

# James Street & Bakerview Road Corridor Improvements

March 6, 2025



# Tonight's schedule

## Transportation Improvements (~15 minutes)

- James Street and Bakerview Road: Multimodal Roundabout
- James Street Multimodal Safety Improvements- Segments 3 & 4

## Parks & Recreation Department Updates (~15 minutes)

- Sunset Pond Trail
- Jill's Court Trail
- Primrose Trail
- East Bakerview Park

Open House and Q&A mingle until 7:30 p.m.

# James Street/Bakerview Road Intersection

- Existing issues:
  - Long vehicle queues and delays
  - Not enough space for left-turning vehicles
- Increased traffic as the area continues to grow





# James Street/Bakerview Road Multimodal Roundabout

- Reconstruct the intersection as a roundabout
  - Improves safety
  - Improves efficiency
  - Improves access for all modes of transportation





**James Street**

**Bakerview Road**

*EAST BAKERVIEW ROAD*

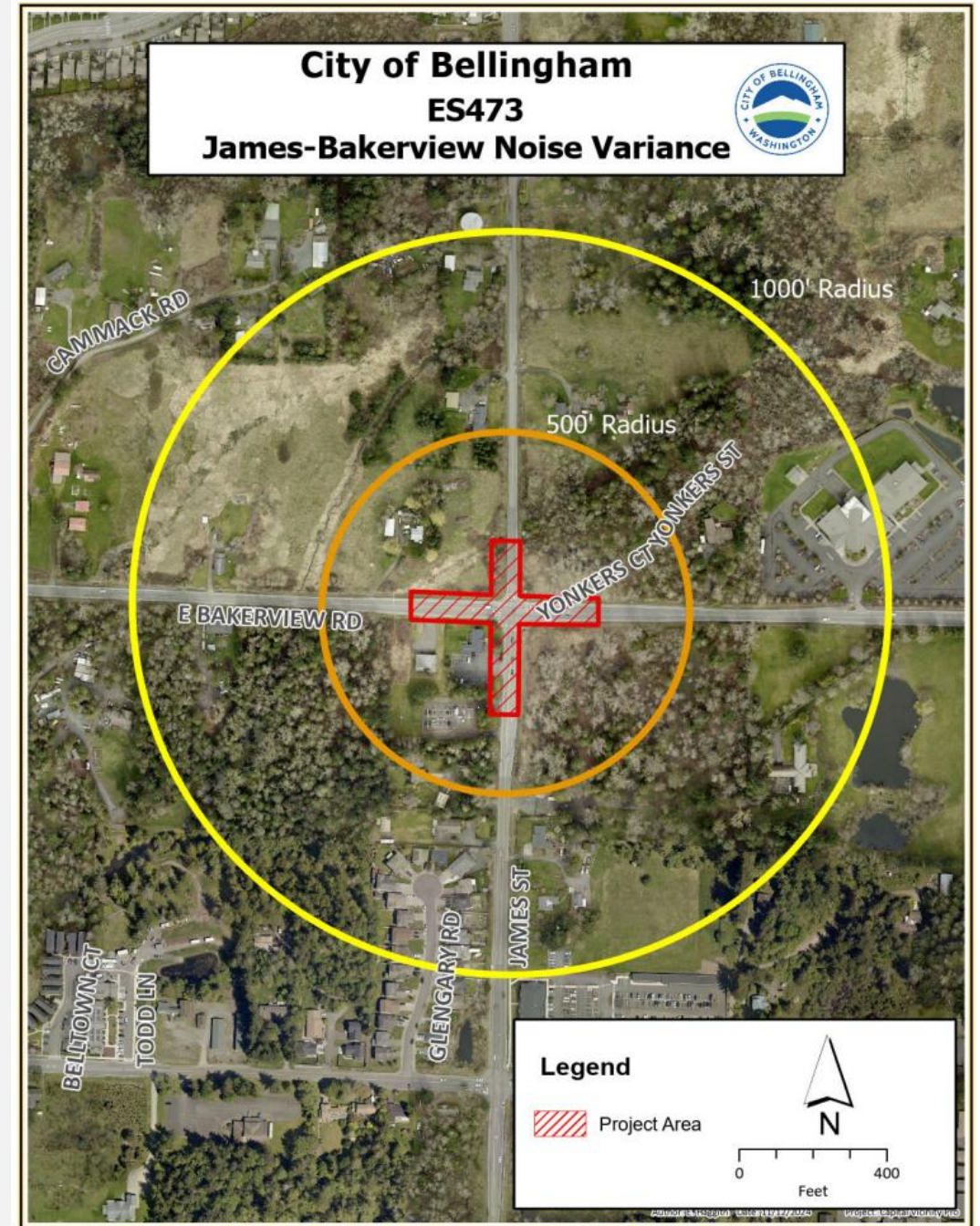
**Final design**

**INTERSECTION SITE PLAN**



## Construction Timeline

- Work will take 50 days, with 24-hour construction to speed up completion
- Starts March 31, 2025
- Scheduled to end in May 2025



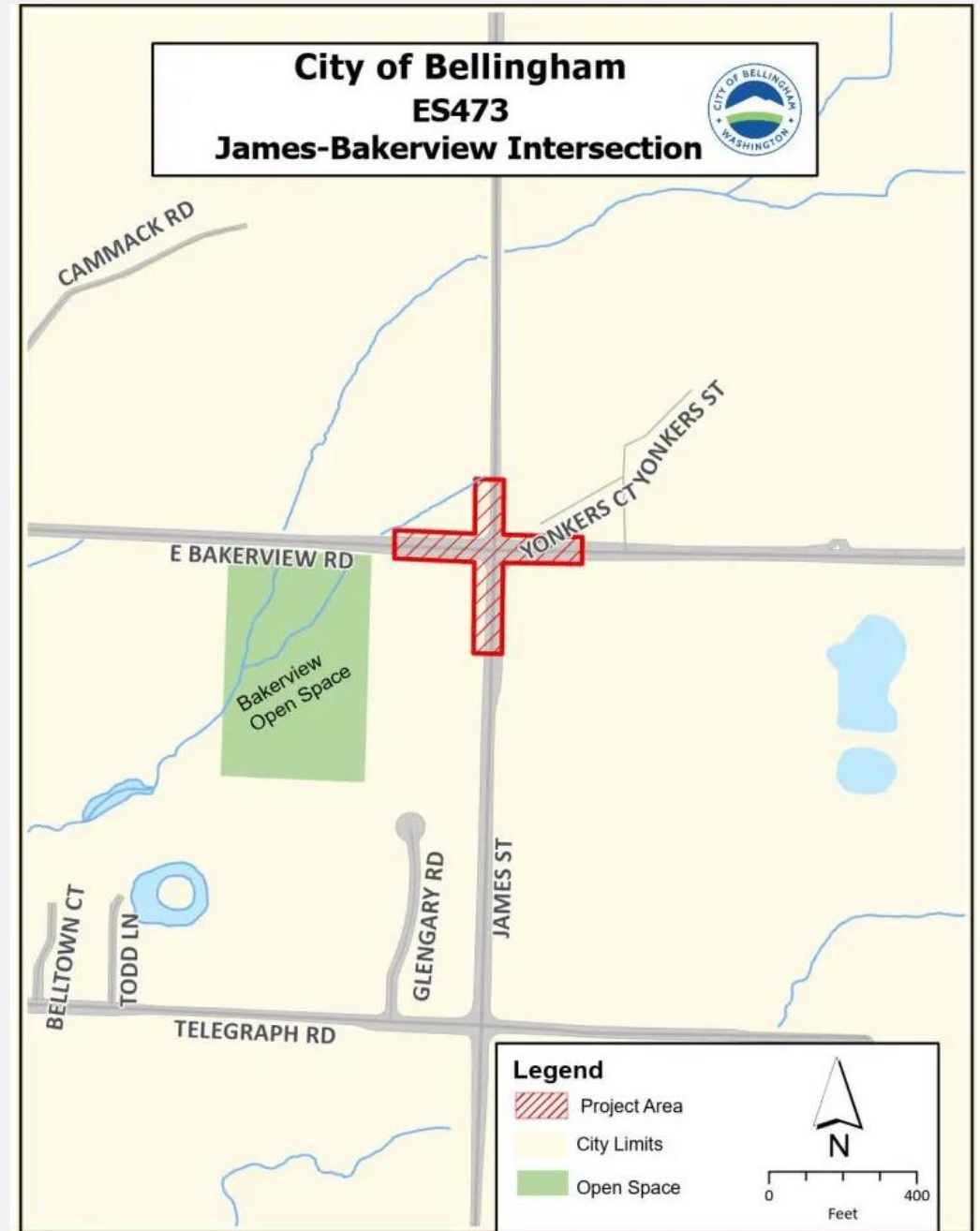
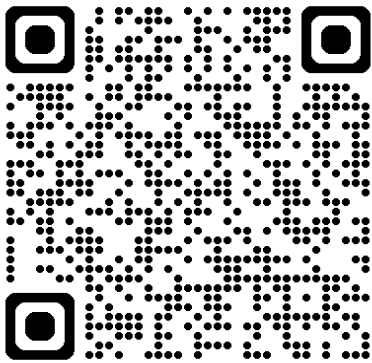


