

AURORA AVENUE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

PROPOSAL ANTICIPATES MAJOR SCHOOL OPENING - IMPROVES SAFETY FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

- Fall 2017 - Opening of three new schools co-located at 1330 N. 90th Street for 1,700 students
- School attendance areas draws from wide area, including areas west of Aurora Avenue
- N. 85th to N. 105th Streets will be major crossing areas for children to and from the schools.

ADDRESSES LONGSTANDING 1999 AURORA LICTON NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN CONCERNS

- One of Plan's "Five Key Integrated Strategies" is to "Provide safe pedestrian crossing and transform Aurora Avenue into an aesthetically attractive commercial corridor."
- Policy D-1. "Work with the State to seek safe means for pedestrians to cross Aurora Avenue North that logically connect transit stops, retail nodes and pedestrian routes, including relocated, enhanced and/or additional crosswalks."

ADDRESSES 2035 COMP PLAN RE: URBAN VILLAGES

- Policy NP1.1. "Prioritize neighborhood planning in areas expecting or experiencing significant change, primarily urban centers and urban villages, especially those that have not equitably benefitted from the city's growth."
- Per the January 2015 SSNAP (Seattle Sustainable Neighborhoods Assessment Project) Report describes this urban village as follows: "Aurora North (SR 99) is a busy, high speed traffic corridor lacking adequate pedestrian amenities, and deteriorated and/or impassable sidewalks, safe crossings and ADA compliant sidewalks."

OTHER BENEFITS

- Improves pedestrian safety for riders crossing Aurora to access transit (Metro E- line).
- Distinct place-making for the Residential Urban Village and commercial core.
- Helps safely bring activity between two sides (east & west) of the Residential Urban Village together.

BUILDING COMMUNITY TOGETHER

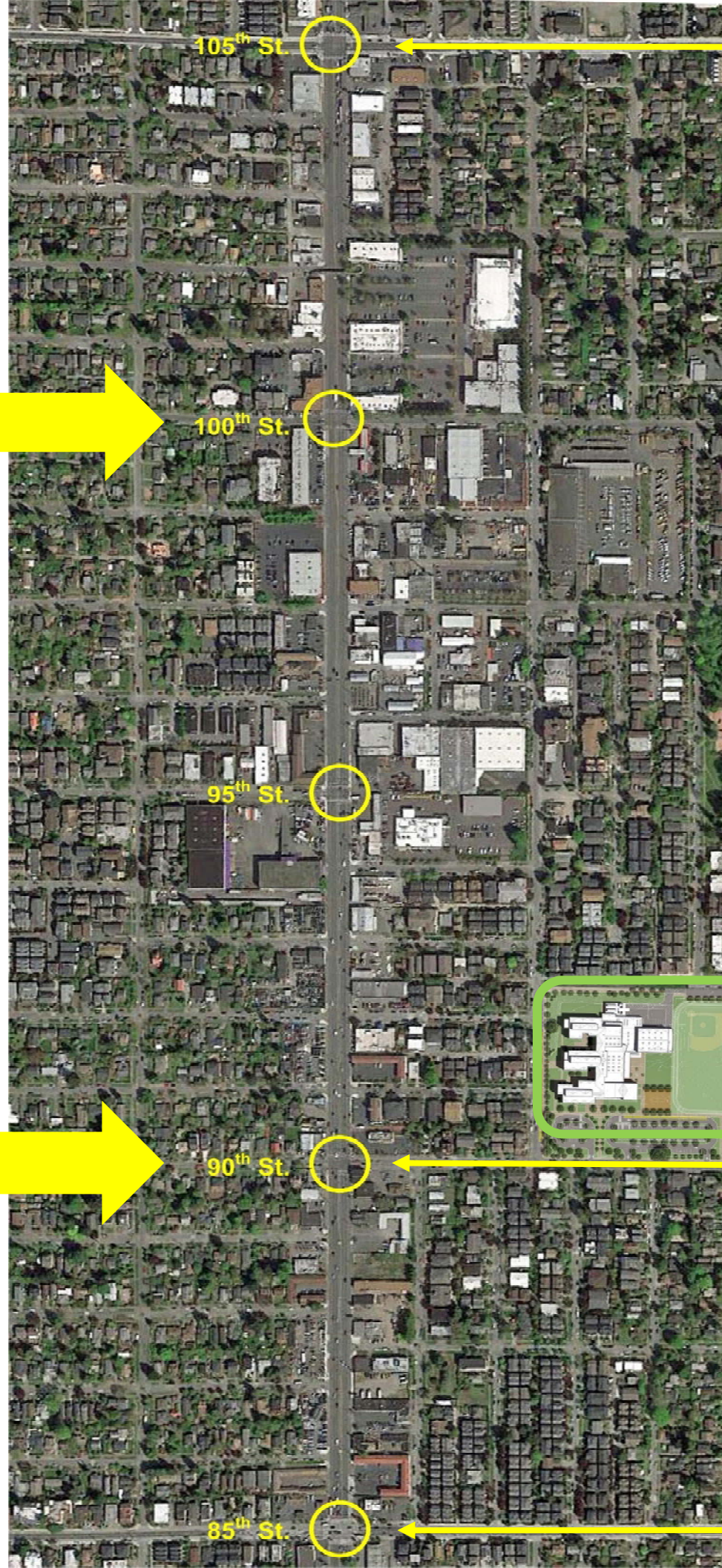


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We propose creating 5 distinct special crossing points at existing signalized intersections. This would start to knit the two halves of the community together and help form community identity. Implementation of this proposal will alert drivers on Aurora that they are in a special place and heighten their caution.

- ☐ Restripe all 5 existing crosswalks on Aurora with distinctive background color and striping marking the entire crosswalk area. The color would be consistent throughout the Urban Village.
- ☐ Relocate 2 deficient curb ramps at 100th and repair deficient ramps.
- ☐ Include distinctive art signage at multiple points along Aurora, but especially at North 85th & 105th, the two major intersections that bookend this urban village. Signage also on both sides of the pedestrian bridge at 102nd.

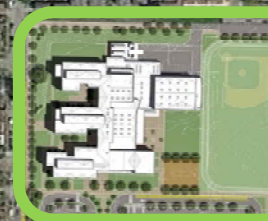


N. 105th/Northgate Way as the 2nd most dangerous intersection on Aurora*

*WSDOT "Seattle Proposed Corridor Safety Project – Aurora Avenue N. Collision Analysis". October 3, 2008.

AURORA AVENUE (85th - 105th)

- Significant Traffic Congestion - WSDOT 2014 Average Daily Traffic Volume in the segment of SR 99 is over **30,000** vehicles.
- Higher than average collision rates, a poor pedestrian environment, and no designated bike facilities.



Fall 2017 – **1,700** students @

- Cascadia Elementary School
- Robert Eagle Staff Middle School
- Licton Springs K-8 program

N. 90th and Aurora was identified as the third most dangerous intersection on Aurora north of the ship canal*

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