

# Project #12: W. Illinois Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Improvements (Meridian Street to Lynn Street)

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** W. Illinois Street is a major east-west connection serving west-central Bellingham between Sunset (SR 542), Cornwall, Meridian (SR 539) and Northwest Avenue. W. Illinois provides access to Cornwall Park, Parkview Elementary School, a regional grocery store, Fountain District Urban Village, and residential homes in the Cornwall Park and Columbia Neighborhoods. Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plans call for sidewalks and bike lanes on W. Illinois Street, but installation of bike lanes will require on-street parking to be removed on at least one side of the street. Intersection geometry and operations must be studied for improvements. This project complements project #11 Parkview ES Safe Routes to School.

**MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION BENEFITS:** Tier 1 bicycle lanes, Tier 3 sidewalks, intersection improvements. WTA Routes 4, 15, and 232 (Green GO Line high-frequency route) serve W. Illinois.

**PROJECT STATUS:** If WSDOT Ped & Bicycle Safety grant awarded July 2021; then construction 2022

No.	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUNDING SOURCE	Cost Estimates (000's) 2020 Dollars						PROJECT TOTALS	
			Previous Budget	FUNDED			UNFUNDED			
			2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026		
12	W. Illinois Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Sidewalk, parking, bike lane, intersection (Meridian Street to Lynn Street)	T-Fund Non-Motorized		320						
		WSDOT Ped-Bike		1,225	Build		Pending Ped-Bike Grant			
		<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1,545</b>					<b>1,545</b>	

**TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEES COLLECTED**

Yes, for local funds

**RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION NECESSARY**

Not yet known

