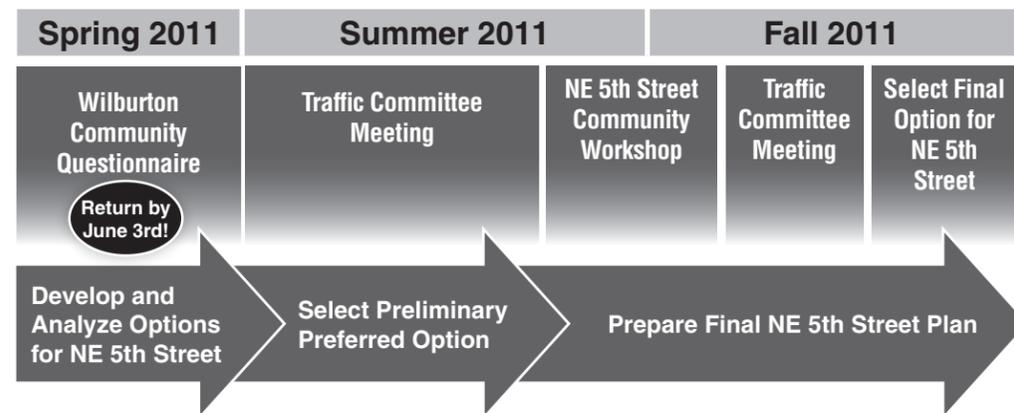


When would improvements on NE 5th Street be implemented?

The preferred option will be permanently installed during the second phase of the NE 4th Street extension, currently scheduled to begin construction in 2013 or 2014. Depending on which improvements are supported by the neighborhood, a temporary

installation may be possible during the construction of the first phase of the NE 4th Street extension so the community could have a chance to experience what it is like to live with the modifications.

NE 5th Street Project Schedule



NE 5th Street

Neighborhood Traffic Plan



May 2011

THE WILBURTON NEIGHBORHOOD WILL BE IMPACTED BY FUTURE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED IN YOUR COMMUNITY. YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

Please fill out and mail the enclosed questionnaire regarding NE 5th Street by June 3. Your input will help guide the decision that will affect how you and your neighbors use NE 5th Street in the future. You will find a detailed description of options being considered by the NE 5th Street Traffic Committee and the City of Bellevue inside this newsletter.



NE 5th Street in the Wilburton Neighborhood

Project background

NE 5th Street is currently a low traffic volume street that connects 120th and 124th Avenues NE in the Wilburton neighborhood. The street transitions from a commercial and business area at the west end to single-family homes on the east end.

As the City of Bellevue engaged the community during an update to the East Bellevue Transportation Plan in 2006 and the Wilburton/NE 8th Street Subarea Plan in 2007, residents expressed concerns about the potential for increased traffic on NE 5th Street, given other Wilburton Connections projects* planned. These projects include the extension and widening of 120th Avenue NE from NE 4th Street north to NE 12th Street and the extension of NE 4th Street from 116th Avenue NE to 120th Avenue NE. In response to community concerns, the City committed to developing a neighborhood traffic plan for NE 5th Street to recommend how to improve or to help manage the future traffic anticipated on this neighborhood route.

Implementation of other Wilburton Connections projects

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
120th Avenue NE Widening					
Segment 1: NE 4th Street to NE 8th Street		Construction			
Segment 2: NE 8th Street to NE 12th Street		Construction			
NE 4th Street Extension					
Phase 1: 116th Avenue NE to BNSF Railway		Construction			
Phase 2: BNSF Railway to 120th Avenue NE			Construction		
NE 6th Street Extension: Construction to be determined					

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Additional project information, including a detailed project frequently asked questions document, is posted on the project website:

<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/NE-5th-traffic.htm>

Call, email or submit your questions to:

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NE 5th Street in the Wilburton Neighborhood



Traffic volumes expected to increase on NE 5th Street

Through the neighborhood traffic planning process for NE 5th Street, the city found that if no actions are taken to improve NE 5th Street prior to the completion of these other planned projects,* traffic volumes are expected to more than double on NE 5th Street. Volumes would increase from 135 vehicles per hour today to 350 vehicles per hour by 2015 during the evening peak commute, from 4 pm to 6 pm. This increase in traffic is mostly due to drivers using NE 5th Street as an alternate route to avoid congestion along other surrounding streets, such as 120th Avenue NE and NE 8th Street.

* For more information on other planned Wilburton Connections projects please feel free to contact Nancy LaCombe at (425) 452-4382 or NLacombe@bellevuewa.gov.

The NE 5th Street Traffic Committee needs your help!

The NE 5th Street Traffic Committee was formed to help the city develop the future plan for NE 5th Street. The committee consists of resident volunteers from your neighborhood, representatives from adjacent businesses, and city staff from Transportation, Fire and Police. The traffic committee has worked to develop a range of options that could be implemented to address future anticipated traffic volumes on NE 5th Street. The committee is now soliciting the Wilburton community's input on their priorities for and preferences for how NE 5th Street will look in the future.

How will your input be used?

