

Project #17: Meridian Street Roundabouts (Meridian/Squalicum & Meridian/Birchwood)

PROJECT NARRATIVE: These two closely spaced intersections are a critical freight route and multimodal transportation link between the industrial Bellingham Waterfront and U.S.-Canadian border crossings connected by Interstate 5 and Guide-Meridian (SR 539). When the Orchard-Birchwood extension is completed in 2020, vehicle traffic volume, as well as pedestrian and bicycle demand, will increase and these intersections will become increasingly congested. Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plans call for sidewalks and Parks plans call for a multiuse trail on the former railroad bed. WTA has indicated that Meridian is a candidate for future high-frequency GO Line service.

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS: Tier 2 sidewalks, Tier 3 bicycle lanes, turn lanes, increased access, safety, sight distance, and efficiency. WTA Routes 4 and 15 currently provide transit service, with future consideration for high-frequency transit on Meridian Street (SR 539).

PROJECT STATUS: Feasibility Study 2019. Unfunded. State and federal grants, as well as public-private funding partnerships will be sought.

No.	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUNDING SOURCE	Cost Estimates (000's) 2019 Dollars					PROJECT TOTALS		
			Previous Budget	FUNDED			UNFUNDED			
			2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		2025	
17	Meridian Street Roundabouts (Squalicum & Birchwood) (2019 Feasibility Study)	Street	160				<i>Feasibility Study 2019</i>			
		Unknown					10,000			
		Subtotal	160					10,000		10,160

TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES COLLECTED

Yes, for local funds

RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION NECESSARY

Yes: Intersection corners and railroad ROW

