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Seattle Neighborhoods

Examples of Eligible Street Improvement Projects

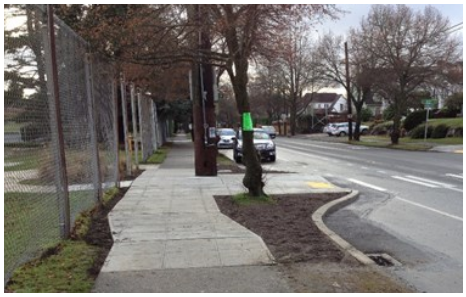
A project may be eligible for funding if it meets the following criteria:

- Benefits the public
- Is a physical or capital improvement project in Seattle's parks or streets
- Does not exceed $90,000

All projects receive a full Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) eligibility review before the YVYC Voting phase.

Curb Bulbs

Sidewalk extensions used to shorten crossing distance, provide access to transit and expand landscape or walkable zones.



Flashing Beacons

Lights with highly visible flashing patterns, installed at crosswalks and activated by pedestrians and bicyclists by manually pushing a button.

Low-Cost Sidewalks

Sidewalk constructed with lower-cost materials, such as stamped and stained asphalt.

Low-Cost Curbing

Wheel stops that separate the planting strip from the road and provide safe distance from traffic.

Median Pedestrian Crossings

Raised islands in the middle of the street that provide a safe place for pedestrians to stop before crossing the second half of the road.

Speed Humps/Speed Tables

Mounds that extend the full width of the street, used to reduce traffic speed.

Curb Ramps

Sloped areas, located at intersections to facilitate wheelchair, pedestrian and bicycle street crossings.

Traffic Circles

Circles installed at intersections of non-arterial streets, intended to reduce collisions, reduce speeding and improve bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Asphalt Paths

Surfaced walkways, separated from the roadway, that are not traditional sidewalks with curbs and gutters.

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Accessible Picnic Tables

Tables can be added to provide seating inclusive of people using mobility devices.

Park Benches

Benches can be installed to provide seating options within parks.

Park Entrances

Existing park entrances can be improved to be more accessible and user-friendly.

Trail Improvements

Existing trails can be renovated to be more user-friendly, including adding box steps for trails on hillsides and crushed surfacing for accessibility.

Equipment Refurbishment

Existing equipment, such as basketball poles, hoops, and backboards, as well as fences, can be replaced, and courts can be restriped.

Minor Improvements to Structures

Existing structures such as comfort stations or shelter houses in good structural condition can receive finishes and fixtures to improve usability.

Ineligible Your Voice, Your Choice (YVYC) Projects

- Projects that require extensive design and/or community input processes
- Projects that aren't under the purview of SDOT or SPR
- Projects that don't involve a physical or capital improvement, such as implementing new programs
- Larger-scale street improvement projects, such as bike lanes or neighborhood greenways
- New parks or extensive renovations of parks, such as dog parks, new playgrounds or ballfields
- Traditional multi-block sidewalk construction projects
- Routine or ongoing maintenance projects, such as new wood chips in playgrounds or pothole repairs
- Lighting projects in parks
- Projects that don't have one specific location (e.g. "Install Flashing Beacons Citywide")

Unsure of whether your project idea is eligible? Have a project idea that isn't eligible for YVYC, but you're not sure how else it can be achieved? Contact Amy Nguyen at amy.nguyen@seattle.gov or 206.233.2044 for assistance.