The Traffic Committee will use your questionnaire to help make a decision on a preferred option for NE 5th Street. Preferences and priorities from properties on or adjacent to NE 5th Street as opposed to the wider Wilburton community will be taken into account. The preferred option recommended by the committee will be shared with the public for further comment at a workshop before the final design is developed.

What options were considered for NE 5th Street?

The options on the following page are the most feasible options for the community to consider in managing and/or reducing the future anticipated traffic volumes on NE 5th Street, based on discussions by City staff and traffic committee members. Other options such as adding a signal on NE 5th Street at 120th Avenue NE and/or 124th Avenue NE, or installing traffic circles, speed bumps or other traffic calming devices on NE 5th Street were found to either not be warranted or were not the right traffic management tool to manage an increase in traffic volumes.

Would emergency response times on NE 5th Street be affected?

A full closure, or No Through Access (Option A), of NE 5th Street may have some impact on emergency response time but any improvement or change to NE 5th Street would be implemented in a way that still allows full emergency access.



NE 5th Street Traffic Committee Members

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Wilburton resident

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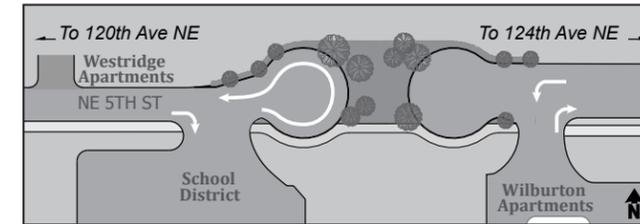
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We encourage the Wilburton community to seek out and talk to the NE 5th Street Traffic Committee members. They can help answer your questions, gather your comments, and are available to discuss why the City of Bellevue is planning to improve NE 5th Street, given future traffic anticipated on this neighborhood street.

Options being considered for NE 5th Street

Option A No Through Access

Eliminate all through access on NE 5th Street east of the Bellevue School District Facility.

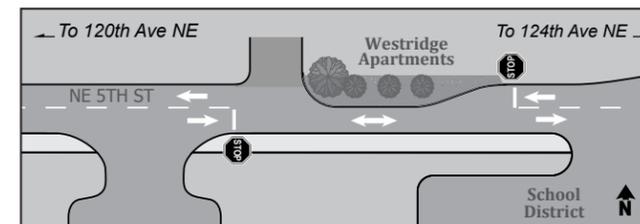


Information to consider

- Eliminates access between 120th and 124th between Bellevue School District Facility and Wilburton Apartments
- Reduces cut through traffic by up to 220 evening peak hour vehicles
- May delay but does not preclude emergency response
- Potential for reduced vehicle speeds
- Decreases noise
- Increases travel time by 2 to 4 minutes
- Requires modification of school bus routes
- Increases traffic delays on surrounding arterials
- Reduces access/convenience to adjacent properties

Option C Two-Way Restricted Through Access

Allow two-way traffic on NE 5th Street with modifications to deter cut through use of NE 5th Street.

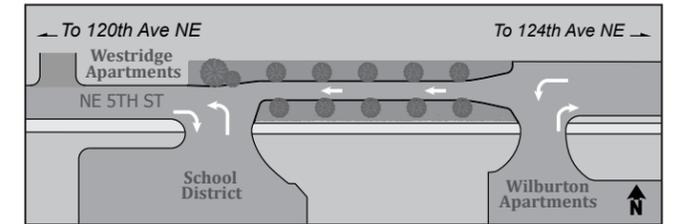


Information to consider

- Maintains access between 120th and 124th
- Some anticipated reduction in cut through traffic
- Potential for reduced vehicle speeds
- May deter cut through traffic within Wilburton neighborhood east of 124th
- Requires no modifications of school bus routes

Option B One-Way Westbound Through Access

Allow only one-way through traffic by restricting eastbound access for a short section on NE 5th Street east of the Bellevue School District Facility. Two-way traffic would still be allowed on either side.

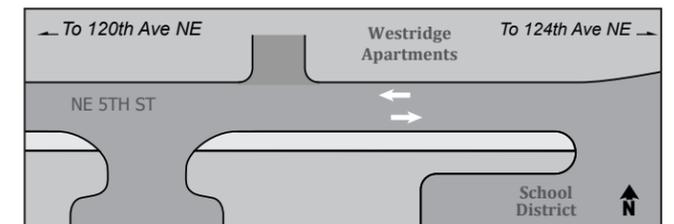


Information to consider

- Westbound only access from 120th to 124th between Bellevue School District Facility and Wilburton Apartments
- Reduces cut through traffic by up to 150 evening peak hour vehicles
- Potential for reduced vehicle speeds
- Decreases noise
- Increases travel time by 1 to 3 minutes
- Requires modification of school bus routes
- Increases traffic delays on surrounding arterials
- Reduces access/convenience to adjacent properties
- Requires police enforcement

Option D Maintain Current Two-Way Unrestricted Through Access

Maintain NE 5th Street as it is today, with no new modifications.



Information to consider

- Maintains existing access between 120th and 124th
- May increase cut through traffic within Wilburton neighborhood east of 124th
- Traffic likely to increase on NE 5th
- Requires no modifications of school bus routes