# Construction Impacts

- James Street closures:
  - South leg closed for 10 days
  - North leg closed for 15 days
  - Detour to Deemer Road
- Bakerview Road will stay open the entire time



For project updates, visit  
[cob.org/james-bakerview-intersection](https://cob.org/james-bakerview-intersection)  
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# James Street Multimodal Feasibility Study

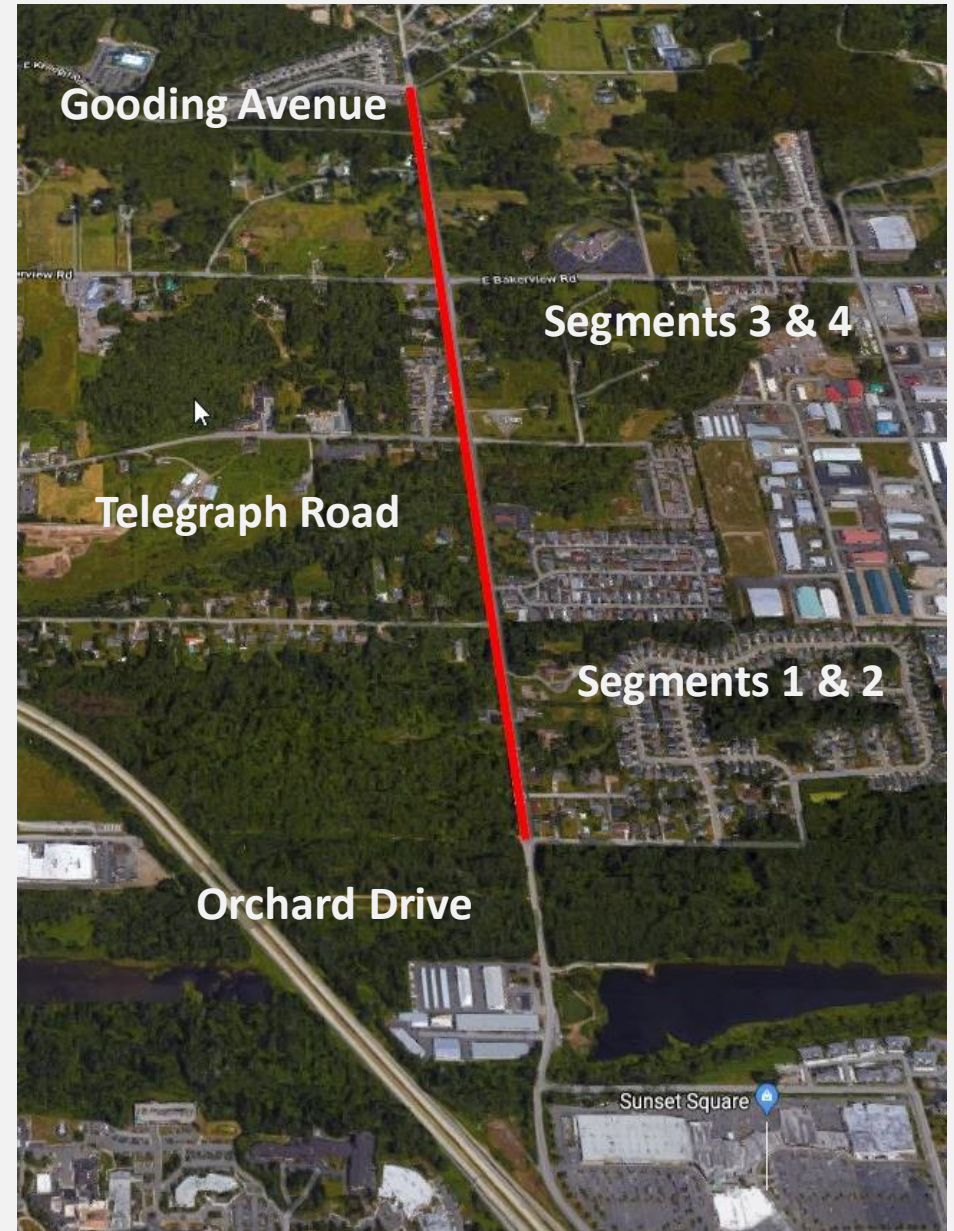
- 2019- Comprehensive corridor study of James Street from Orchard Drive to Kellogg Street
- Community feedback informed James Street Multimodal Safety Improvements





