

South Park Water, Street, & Sidewalk Improvements

Funding Request: \$700,000



Request: The City of Lynden is requesting Whatcom County Economic Development Investment (EDI) funds in the amount of \$700,000 to complete water and street improvements on South Park Street. This City neighborhood collector has an undersized water main that doesn't provide adequate fire flow. Further, the street is old with non-ADA compliant sidewalks. The requested funds would be matched with \$1,000,000 in City funds.

Issue: The $\frac{1}{4}$ mile section of water main beneath South Park Street is old, deteriorated, and doesn't meet current City standard. Flow testing has shown that the existing water main does not provide adequate fire flow which makes this a life safety concern for this neighborhood. The South Park roadway and sidewalk are also in poor condition and are logical candidates for replacement and upgrading to current Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. South Park is a local neighborhood street connector between 8th Street and Depot Road, the major collector. This deficiency has been identified in the City's adopted Water System Plan.

Solution: This project will upgrade the water main to City standards to provide adequate fire flow and add fire hydrants for required fire protection to the neighborhood. After upgrading the below-street utilities, the existing old and deteriorated street will be reconstructed with new asphalt and pedestrian sidewalks and ramps to meet current Federal and City ADA standards.

The aerial photo below highlights the section of South Park Street that would receive new upgraded water main, street and pedestrian reconstruction to City ADA standards.

