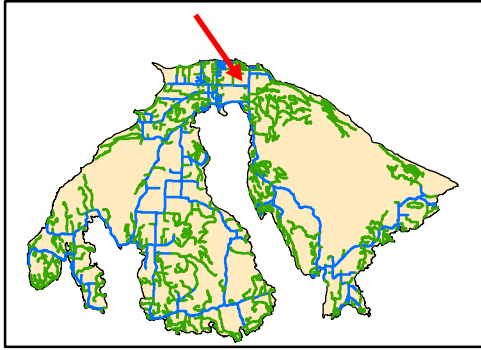
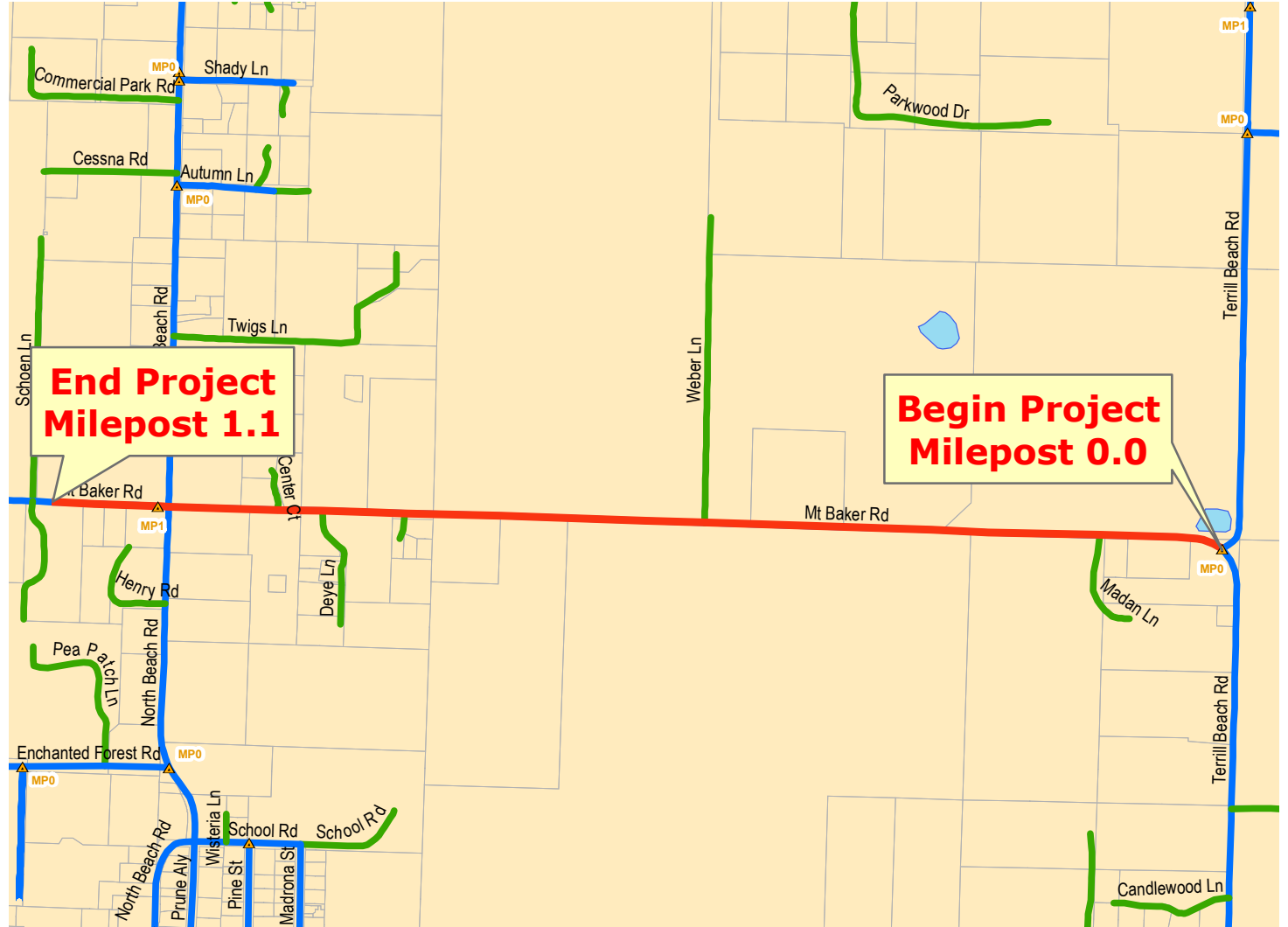