# James Street Multimodal Safety Improvements

- Purpose: build a multiuse path, sidewalks, and bike lanes along James Street
  - Segments 1 & 2: Orchard Drive to Telegraph Road
  - Segments 3 & 4: Telegraph Road to Gooding Avenue
- Provide safer and more accessible route for bikes and pedestrians in the northern part of town
- Connect to other bike and ped improvements





# James Street Multimodal Safety Improvements Segments 3 & 4

- Build a multi-use path from Telegraph Road to King Avenue
- Add sidewalks/bike lanes from King Avenue to Gooding Avenue
- Lighting updates
- Fiber connections



## Benefits of multiuse path

- Higher comfort for all users
- No modification of existing roadway or stormwater conveyance
- Less environmental impacts
- Less hardscape



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SHARED USE PATH



# Section Rendering





# Construction Details

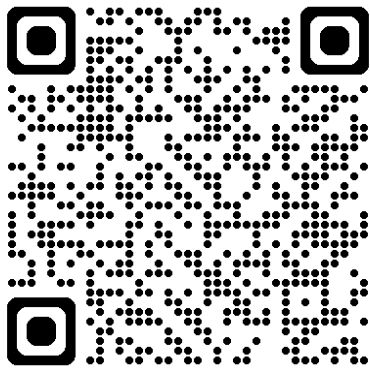
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- Construction expected to start 2026
- Impact on traffic- expect lane closures, construction equipment, and related disruptions



