



East Lake Washington Blvd Area

- How can the project enhance connectivity to and through this area?
- How can the project create a green connection to the surrounding neighborhood?

East Lake Washington Boulevard - Baseline Design

Description

East Lake Washington Boulevard is a historic Olmsted Boulevard that provides connection through the Montlake neighborhood and the Arboretum

Function

- Accommodate traffic accessing SR 520 and local streets
- Maintain existing on-street parking and access to adjacent homes
- Create new and improved bicycle/pedestrian connections
- Provide access to the Montlake lid operations and maintenance building
- Provide a planted median to buffer traffic, noise, and visual effects

Design Goals

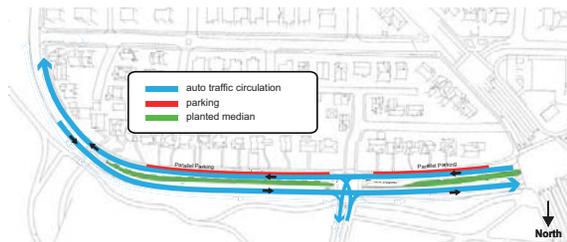
- Integrate design elements that reflect the character of a historic boulevard
- Establish a new gateway to the Arboretum
- Improve bicycle/pedestrian linkages to the Arboretum and the surrounding neighborhoods
- Buffer noise, visual, and traffic effects of the project from adjacent homes and surrounding neighborhoods
- Reduce opportunities for "cut-through" traffic in the neighborhood

Sustainability Opportunities

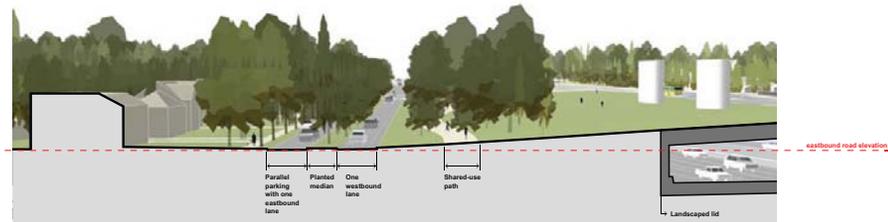
- Connectivity - Complete key regional connections
- Ecology - Increase green and open spaces
- Materials - Reduced paving materials



Bird's eye looking south



Automobile traffic circulation



Perspective section looking west, see location above

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SR 520

East Lake Washington Boulevard - Option A Parkway

Refinement Opportunity

- Maintains the couplet (split two-way traffic) roadway design and introduces a wider planted median

Benefits

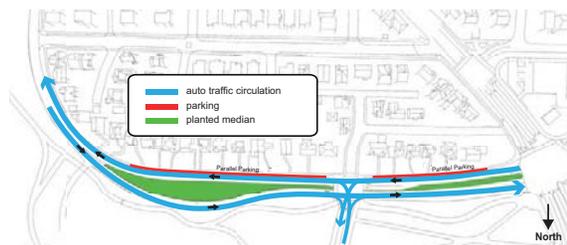
- Wider median creates additional planted buffer from westbound traffic on East Lake Washington Boulevard
- Enhances the Olmsted character of the boulevard
- Enhances an opportunity for an Arboretum entrance feature

Considerations

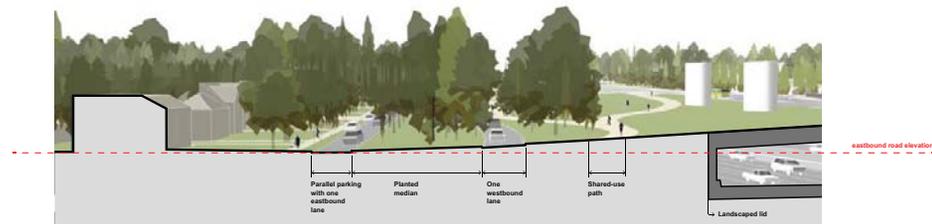
- Explore improved bike and pedestrian linkages to Arboretum and adjacent neighborhoods
- Opportunities for how the wider median is designed and utilized
- Opportunities for elevation change at median and westbound lane to help buffer noise and views of traffic



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East Lake Washington Boulevard - Option B Local Access Road

Refinement Opportunity

- Reconfigures roadway with eastbound and westbound lanes north of the planted median
- Maintains existing historic roadway as one-way eastbound local access with parallel parking

Benefits

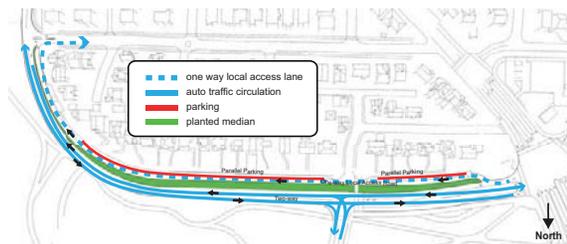
- Enhances an opportunity for Arboretum entrance feature
- Separates local traffic from regional traffic
- Buffers majority of traffic from adjacent homes

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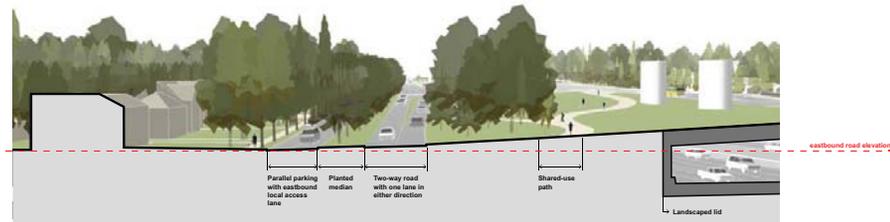
- Restricts through traffic on 24th Avenue across East Lake Washington Boulevard
- May be perceived as less Olmsted (historic) in design character
- May result in additional paved area



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