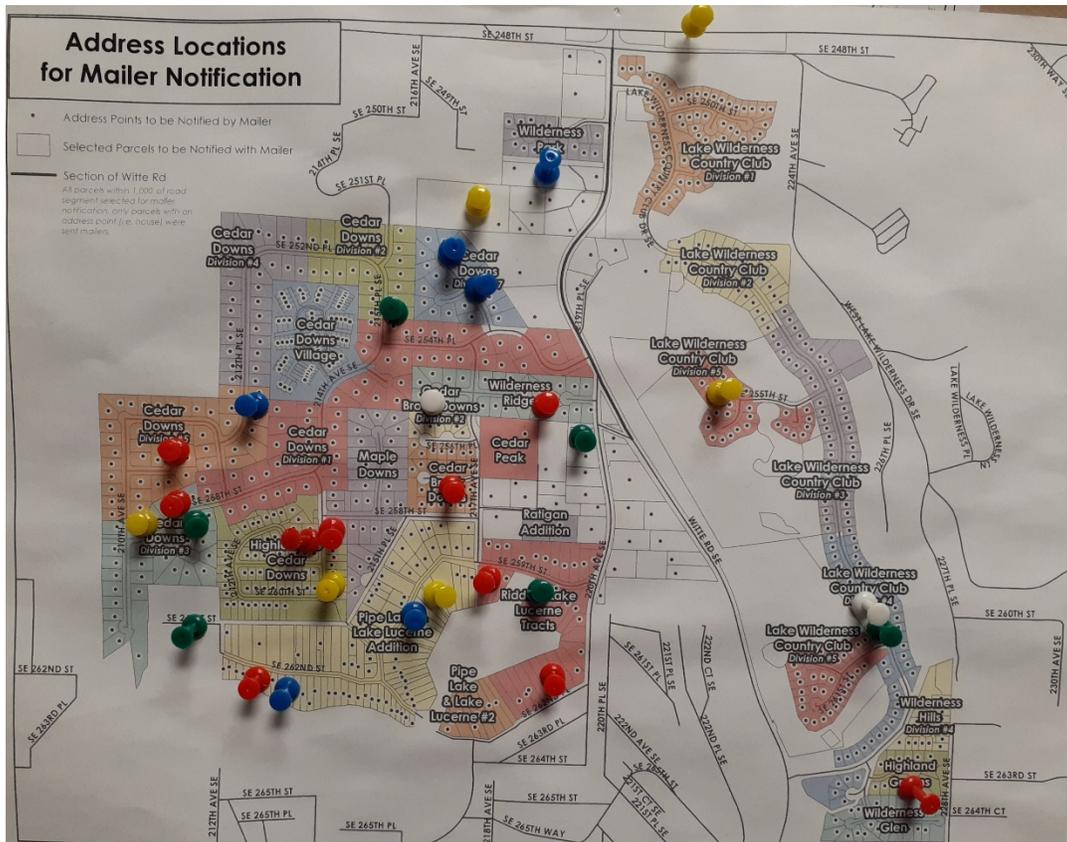


Witte Road Improvement Project (T-28b Phase 2) Public Open House Narrative Summary November 7, 2019

On November 7, 2019 the City of Maple Valley hosted a public open house for the Witte Road Improvement Project at the Lake Wilderness Golf Course Banquet Room at 25400 Witte Road SE from 6pm to 8pm. There were 45 people that attended the meeting to learn more about the Witte Road project, see the 60% design, and discuss any impacts during construction.

The City requested that the residents fill out a sign in sheet when they arrive with their contact information and address, and also fill out a comment card that asked about four topics so that residents could share their opinions and concerns related to those specific parts of the project, or the project as a whole. Of the 45 people that attended, 23 residents left comment cards. The open house attendee residences were mapped to confirm that the City would receive feedback group a varied group rather than from a group of people who all lived in the same neighborhood.



Open house attendee residences.

The topics and a summary of the responses received are below:

Construction Impacts: Most comments were in favor of the full closure of Witte Road during construction. Several people preferred night closure, 9am to 3pm closure, or whatever closure was least expensive or completed the project faster. The main concerns for full closure were residential access, specifically to the Lake Lucerne community. One response asked if there are any impacts to the emergency response time during the full closure.

SE 254th Place Intersection: Out of the 23 comments cards, only 4 people were opposed to the proposed roundabout at SE 254th Place. The arguments against the roundabout were due to cost and a negative impact on the entrance to Cedar Downs and the golf course. Multiple residents suggested left and right turn options from SE 256th St to Witte Rd SE instead of a roundabout. There was also a comment asking to move the roundabout to include 220th Ave SE.

SE 256th Street and 220th Avenue SE: Several people left comments that they liked the idea of a pocket park near 220th Ave SE; there were no negative comments on that idea. About 1/4th of the comments complained that SE 256th St needs to be straightened. Not many commented on the closure of 220th Ave SE, and the handful that did make a comment were evenly divided. The other comments on this intersection were related to a larger turn radius from 220th Ave SE to SE 256th St, questions about the need for the yield sign at 220th Ave SE and SE 256th St, negative comments about the 220th Ave SE stop sign and red/white barrier, and a suggestion to check/clean the drainage pond outlet more frequently.

Surface Water Design: There was a lot of positive feedback on the surface water plan for Witte Road. Many people are excited about the fish ladder on Jenkins Creek and excited to see salmon in the creek again.

General: The general comments varied some, but a couple of people commented on their concern with planted vegetation impacting their line of sight. One person was very excited about the sidewalk and bike paths. One person suggested that street lights be installed all along Witte. One person suggested we extend the golf course net south 2 sections. One person pointed out that some of the street names that we used on our drawings are technically not correct. One person made a general complaint about the volume of traffic and the increased travel time they experience.