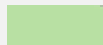



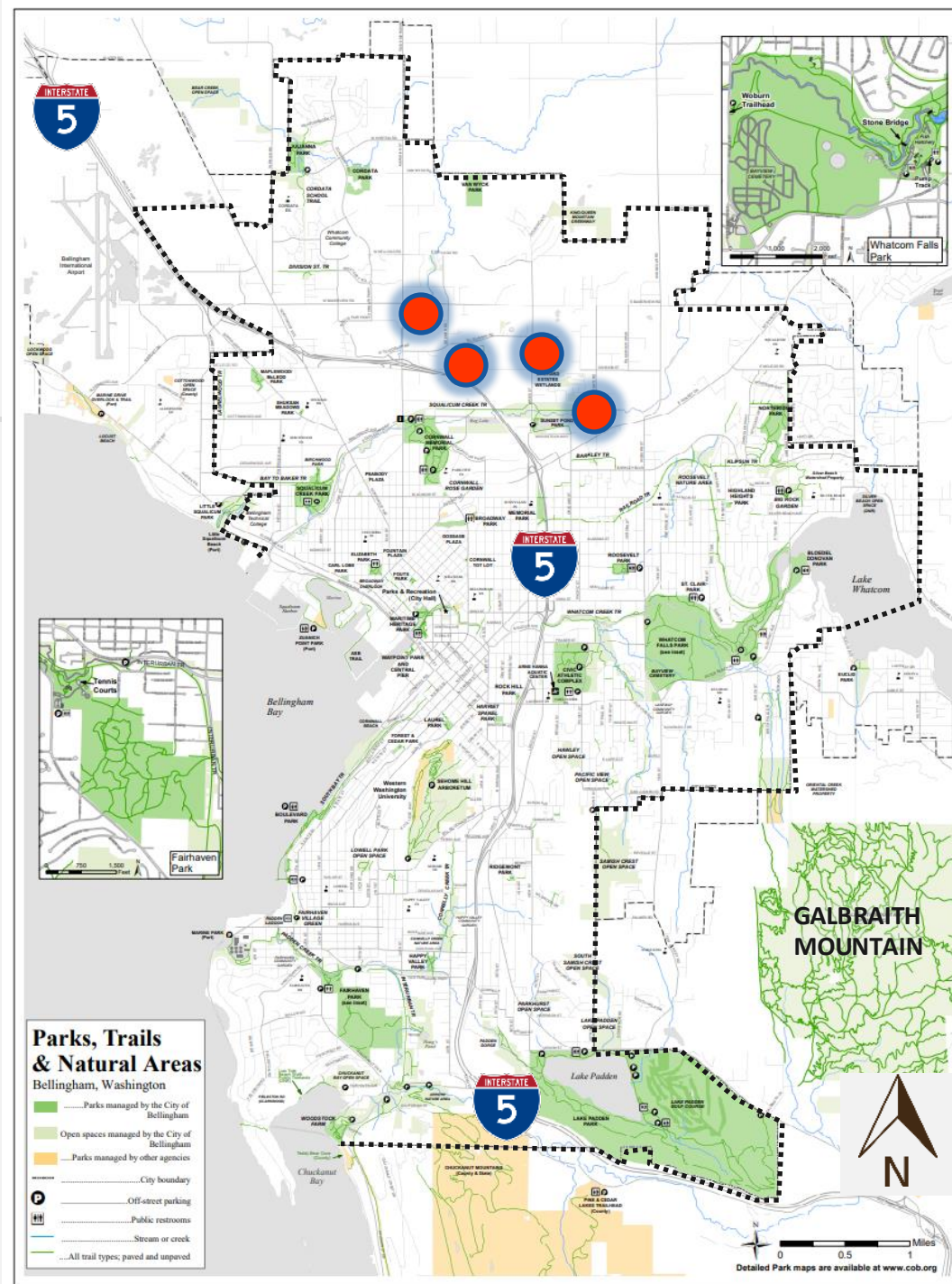


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# Parks & Recreation Projects

- Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan
  - Future projects:
    - Sunset Pond Trail
    - Bakerview Park
    - Jill's Court Trail
    - Primrose Trail
-  Projects
-  Existing Trails
-  Existing Parks
-  City Limits





# Sunset Pond Trail

- Gravel loop trail
- Scenic, elevated boardwalk
- Viewpoint bridge
- Interpretive & wayfinding signs







