

Seattle Department of Transportation

35TH AVE NE PAVING PROJECT



Fall 2017 Outreach Summary



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Project Overview

In spring 2018, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) will repave and restripe 2.3 miles of 35th Ave NE and NE 45th Pl. This allows us to extend the life of the pavement and make it safer, smoother, and more comfortable for travel.

We know how important it is to maintain our streets and our Paving Program helps take care of the basics by rehabilitating arterial streets each year. Paving also provides an opportunity to update the street design to enhance safety and build features called for in citywide transportation plans. There are many competing needs for limited street space in a growing Seattle and the 35th Ave NE redesign helps organize the space more effectively to serve the needs of multiple uses and make the street safe for all.



Walking tour on October 21, 2017



Public meeting on October 21, 2017

Outreach for this project began in summer 2016 focusing on several paving projects in northeast Seattle, including 35th Ave NE. Outreach activities included an open house, an online survey, door-to-door outreach, presentations to community groups, and a mailer to 24,000 northeast Seattle households. We announced the street concept design in May 2017 on our webpage and via an email update.

We met with community members in fall 2017 at several briefings and events as well as a public meeting to provide more information about the project and hear questions and comments.

This report describes the outreach that took place from September through early November 2017, including what we heard from the community.

Summary of Outreach:

- September 2017
 - Door-to-door outreach
 - Meeting with representatives from Wedgwood Community Council and Ravenna-Bryant Community Association
- October 2017
 - Direct mailer to 7,500 residents & businesses
 - Public meeting and walking tours
 - Community briefing to Congregation Beth Shalom
 - Wedgwood Community Council Trick-or-Treat at Wedgwood businesses
- November 2017
 - Community briefing to Northeast District Council

We've developed a comprehensive list of [frequently asked questions](#) to address many topics we heard during this outreach period. We're committed to working with neighbors to address specific elements of the design (e.g. location of load zones) as we finalize the design this fall.

Door-to-Door Outreach

In late September 2017, members of the project outreach team distributed over 300 doorhangers to the residences along 35th Ave NE. They also visited 47 businesses along the project corridor to provide a project update and an opportunity for feedback and questions. The project team provided project factsheets while talking with the businesses in the area.

Door to door outreach format:

- September 20 – 21, 2017
- Staff distributed doorhangers along both sides of 35th Ave NE from 45th Pl NE to NE 85th St
- Staff distributed factsheets to businesses along 35th Ave NE

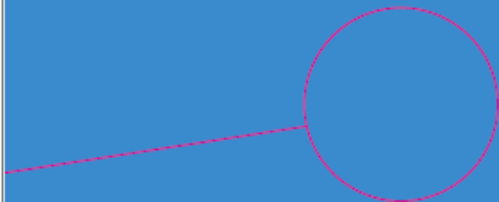
Notifications:

- Doorhanger (right)
- Factsheet (Appendix A)

WHAT WE HEARD:

Business owners and operators along 35th Ave NE had comments about:

- **Parking**
 - Loss of parking may impact businesses and lead to increased parking on side streets
 - Need better parking enforcement
- **Load zones**
 - Concern that consolidated parking and bike lanes would impact load zones
- **Safety**
 - Support for the design and opportunity to improve safety
 - Traffic signals are needed to assist left turns at intersections
 - Concern that consolidated parking will decrease safety for patrons crossing the street
- **Feedback on outreach**
 - Appreciation for outreach done to discuss specific business concerns



UPDATE ON 35TH AVE NE PAVING PROJECT

September 2017

You may already be familiar with the 35th Paving Project, but if not, we wanted to provide an update as we approach the final stages of design.


Last May, we announced the final street concept and, since then, have been working with our technical team to fine-tune the design of the street. We've also heard valuable feedback from the community since our announcement in the spring, including questions about parking, congestion, and cut-through traffic on side streets.


Stay tuned for opportunities this fall to talk with project staff and learn more about the final design details and how we're addressing community concerns.