Vicinity Map Mt. Baker Road: MP 0.0 to MP 1.1



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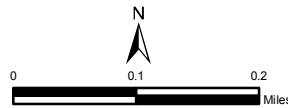
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**Begin Project
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Legend

- Public Road
- Private Road
- Lakes

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MT. BAKER ROAD TRAIL PROJECT PROJECT INFORMATION

Mt. Baker Road is a designated truck bypass route around the village of Eastsound. The 20-foot wide roadway is posted at 35 mph, but the average traffic speed was recently recorded at 51 mph. About 95% of the traffic on this road is trucks and delivery vehicles. A fatality occurred on the east curve in 2004.

A trail is desirable due to the high use by non-motorized traffic. With current conditions, bikes and pedestrians are forced to share the traveled way with the trucks or cross the drainage ditch and travel along the narrow backside of the ditch. There is currently a primitive trail along the south side of the right-of-way which is severely affected by poor drainage during the wet season. This forces pedestrians out onto the paved road. There are two stop signs at the North Beach Road intersection, although no crosswalks and no signed crossing areas exist in the for 0.9 miles of the project area. Numerous facilities are located along Mt. Baker Road which generates bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

Public comments from the 2008 Orcas Projects Open House included requests to provide safe passage for pedestrians and bicyclists with wider road shoulders and a separate pedestrian trail, as well as to enforce the 35 mph speed limit.

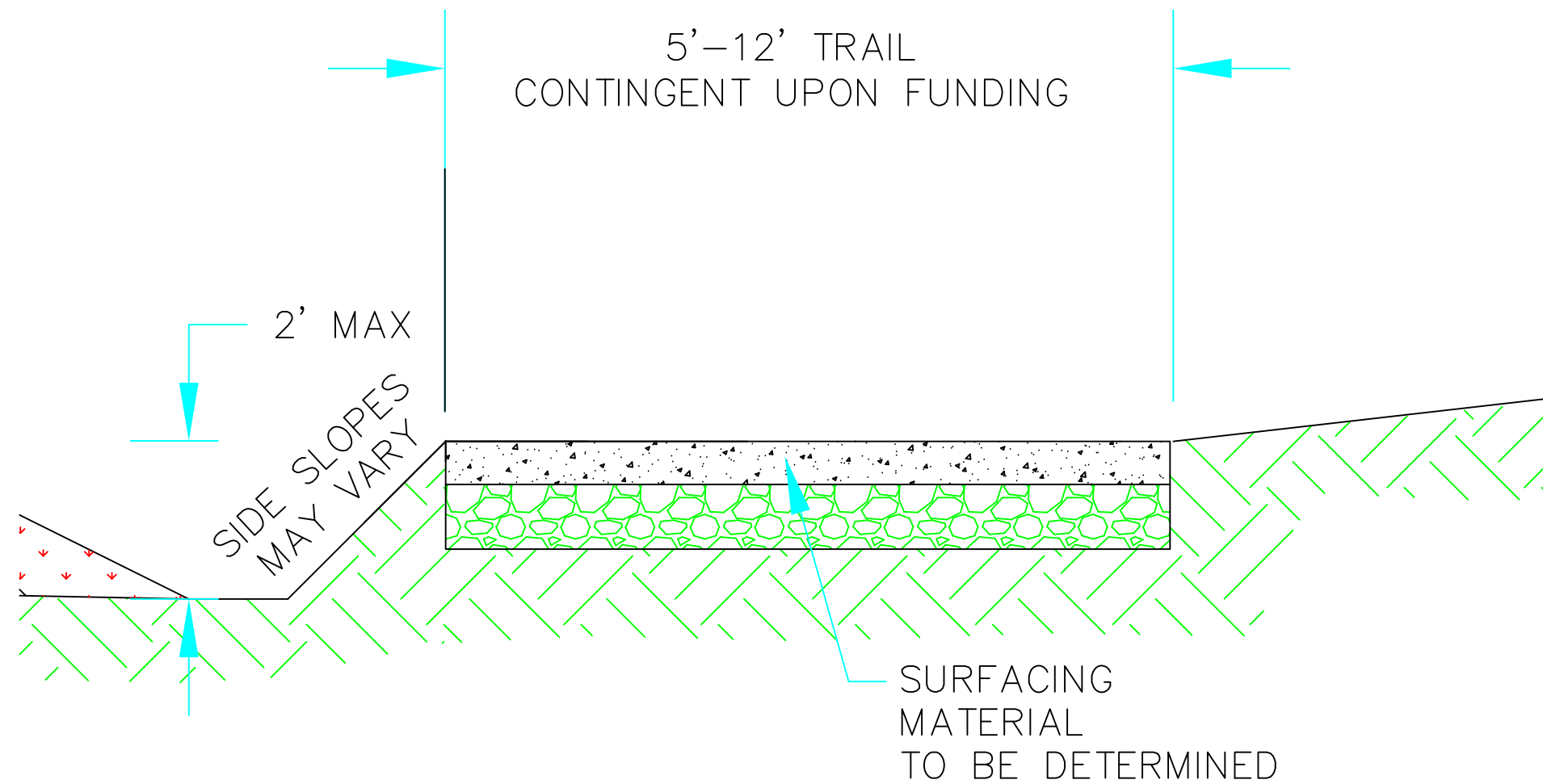
Grant funding for this trail has been sought three times in the past eight years, most recently with a 2008 grant application in conjunction with Orcas Pathways. However, the trail project did not receive any funding due to the intense competition for grant dollars. Another application is anticipated to be submitted in 2010. The adjacent Road Improvement project **did** receive grant funding and will include 4-ft shoulders the length of the roadway. These shoulders meet design criteria for bicycle traffic.