Squalicum Creek Trail – North Sunset Pond Loop

























Example:  
Northridge Park Trail  
Boardwalk





Example:  
West Cemetery Creek  
70 feet long  
7,300 pounds



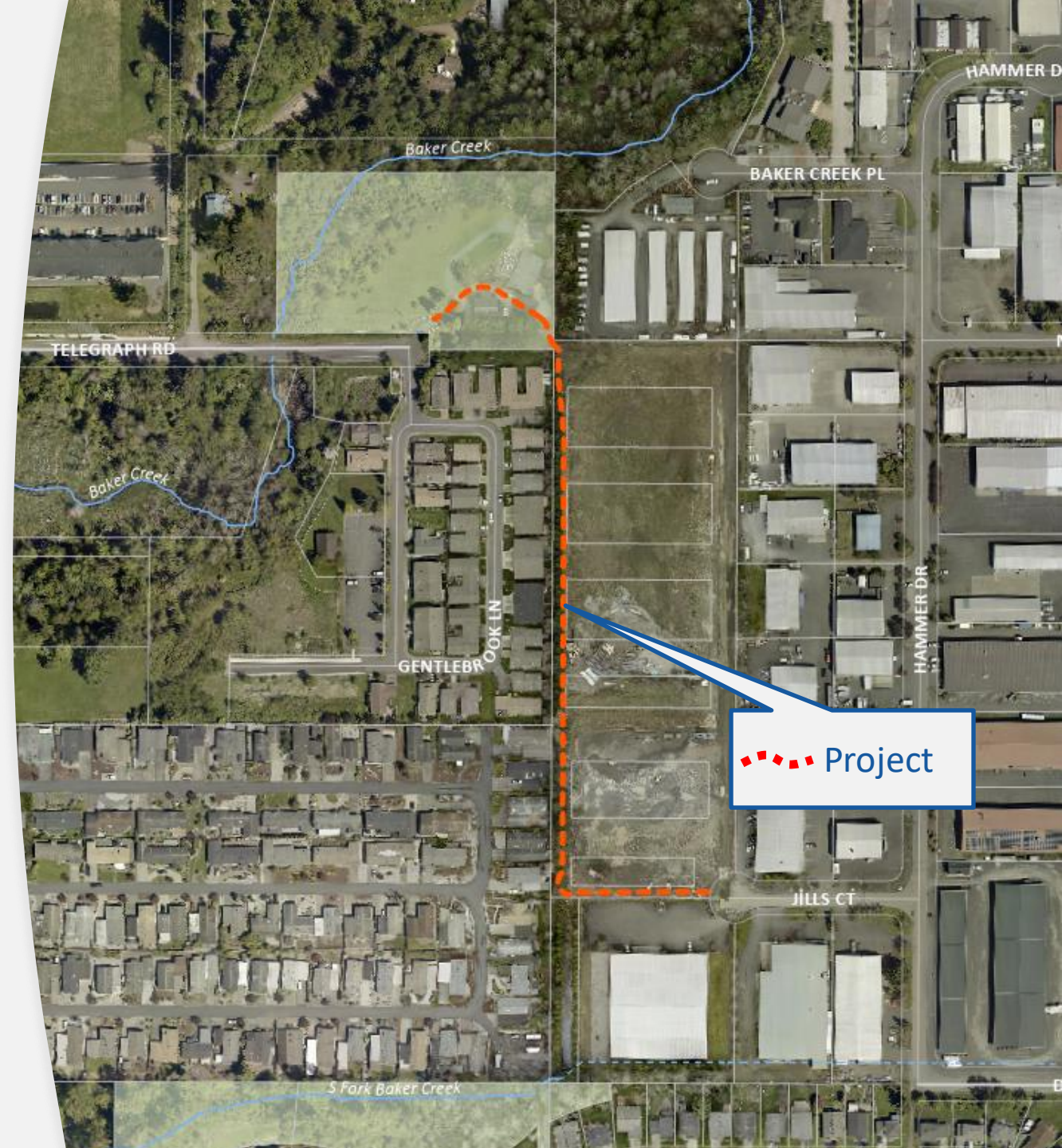


*Example:  
Squalicum Creek Bridge  
50 feet long  
45,900 pounds*



# Jill's Court Trail

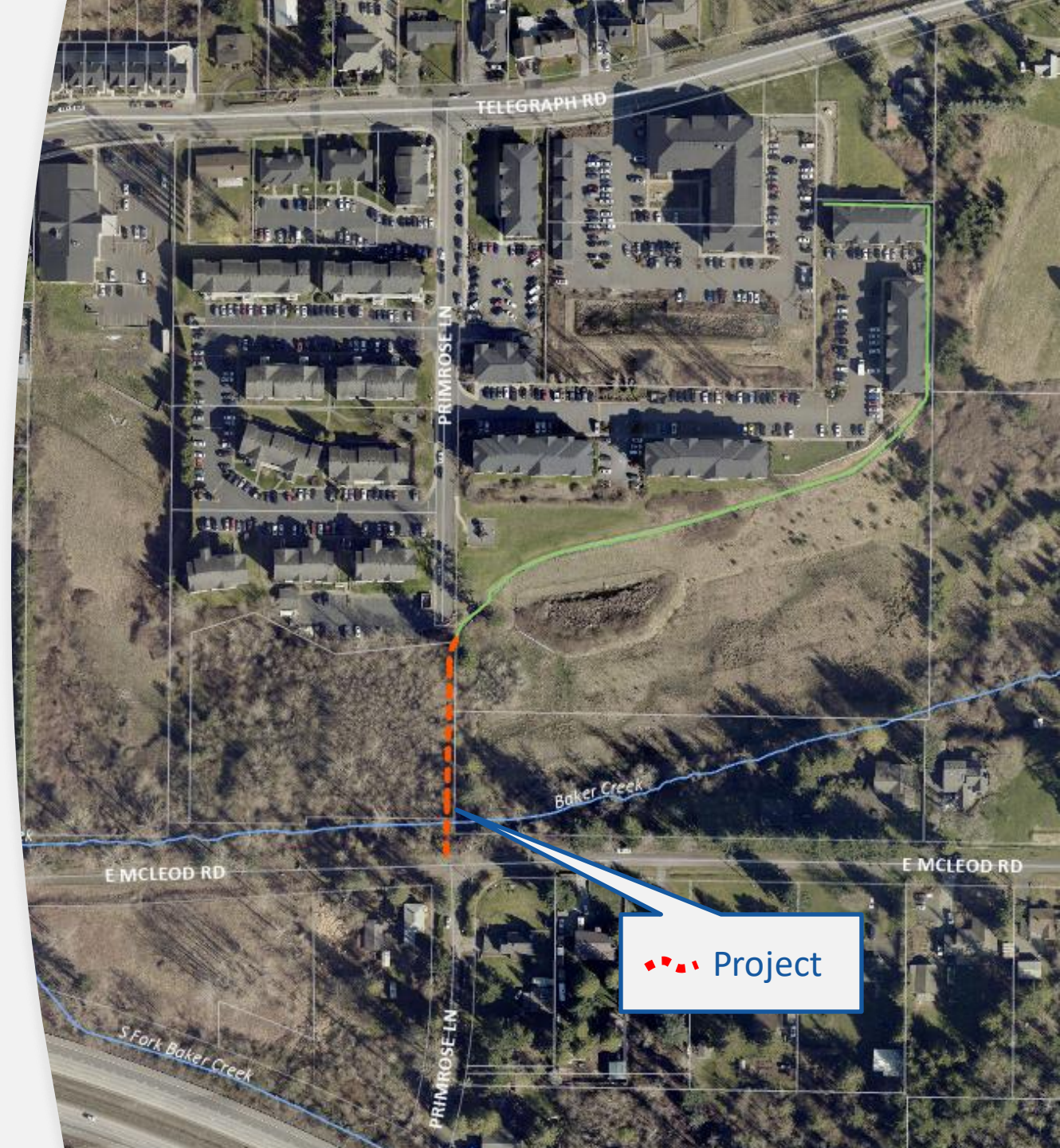
- Project: Gravel multi-use trail to connect Jill's Court to Telegraph Road
- Purpose: Provide bicycle and pedestrian connection from Telegraph Road to Sunset Pond Trail
- Funding: Greenways
- Schedule:
  - Design in progress
  - Construction anticipated 2025 or 2026





# Primrose Trail

- Project: Multi-use trail to connect Primrose Lane to East McLeod
- Crosses critical areas including wetlands and Baker Creek
- Purpose: Complete trail connection from East Bakerview Road to East McLeod. Future trail will connect to Bay to Baker trail at East Orchard Drive
- Funding: Greenways
- Schedule: Preliminary design 2025





# East Bakerview Park

- 29 acres of undeveloped land on Bakerview Road between Deemer Road and James Street
- Will function as a park, housing site, and multimodal trail hub connecting existing and future trails
- Purchased in 2022
- Funding: Greenways, PIF and REET
- Schedule – Master Plan 2025, design and construction 2026/2027





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