Next summer, we'll repave and restripe approximately 2 miles of 35th Ave NE (between NE 89th St and NE 47th St, including NE 45th Pl). This allows us to extend the life of the pavement and make the roadway safer and more comfortable for travel. The project design includes elements called for in the City's modal plans as well as in community feedback, aiming to:

- Support lower vehicle speeds
- Improve safety and predictability for everyone by creating a designated space for biking
- Maintain access to local destinations and businesses
- Contribute to a citywide bike network

In the meantime, we encourage you to sign up for our email listserv on our website: www.seattle.gov/transportation/35thNEpaving.htm

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Public Meeting and Walking Tours

On October 21, 2017, we hosted a public meeting and walking tours to provide an update on the project design. The first half of the meeting contained a short presentation followed by Q&A. The second half included walking tours to NE 65th St and NE 75th St where members of the project team provided answers to specific questions and outlined ways the street would change.

Date, time, and location:

- Date: October 21, 2017
- Location: Messiah Lutheran Church, 7050 35th Ave NE
- Time: 10 – 11 AM: Presentation and Q&A; project boards available
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Walking Tours
 - Group 1: 35th Ave NE and NE 75th St
 - Group 2: 35th Ave NE and NE 65th St

Staff:

- Councilmember Rob Johnson, District 4, Seattle City Council
- MariLyn Yim, SDOT
- Matt Beaulieu, SDOT
- Darby Watson, SDOT
- Joel Hancock, SDOT
- Rachel McCaffrey, SDOT
- Kate Elliott, King County Metro
- Thomas Whittemore, Department of Neighborhoods
- Penny Mabie, Facilitator, EnviroIssues
- KaDeena Yerkan, EnviroIssues
- Cecelia Gunn, EnviroIssues
- Kathryn Murdock, EnviroIssues
- Annie Pfeifer, EnviroIssues

**see Appendix B for meeting notifications and Appendix C for meeting materials*



A community member shares feedback during the Q&A portion of the October 21 meeting

Meeting materials and format*:

- Informational boards about the project design
- Introduction given by Councilmember Rob Johnson, District 4, Seattle City Council
- Presentation by SDOT Project Manager MariLyn Yim
- Question and answer session facilitated by Penny Mabie
- Closing remarks and instructions for small walking tours by Penny Mabie

Walking tour format:

- Discussion including Q&A of anticipated changes to 35th Ave NE led by MariLyn Yim (75th) and Matt Beaulieu (65th)

Notifications*:

- October 5: Letter invitation to project neighbors (all neighbors from NE 90th St to NE 45th St and 25th Ave NE to 40th Ave NE)
- October 5: email update/meeting invitation to project listserv, 244 contacts
- October 5: meeting invitation posted on project webpage
- October 17: Email update/meeting reminder to project listserv, 335 contacts
- November 1: Email update/meeting thank you to project listserv, 495 contacts
- November 1: meeting materials posted on project webpage

WHAT WE HEARD:

Community members who attended the open house and walking tours shared these comments and questions:

- **Safety**
 - Increased congestion and speeding on residential streets needs to be addressed; SDOT traffic studies should be completed quickly
 - The wait time for pedestrian crossing signals is too long; forcing people to cross on red at NE 75th St
 - Concerns about the NE 75th St intersection and safety for students crossing the street to reach Eckstein Middle School
 - Request for additional pedestrian improvements at NE 60th St to increase safety for students crossing to the public and private schools
- **Project decision-making**
 - The City is applying general solutions rather than listening to the community members that know this neighborhood
 - The community needs a better understanding of how the project design has been informed by the outreach that has been completed to date
- **Bike lane**
 - Request for more data on how bike lanes affect pedestrian safety and business revenues
 - Questions about the number of people who will use the bike lanes; bike lane ridership data on other corridors like Roosevelt
 - Concern about visibility of people biking when using the proposed bike lanes
 - Interest in an advanced light for people biking to get out ahead of traffic at major intersections
- **Parking**
 - Questions about the decision to consolidate parking on the east side of the street
 - Concern about increased parking needs, especially for businesses and nearby apartment/condo buildings
- **Vehicle traffic**
 - Concern about increased congestion, travel times, and impacts when drivers are behind slow-moving vehicles that make frequent stops (e.g. buses, garbage trucks)
 - Questions about how the post office will function with parking and bike lanes on the east side of the street
 - Concern about wait times at the NE 75th St intersection
 - Concern for the lack of left turn signals as intersections such as NE 75th St
 - Concern about removing the bus stop by the library; heavily used by people with limited mobility to access the Northeast Branch Library and nearby places of worship
 - Questions about 10.5 foot lane widths not accommodating larger vehicles such as garbage trucks/moving vans that come down 35th and block through traffic

