

Ship Harbor and SR20 Spur Intersection Improvement
Commonly Asked Questions:

- **What process was implemented to gather input from the impacted residents before the project was considered?**

A public open house was held in January to provide information and gather feedback from the community on the proposed roundabout project. Residents in the area were also consulted about the impact of the project. All feedback was highly considered when the decision to move forward with the project was made.

Even with traffic control plans including detours in place, the city acknowledges travel during the work will be difficult and burdensome. However, the benefits of the improvements will be well worth it, taking the intersection from a Level of Service D to Level of Service A for the indefinite future, thereby improving travel for residents and tourists for the foreseeable future.

Work in the area is primarily scheduled 8 am to 5 pm weekdays, minimizing noise and other disturbances for neighborhoods in the area during evening hours and weekends.

- **What studies were conducted to show how traffic flow patterns would be impacted in the vicinity and from ferry traffic?**

There is a Traffic Impact Analysis done, in 2005, by the San Juan Passage Developers that took into account all proposed subdivisions at that time. Leeward Landing submitted a Traffic Impact Analysis in 2008 and the City of Anacortes had a City Wide Traffic Impact Study done in 2019.

- **How many accidents have occurred at this intersection?**

Since 1998, the accident data identifies five accidents at this intersection.

- Rear Impact, failed to yield Right-of-Way
- Drove off the street and hit a power pole
- Side Impact, failed to yield Right-of-Way
- No description
- Rear end

- **What is the source of tax monies used to pay for this project?**

Available funds: \$1,617,750.00

- Waterline Improvements: \$75,765.00
- ADA Ramps: \$20,650.00
- Federal Grant: \$821,750.00
- Impact Fees: \$796,000.00

- **Who determined that a Roundabout was necessary at this intersection? What public input was there?**

In 2005 to 2008 when San Juan Passage and Channel View Landing, Phase 1 and 2 and Leeward Landing were in the Public process, there were two options for this intersection. The first being a signalized intersection, proposed by Washington State Department of Transportation, and the second option was a roundabout, proposed by the City of Anacortes. When San Juan Passage was completed, the developers provided a conduit set up for a signal, and the city negotiated an easement for a future roundabout.

At full buildout of all subdivisions proposed, the level of service for the southbound leg was determined to be at a Level of Service D. The city is required to maintain all intersections at a Level of Service C or better. Today, not all subdivisions are completed, but the Level of Service of the southbound leg warrants the improvements.

In 2016, the City of Anacortes, with the support of WSDOT, moved forward with the roundabout improvements. In January, the city held a public open house to gather feedback from the community and residents in the area were consulted on the proposed changes.

- **How do I get across the street from Clearidge to the north side?**

The project includes crosswalks in all four directions. The crosswalks across Oakes Avenue will include Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons for additional notification to drivers. An example of what a Rectangular Flashing Beacon can be seen along Oakes Avenue at Kansas Avenue.

- **What is the schedule for the new roundabout?**

The contract allows for 70-working days to achieve project completion, which will be right around June 22, 2020. The provided schedule has the roundabout completed and open to full traffic in and around May 28.

- **Does the city plan to open up the Fire Access road into San Juan Passage/Channel Landing for residents to use during construction of the Roundabout?**

Only in an emergency. Not for daily day-to-day traffic.

- **Will there be irrigation vegetation on the roundabout center circle? If so, please confirm that the city will set up the system and pay the ongoing water bills and vegetation maintenance bills for this area.**

There will be irrigation system installed in the center island. The water meter and detector double check will be installed within the roundabout as well. All water, maintenance and care will be done by the City of Anacortes.

- **Will there be shields on all of the new streetlights to reduce the lighting pollution?**

Yes.

- **What types of trees will be planted in the center of the Roundabout?**

There will be three trees installed in the roundabout. The type is Ginkgo Biloba (Maidenhair)

- **San Juan Passage: Do the city's tap-in points on the plan into our irrigation system for our Highway 20 trees, shrubs and grass areas match our planned capping points (prior to construction) of the existing irrigation system?**

There is no exact tap-in points to the San Juan Passage irrigation system since the location of the irrigation is unknown. The project, working with the San Juan Passage Landscape Company, will locate the system to the east and to the west. The pipes are to be capped off to allow for the construction of the improvements. When the improvement (Curb, gutter, sidewalk, etc.) are completed, the irrigation system between those two points will be reconstructed and made operable for the San Juan Passage Homeowners Association.

- **San Juan Passage: An earlier schematic showed the existing right-turn lane heading into San Juan Passage from the east eliminated and filled in with an expansive new irrigated grass area, together with the existing sidewalk. Is this still the plan? (We lobbied with the Project Manager, Steve Lange, for a man-made surface to cover this area in order to eliminate the need for additional irrigation and lawn maintenance, which the San Juan Passage HOA would have to pay the bills for).**

Our goal is to minimize the amount of impervious surface and pollutant generating surfaces. The City will be installing a conduit for future irrigation needs, if any. The areas highlighted in green will be mowed by the City of Anacortes and will be non-irrigated. The center island of the roundabout will be irrigated by the city.



- **San Juan Passage: Confirm that the partially complete San Juan Passage entry sidewalk (on the west side), which was left unfinished after the Fiber Installation, will be restored to normal condition as part of the project.**

The removed section of sidewalk will be replaced under this contract.

- **If you close Oakes completely, how long would it be closed?**

Oakes Avenue will remain open during construction with intermittent delays to allow for construction to take place. The delay times have not been determined, but could be based on the work taking place at that specific point in time.

- **Did a traffic analysis show Rock Ridge was the best way as an alternate route?**

There was no traffic analysis done for any alternate route. Our best efforts were to provide an alternate route for folks to bypass construction.

- **What direction is the City telling Skyline residents to travel?**

The intersection will remain open during construction with delays. The city has presented alternate routes to bypass the construction of the intersection due to experienced delays.

- **What about bicycle and pedestrian traffic through the site?**

The intersection will be open to all forms of transportation.

- **What is the time delay through the site during construction?**

The delay times have not been determined, but could be based on the work being performed at that specific point in time.

- **Has it been decided who is paying for the landscaping in the new improvements? City of Anacortes? HOAs?**

The City of Anacortes has been working with both the Clearidge HOA and the SJP HOA on replacement of removed vegetation. The vegetation and landscaping will reflect the agreements made.

- **Can we do away with the landscaping in the strips and roundabout?**

The rendering identifies vegetation within the splitter islands. The rendering design was based on 30% plan completion. Since that time, the construction plans identify stamped brick concrete in Terra-cotta color.

- **Where can we view the City's new zoning information?**

Under the Planning Department on the City of Anacortes website.