborhood. We need right and left turns.
15. Save and plant as many trees as possible, including tree wells with curb tight sidewalks. This is a major design concern from years of attending planning meetings.