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Wells and Williams now two-way

Conversion provides a safe and walkable pedestrian experience

[Wells Avenue S and Williams Avenue S](#) in downtown are now two-way. The conversion from one-way travel was completed yesterday.

The changes included painting a yellow stripe down the center and activating stoplights to cross South 2nd and 3rd streets. Additionally, permanent all-way stop signs are now in place at South 5th St., Houser Way S, South Riverside Dr., and North Riverside Dr.

Signs reminding pedestrians to "look both ways before crossing" have been placed at crosswalks.

The intent behind the conversion and design is a layout that will provide a safe and walkable pedestrian experience. The new design includes new sidewalks, streetscaping, benches, bicycle racks, streetlights, and foliage. Studies have shown that two-way traffic improves access and navigation, reduces speeding, and lowers rates of accidents.



Sunset Gardens project gets state infrastructure grant

Washington State Department of Commerce has awarded the city a \$1.768 million Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP) grant. CHIP grants fund water, sewer, and storm system infrastructure improvements associated with affordable housing projects. They also reimburse waived utility system development charges typically paid by affordable housing projects as part of the permit approval process.

Renton Water Utility will use the grant to improve off-site water system infrastructure at Renton Housing Authority's (RHA) 76-unit Sunset Gardens affordable housing project. Funding will also reimburse waived system development charges.

Last month, the project received [\\$1.5 million in funding from King County](#).

The project will consist of 76 studio and one-bedroom housing units for veterans, persons with disabilities, and seniors. The project will be built on land currently occupied by RHA's administration building at 2900 NE 10th St., in the Sunset area. It will also include new administrative office space for RHA. Construction will start this spring.

In the news this week

A recap of news posted on the city's social media accounts. You can find us (@cityofrenton) on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), & [Twitter](#). Renton residents can also find us on [Nextdoor](#).

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