

**NE EVERETT STREET**

**NE LAKE ROAD**

## Project Information and Updates

The City of Camas has finalized design and is preparing for construction of the intersection improvements to the NE Everett Street (State Route-500) and NE Lake Road intersection in spring 2020.

### Why Are the Improvements Important?

This is a critical intersection for the community, connecting the north shore, south shore, and downtown Camas and providing access to regional recreation areas at Lacamas Lake and Round Lake. As community and regional growth has increased, so has traffic, causing safety and mobility concerns for the community. During the planning phase of this project, we evaluated existing traffic and environmental conditions, sought input from the community, and recommended improvements to address congestion and safety for all users – motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

### Selected Project Alternative

During the “pre-construction phase,” we analyzed all the options for making the intersection safer and more efficient. These options included variations on two primary concepts: a signalized intersection and a roundabout intersection. Each variation succeeded in moving vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians through the area. However, they differed in multiple ways.

After extensive review and a comprehensive public outreach process, which included coordination with Project Advisory and Landscape Design committees, stakeholder interviews, multiple City Council workshops, two public open houses, two online community surveys and online project webpage, the Camas City Council selected a roundabout option for the intersection improvements. The total cost estimate for the intersection improvement project is \$7 to \$8 million (including a significant contingency for unexpected expenses), and construction is expected to begin in spring 2020.





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Roundabout Improvement



### Roundabout intersection benefits include:

- Shorter vehicle lineup entering the roundabout resulting in more consistent gaps in traffic
- Estimated project timeline of 1-2 years versus 5-10 years for a signalized intersection
- Increased safety due to lower speeds of approximately 10-15 mph
- Fewer potential impacts to property access, parking lots, and businesses
- Fewer potential impacts to wetlands, trees, and private property
- Shorter crossing distance for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Lower construction costs
- Less disruption to existing traffic patterns during construction

### Project Status

This first phase of the project included an alternatives analysis, transportation and environmental analysis, conceptual design, environmental documentation, and stakeholder and community outreach.

The City has selected a roundabout for construction, which is scheduled to begin in spring 2020.

This is a priority project to serve all citizens of Camas, and the City is funding construction with a variety of sources. The City received a \$1 million low-interest loan from the Public Works Board for the initial design and pre-construction. For construction, approximately \$3.3 million in funding comes from a Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) grant, and the remaining approximately \$3.7 million from a low-interest loan from the Public Works Board.

### Ways to Stay Engaged!

We invite you to learn more and share feedback in any of the following ways:

Online: [www.cityofcamas.us/lakeroad](http://www.cityofcamas.us/lakeroad)

Visit the City's project website for project details, upcoming events, and next steps.

Contact us with questions, concerns, or comments:

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