Project Status and Schedule: Right of way surveying has been completed. Preliminary design, public feedback, and right of way discussions will all commence in conjunction with the Road Improvement project. Provisions for a trail design will be included while additional trail funding is being sought. The current schedule for construction is 2012.

Scope of the trail project is anticipated to include a design for the entire length of the Mt. Baker Road Improvement project. However, the length constructed will depend on funding. The trail and road intersections will be designed in accordance with ADA standards.

Current Budget: 2010 \$40,000 Local(Road) funds

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TYPICAL TRAIL SECTION N.T.S

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MT. BAKER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT MILEPOST 0.0 TO 1.1

Objectives: To improve public safety and road quality on this section of Mount Baker Road (MP 0.0) from North Beach Road to MP 1.1 Terrill Beach Road

Goals for this meeting:

- *Provide background information, listen to citizens' issues, answer questions, and solicit support*
- *Form a citizen Mt. Baker Road Advisory Committee to assist with the project*
- *Set tasks for next meeting*

Basic Facts

Mt. Baker Road is a major collector used as a truck bypass around Eastsound. The road is 20 feet wide with no shoulders, unable to safely accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians. The roadway surface is deteriorating and the road base is failing. There are drainage issues in several spots. The speed limit is posted for 25 and 35 miles per hour with recorded speeds of 50+ mph at the Buck Park entrance.

There have been a number of vehicle accidents, including one fatality. The road and path form part of a walking loop for pedestrians. There are two-way stop signs at Terrill Beach Road and North Beach Road and no crosswalks or signed crossing areas. The road also serves the skate park sports field complex, medical center, performing arts center, places of worship, residential development and Land Bank open space preserve. It is a busy section of road with high summer pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Proposed improvements

