



Use of Google Earth Software to view the Northwest Corridor Concepts

The Google Earth software package is a powerful tool to assist in visualizing proposed modifications to the surface of the Earth. The software is available for the Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows Vista, Macintosh and Linux computer operating systems. There are three versions of the software for each operating system; the free version and two versions that you will need to pay a fee to use. The versions that require a fee add functionality to the free version of the software, such as being able to create movies along a path that you can create and other niceties. However, the free version will be all you need to view the Northwest Corridor Project Concepts.

It is a good idea to check the system requirements before spending time with this. If your system does not meet the specifications as shown on the download page, (some older systems may not) then you will not be able to view the files.

It should be noted that the images used by Goggle Earth are satellite images and are not always the latest information. We have attempted to address this in part by importing images of some areas of new construction for clarity but you will likely see areas that have been developed recently that the images do not reflect. However, our mapping to be used for design in the future will be based on the most current aerial photography.

The Universal Resource Locator or URL (the download page) address is:

<http://earth.google.com/download-earth.html>

Follow these steps to be able to view the Concepts:

1. Point your browser to the download page indicated above
2. Select the download that is available for your operating system.
3. After the download is complete, install the software on your computer.
4. Proceed to the project website at <http://www.nwhovbrt.com/Pages/pres.htm> and click on the download for the Project files in a format that Google Earth can read.
5. In Goggle Earth select **File/Open**, navigate to the location you stored the file on your computer, select the file and click on **Open**.

After a few moments the Google Earth will complete opening the file. Make sure that the search pane is open on the left side of the screen. If you do not see it, click on the **Show Sidebar** icon to the left of the icon that looks like a push pin. In the **Places** window you should see the Northwest Corridor Places under Temporary Places. Expand Northwest Corridor Places by clicking on the plus sign to the left (Windows) or the triangle (Mac). Note that the first two selections are the inside and outside truck only lane options. Only one of these should be selected at any given time. Now click on **MoviePath I-75** and **Tools/Play Tour** to see the animated fly-through displayed at the Public Hearing. Close the sidebar to maximize your viewing area.



You can stop the tour at any time by clicking anywhere on the screen. Use the navigation tool in the upper right corner of the screen to change the direction of the view or the angle of the view from the vertical. You may also scroll in and out with your mouse wheel and fly in a specific direction by clicking and moving the mouse.