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Public Works Department  
City of Bellingham

**Open House and Public Meeting**

6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 30

Baker Creek Bible Church at 3920 James Street

Bellingham is growing, so vehicle traffic on all city streets, including James Street, will increase over time. What does that mean to you? Come find out, and help influence the outcome.

Prior to annexation to the City in 2009, the King Mountain Neighborhood was a rural area with low-density land uses. The City inherited rural roads (like James Street and Telegraph Road) from the County, along with the cost to retrofit them with sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks, traffic signals and roundabouts needed to accommodate higher density urban land uses envisioned in the [King Mountain Neighborhood Plan](#). This will take many years to complete.

Bellingham Public Works has hired TranspoGroup transportation consultants and begun a multi-disciplinary [James Street Multimodal Feasibility Study](#) from Orchard Drive to Kellogg Road to determine what kind of transportation improvements can be constructed, how much they may cost, and how we can strategically fund construction in the future.

On Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., Bellingham Public Works will deliver a 15-minute presentation providing background, purpose, and intent of the study, and then ask people to visit displays showing some alternative approaches to providing transportation improvements along different parts of James Street. This is your chance to interact with staff who can answer questions, listen to ideas, and address concerns about existing conditions or any of the alternatives. Public input from this Open House will result in further refinement of the alternatives to be analyzed in further depth. Study conclusions and recommendations for improvements will be developed and presented later in 2019.

More information is available on the [James Street Multimodal Feasibility Study](#) project web page. Staff is working with the [King Mountain Neighborhood Association](#) to notify property owners, residents, and businesses along and around James Street of both the study and the April 30, 2019 Open House.

Please contact me if you have questions and I'll look forward to seeing you there!

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