





WHITTIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Replacement

Tacoma Public Schools

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Project Team

Progressive Design-Build delivery

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Project Introduction

- Project funded by 2020 capital bond.
- New PreK-3 elementary school to replace existing school.
- Design capacity of approx. 375 students, approx. 45,000 sq.ft.
- Two-stories.
- Site improvements.
- Anticipated opening Fall 2027.

Responding to Community Feedback

February 27th Community Meeting

- Concerns with impacts of busing to McKinley ES.

Exploring Solutions

- Could the new school be built onsite while Whittier ES remains occupied?





ELM TREE LN

ALAMEDA AVE

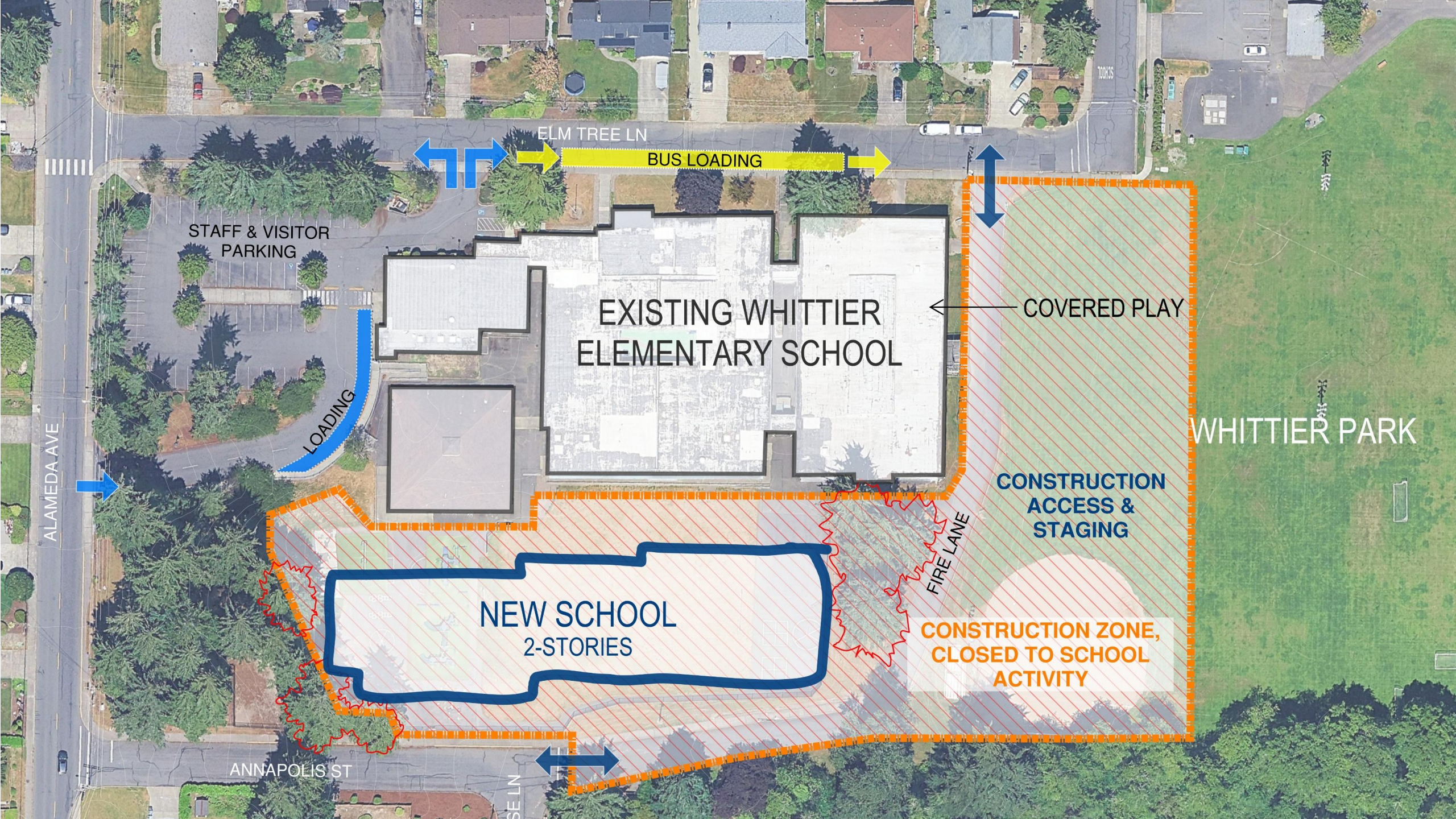
SITE IMPROVEMENTS:
PARKING, ENTRY PLAZA, PLAY AREA, FIELD

WHITTIER PARK

NEW SCHOOL
2-STORIES

ANNAPOLIS ST

SE LN



ALAMEDA AVE

ELM TREE LN

BUS LOADING

STAFF & VISITOR
PARKING

LOADING

EXISTING WHITTIER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

COVERED PLAY

WHITTIER PARK

CONSTRUCTION
ACCESS &
STAGING

NEW SCHOOL
2-STORIES

FIRE LANE

CONSTRUCTION ZONE,
CLOSED TO SCHOOL
ACTIVITY

ANNAPOLIS ST

SE LN

Feasibility Discussion

Design Considerations

- Development Standards: Potential of exceeding 30 ft height limit.
- Design Guidelines: Site layout with parking in the front.
- Potential impact to mature evergreen trees.

Construction Considerations

- Increased activity on site, potential of traffic congestion.
- Construction staging needed to expand on to Whittier Park.

Thank You!