



156th Street NE Railroad Overcrossing

Total Request: \$1,000,000

Project Background

The 156th Street NE Railroad Overcrossing project in Marysville proposes to reinstate the public railroad crossing with an overcrossing at the BNSF Railway mainline track at 156th Street NE just west of Interstate 5. This crossing was once a public at-grade road crossing that was closed by BNSF and the WUTC in the early 2000s without recognition of future growth needs west of I-5. Reinstating this crossing will support future development and provide much-needed expanded public access to and from I-5 for north Snohomish County residents and businesses.

Access

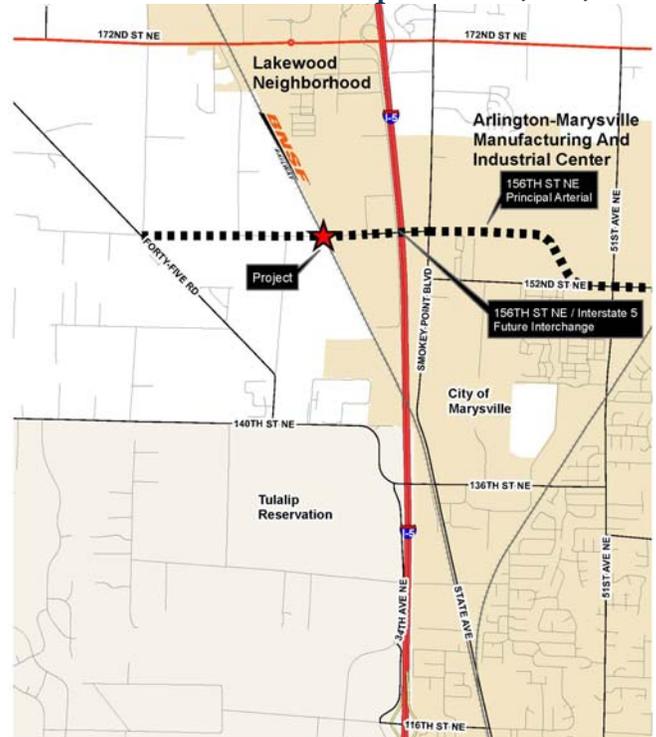
Current access to and from the freeway in this vicinity occurs at the interchange of I-5 and State Route 531 (172nd Street NE). A future I-5 interchange at 156th Street NE is funded under Connecting Washington (\$42M, 2025-31). Once complete, this will provide an alternative access to and from I-5, but traffic west of I-5 will essentially be landlocked by the parallel railroad line. While the City has planned connections through the developing Lakewood neighborhood, a railroad overcrossing at 156th Street NE will better accommodate traffic circulation and growth in the region.

Development

The City of Marysville, in partnership with adjacent property owners, constructed the overcrossing at 156th and I-5 in 2013 to spur development and provide access to the Arlington-Marysville Manufacturing and Industrial Center and the Lakewood neighborhood. The City has funded the design phase of arterial improvements that will build out 156th St. NE, 51st Ave. NE and 160th St. NE. Tremendous commercial and residential growth is taking place in the City's Lakewood Neighborhood Master Planned area and adjacent unincorporated Snohomish County west of I-5, causing increased congestion and significant daily traffic impacts along SR 531 (172nd Street NE).

Improvements

Total project cost for the 156th Street NE Overcrossing project that would span the BNSF Railway track is estimated at \$12.35M including design, right-of-way, permitting and construction. The City's request of \$1.0 million will complete 30% design, identify permit and right-of-way needs, and establish an accurate construction cost. The City also desires to include this railroad overcrossing project at 156th St. NE with the planned interchange project funded through the Connecting Washington package. By advancing design and leveraging future Connecting Washington funds, the City would be in a better position to compete for additional funds towards the 156th St NE Railroad Overcrossing project.



Former at-grade RR crossing closed in early 2000s



Overcrossing at I-5 & 156th Street NE