



OPEN SPACE CONSERVANCY TRUST STAFF REPORT

Item 3
April 29, 2025
Special Business

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

TITLE:	Island Crest Way and SE 68 th Street Intersection Update	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Receive update and provide feedback.	<input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
STAFF:	Jason Kintner, Chief of Operations Patrick Yamashita, City Engineer Sam Harb, Parks Operations Manager Rebecca Corigliano, Transportation Engineer	
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a	
EXHIBITS:	1. SE 68 th Street Conceptual Design	

SUMMARY

In 2025-2026, City staff are planning and designing improvements at the Island Crest Way and SE 68th Street intersection to increase pedestrian safety and accessibility to Pioneer Park. City staff will present the conceptual design at the April 29, 2025, Open Space Conservancy Trust meeting. Construction at Island Crest Way and SE 68th Street is not yet scheduled or funded in the current Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

BACKGROUND

Safety on Island Crest Way has been a concern for many years. In 2022, the [Island Crest Way Corridor Safety Analysis](#) (90th Ave. SE to SE 68th Street) was performed and identified safety recommendations. In 2023-2024, the [Island Crest Way Corridor Improvements](#) project began planning and design efforts on several of the recommendations including safety improvements at the Island Crest Way/SE 68th Street intersection. Construction of three crosswalk improvements along Island Crest Way at Island Park Elementary School, SE 62nd Street, and SE 63rd Street began in summer 2024 and will be completed in early summer 2025. In 2025-2026, design of intersection safety improvements at SE 53rd Place and SE 68th Street and the first of three phases of a shared use path along Island Crest Way will be performed.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The three quadrants of Pioneer Park are directly adjacent to the Island Crest Way/SE 68th Street intersection and are zoned as Open Space. The requirements of [Mercer Island City Code \(MICC\) 19.05.030](#) (Open Space Zone) apply. City staff developed the conceptual design of the intersection with MICC 19.05.030 in mind.

As part of the process for the Island Crest Way/SE 68th Street safety improvement design, City staff will coordinate design efforts with the Pioneer Park Open Space Conservancy Trust. The first step will be a

presentation of the conceptual design for the SE 68th Street intersection improvements at the April 29, 2025, meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive presentation and provide feedback.