

# NE 40<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Study

## Executive Summary

### Survey #2

#### **Introduction**

The NE 40<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Study covers NE 40<sup>th</sup> Street between 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and West Lake Sammamish Parkway NE. NE 40<sup>th</sup> Street is an auto-oriented corridor, with a high level of pedestrian and bicycle use. The unique nature of the Microsoft Campus spanning across SR 520 makes for challenges in balancing safety and efficiency in moving vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles through this area. Goals of the study include looking at improvements for non-motorized modes (pedestrians and bicycles) along the corridor, potential safety improvements for all modes of travel (pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles), and opportunities for gateway and activity node treatments.

In an effort to solicit additional input from users of the corridor on the short-term and long-term pedestrian and bicycle improvements along NE 40<sup>th</sup> Street, an online survey was conducted from August 24 to September 11, 2009. The survey was announced on Microsoft's website, emailed to pedestrian and bicycle advocates in the City of Bellevue via a link on their Walking and Biking in Bellevue web page, appeared in the Redmond Reporter, on the City of Redmond web site, and KOMO Neighborhood News, and sent by email to over 100 Overlake stakeholders. There were 195 responses to this survey of proposed options.

#### **Key Findings**

Below is a summary of the significant findings of the survey results. Based on the responses received the findings are consistent for all modes of travel.

#### **Users are Multi-modal**

Users of NE 40<sup>th</sup> Street who responded to the survey are predominantly multimodal. Of the 195 respondents to the survey, 87% said they use more than one mode of travel. This includes bicycling, walking, and transit. Of those who drive themselves, 15% also use public transit, 19% use Microsoft's shuttle or Connector, 24% walk, and 29% bike. The responses to the survey show that a fairly high percentage of people using NE 40<sup>th</sup> Street are multimodal as compared to other metropolitan areas in the Puget Sound Region.

#### **Users want a safe corridor for all modes**

Over half (52%) of the survey respondents said they are not at all comfortable with vehicles/bikes sharing a lane. Safety was listed as the biggest concern when sharing a lane.

#### **Users prefer short-term (3-6 years) Option A - Remove barrier and restripe for bike lanes, add canopy over the sidewalk**

A high percentage (88%) preferred this option, which provides separated bike lanes as well as a raised sidewalk with weather protection along the NE 40<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge over the SR 520 freeway.

### **Users prefer long term-Option 1A - Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge Crossing at Overlake Transit Center**

A moderately high percentage (63%) also preferred a separated pedestrian bridge crossing from the Overlake Transit Center and new Sound Transit station to Microsoft's West campus.

### **Conclusion**

Based upon the results of the survey, it can be concluded that most respondents are trying to get out of their cars and use alternative modes of travel along the corridor, but they are not completely comfortable doing so with out bike lanes or a physical separation for pedestrians from traffic. These responses indicate the need to provide good transit, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities for the corridor.