

Hello Neighbor,

The City of Redmond is making changes to 172nd Ave NE, including adding speed cushions, traffic circles, and other traffic calming features. The gate across 172nd Ave at NE 124th Street will also be removed as part of this project. More information about the project can be found at redmond.gov/172ndAveNE, and some of the most frequently asked questions are answered below.



1. Why is the gate being removed?

172nd Ave NE is a valuable connection for Redmond and King County. It will improve mobility and connectivity for Redmond residents and workers, and improve overall traffic circulation in Redmond. The region has grown significantly in recent decades, and improving mobility and connectivity is a top priority for the City of Redmond.

2. What is the plan for the 172nd Avenue NE Gate?

Traffic calming features will be installed before opening the road. These include:

- A traffic circle at the intersection of 172nd Avenue NE and NE 124th Street
- A streetlight at the intersection of 172nd Ave NE and NE 124th St
- Intersection narrowing with traffic delineators at the intersection of 172nd Avenue NE and NE 124th Street
- Corridor lane lines to separate vehicles and pedestrians
- A traffic circle at the intersection of 172nd Avenue NE and NE 126th Place
- Two speed cushions between NE 125th Street and NE 126th Place
- Intersection narrowing with traffic delineators at the intersection of 172nd Avenue NE and NE 126th Place

The gate will be removed to make space for the construction of traffic calming features, and temporary barriers will block the road until construction is complete.

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3. What are the roles and responsibilities of Redmond and King County in this project?

Redmond and King County will partner together throughout this project. Redmond is providing funding and staff time for the design and construction, and covering this project's permitting costs. King County Department of Local Services is the permitting agency for the part of 172nd Avenue NE north of NE 124th Street.

4. What authority does the City have to make changes to these streets?

The City of Redmond has the authority to make changes on city streets and can make improvements on King County roads with permission from the county. The gate is located on one of Redmond's streets. The traffic calming features planned north of the gate are outside of Redmond city limits and require King County permits, which the City has secured. The organization Friends of 172nd Ave filed a legal complaint challenging the legality of the City and King County's planned changes to the street, but the King County Court dismissed the complaint in 2025.

5. How will pedestrians and bikers be kept safe both north and south of the gate?

Lane lines and traffic delineators will be installed to help separate vehicles from pedestrians and cyclists north of the gate. Traffic calming features along the corridor are designed to reduce motor vehicle speeds. South of the gate, sidewalks will help separate pedestrians from vehicles, and north of the gate, the roadway is wide and has ample room for cyclists and pedestrians to use the shoulder outside the driving lanes.

6. What feedback have the Redmond Police and Fire Departments provided regarding the gate?

They support the removal of the gate and agree that response times will be reduced with this connection.

7. What is the timing for installing traffic calming features?

The City of Redmond and King County will work together to ensure that all the traffic calming features on the 172nd Avenue NE corridor, north of the gate, are installed before opening the gate in 2026. The timing for installing a traffic signal or roundabout at the intersection of 162nd Place NE and NE 124th Street is still being determined. Funding for traffic calming at that intersection is not yet available.

Find more information about this project at redmond.gov/172ndAveNE.

