

**City of Des Moines**  
**Transportation Gateway Project**  
**Project Update: September 24, 2009**

**MEETING NOTICE**

Drop in and meet with staff in the Conference Room located in the Des Moines Police Station, 21900 11th Avenue S., on October 8, 2009, 2 pm to 4 pm to overview and comment on preliminary plans. These draft plans follow the “offset” alignment alternative endorsed by the City Council following public input on the project.

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**Background**

The City of Des Moines initiated design of improvements to S. 216th Street and 24th Avenue S in the Spring of 2009 to expand these streets to accommodate multiple modes of travel (pedestrians, bicycles, transit, automobiles, & trucks) as well as accommodate future growth as reflected in the City’s comprehensive plan and zoning. The project limits are on S. 216th Street between I-5 and 20th Avenue S. and 24th Avenue S. between S. 216th Street and S. 216th Street, including roadway transitions to match existing streets.

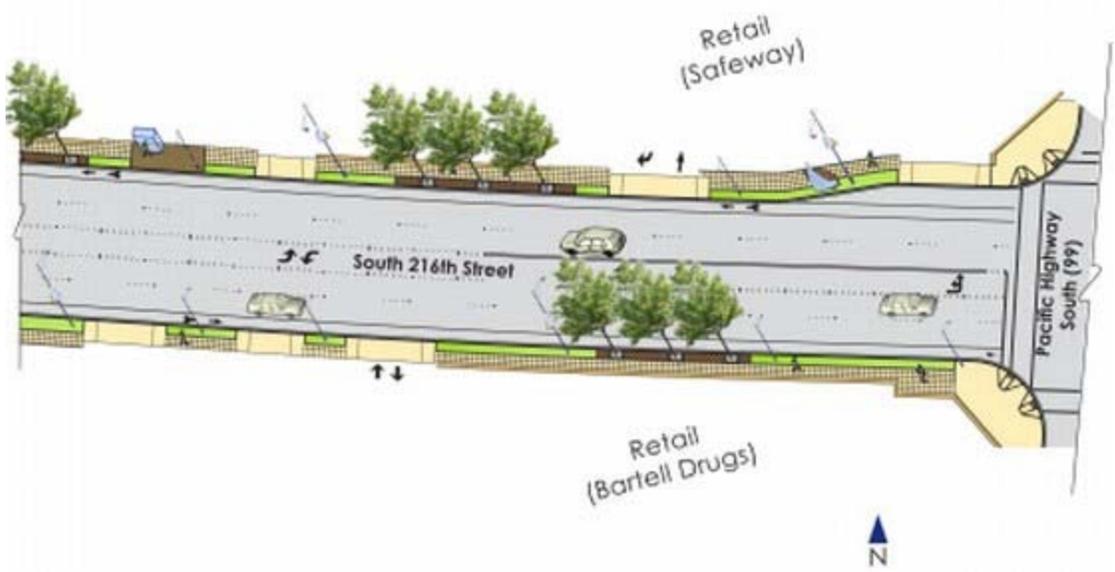
**Public Involvement**

The City has published articles in its newsletter, distributed updates to the project web site (see below), sent out notices to the adjoining community, provided press releases and distributed flyers to affected properties and neighbors to solicit comments on the project. Two public open houses were held on April 14 and June 2 to initiate the design and seek public input on alternative alignment layouts. The public was invited to drop in to review the preliminary plans on October 8, 2009 and provide the City with comments to be considered in final design by October 15, 2009. Click [here for a copy of the invitation](#). Additional public input will be sought as the project advances through final design in 2010.

The alternatives included an alignment that was symmetrical to the existing roadway vs. an alignment that offset from the current centerline to minimize impacts on developed properties. After consideration of public input from the neighborhood and feedback from the City of SeaTac, the Port of Seattle and others, the City Council directed staff to advance preliminary design of the “Offset Alignment” shown in rough draft form below.



Conceptual Bird's Eye View



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24th Avenue South lighting and landscape design elements are a bit differentiated from S. 216th Street and are more consistent with future development of aviation support logistics, light manufacturing and office facilities as well as consistent with plans to extend 24th/28th Avenue S. into the City of SeaTac. The proposal includes bike lanes, planted medians as well as planters next to the sidewalk and overhead street lighting.



- Support vehicular access to the surrounding land uses
- Establish pedestrian facilities to support circulation along the corridor

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The design report is a technical working document that guides the City developing final construction documents. The report contains alignment information that illustrates the preliminary extent of the proposed improvements, signalization lane configurations, landscaping as well as technical information on traffic, drainage, and lighting.

## Schedule

The project is advancing as planned as depicted in the General Schedule below. Following additional public input on the design report, the Des Moines City Council is scheduled to advance the project into final design over the next year. This process will involve refining the project into an initial stage that could be reasonably constructed by the City if funding becomes available.



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The final plans will detail environmental, construction and right of way requirements on 24th Avenue S and S. 216th Street from approximately 19th Avenue S to Pacific Highway including lane transitions to 30th Avenue S. This initial phase will likely not involve significant improvements outside the S. 216th Street right of way in the City of SeaTac. More detail on the project can be found in previous project updates (see links at the bottom of page).

## Funding

The engineering work is funded, in part, with a loan from the Washington State Public Works Trust Board as well as development fees and arterial road funds as approved in the City's Capital Improvement Program. As design progresses, the City is actively seeking additional funding for right of way and construction. Development will contribute a fair share to the improvements on South 216th Street and 24th Avenue South, through frontage improvements, utility undergrounding and off-site mitigation. Construction phasing is subject to available funding.

## Questions?

Persons with questions or comments are urged to contact the Len Madsen, Project Manager at [gatewayinfo@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:gatewayinfo@desmoineswa.gov).