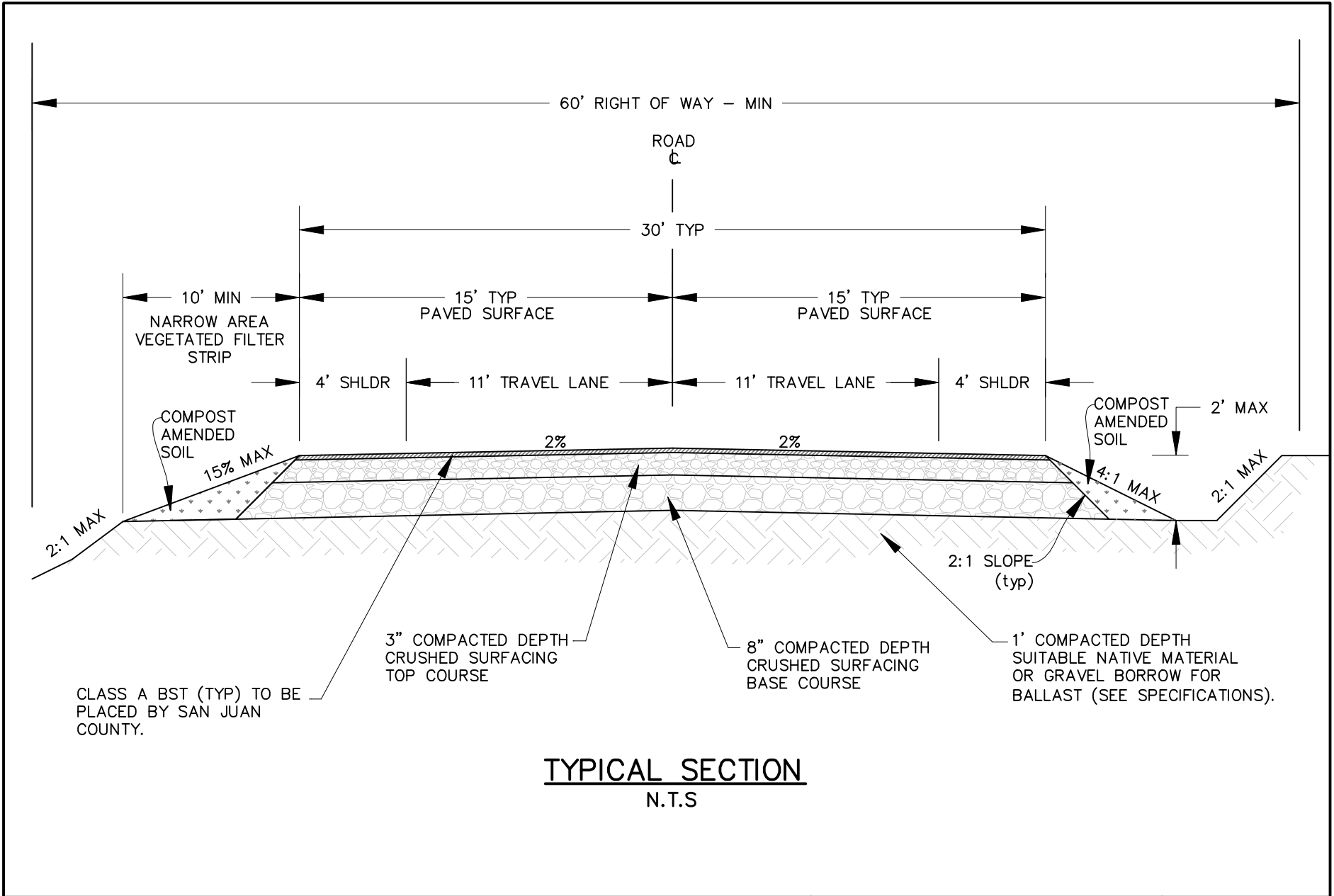
- Improve safety by widening the road to 30 feet (two 11 foot lanes and 4 foot shoulders).
- Rebuild failed road base and add drainage features so subbase drains and maintains structural integrity.
- Design for a 35 mph speed limit.
- Remove or relocate road hazards such as trees, fences and culvert ends to at least 10 feet from the edge of the new lane(s).
- Enhance or replace wetlands to mitigate for those impacted by the project.

Note: Local, State Federal Permits will be required. State funding requires that the road design meet state standards, including that the road width be a minimum of 30 feet. Any changes from this standard would jeopardize funding.

Schedule & Cost

- **Where are we now?** Public input, preliminary design, and right-of-way mapping
- **What will happen next? Year 2010:** Prepare pre-design report and 30% design, begin Right-of-Way acquisition, begin environmental permit strategizing, mitigation planning, and preparation of permit application. **Year 2011:** Complete design and right-of-way acquisition. **Year 2012:** Complete construction.
- **How much will it cost?: \$2,750,000 (90% State funds and 10% county Road Funds)**

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MP 0.00 TO MP 1.10

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