Community Briefings and Events

WEDGWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND RAVENNA/BRYANT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:

On October 4, 2017, members of the project team met with representatives from the Wedgwood Community Council and Ravenna-Bryant Community Association for a project update and discussion.

WHAT WE HEARD:

Community representatives had comments about the following:

- **Safety**
 - Unmarked space in the curbside lane on the street today leads to dangerous behavior such as cars swerving around left-turning cars
 - Support for proposed safety improvements making 35th Ave NE a better place for all community members
- **Parking**
 - Loss of parking negatively impacting businesses
- **Pedestrian routes**
 - Request for additional improvements to pedestrian amenities like crosswalks, signals, and landscaping

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM:

On October 25, 2017, members of the project team attended a briefing with 20 people at Congregation Beth Shalom (6800 35th Ave NE). MariLyn Yim provided a brief project update with the same presentation used at the public meeting on October 21 (Appendix C).

WHAT WE HEARD:

Attendees at the meeting had comments about the following:

- **ADA access**
 - The design will cause ADA load zones currently at the curb to be farther away once the protected bike lanes are installed
 - Consolidated transit stops will be more difficult for people with accessibility needs to get to
- **Pedestrian routes**
 - There is a need for more sidewalks in northeast Seattle rather than bike lanes
- **Traffic/congestion**
 - Southbound buses will delay traffic when they stop in-lane
 - There will be more cut-through traffic on side streets when buses and other vehicles cause congestion on 35th
- **Bike lanes**
 - Concern that bike lanes will not be used and are not necessary on 35th
 - Protected bike lanes decrease visibility for people turning at intersections
 - Request for data on bike lane usage on NE 39th St

WEDGWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL TRICK OR TREAT:

On October 31, 2017, members of the outreach team participated in the Wedgwood Community Council's Trick-or-Treat at Wedgwood businesses. They set up a booth in the QFC parking lot (8400 35th Ave NE) and shared project information, Halloween candy, SDOT key chains, bike lights, and Vision Zero capes with trick-or-treaters. Over 200 people stopped by the booth to ask questions.

WHAT WE HEARD:

Community members had comments about the following:

- **Pedestrian routes**
 - Need for safer routes to school along 35th Ave NE for students
- **Parking**
 - Concern about loss of parking near libraries, churches, synagogues
- **Transit options**
 - Lack of transit options and congestion lead to long commute times to get to downtown
- **Public outreach**
 - Outreach was not broad enough to catch people that commute from further north
- **Traffic/congestion**
 - The proposed design will increase congestion on 35th Ave NE
 - Concern about cut-through traffic on side streets
- **Bike lanes**
 - Encouraged that 35th Ave NE will be an option for bikers of all ages and abilities
- **Safety**
 - Support for proposed safety improvements making 35th Ave NE a better place for all community members

NORTHEAST DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

On November 2, 2017, members of the project team attended the Northeast District Council's November meeting. There were 10 district council representatives and 13 community members in attendance. MariLyn Yim provided a brief project update with the same presentation used at the public meeting on October 21.

WHAT WE HEARD:

Representatives and community members had comments about the following:

- **Safety**
 - There needs to be more safety improvements added to the project
 - The design needs to accommodate lighting at crosswalks, parking, decreased visibility caused by bike lanes, and accessibility for those with disabilities
- **Public outreach and data collection**
 - Survey responses guiding the project do not accurately represent the neighborhood
 - Request for collisions data on 35th Ave NE
 - Request for the parking studies that were done to inform the design
- **Traffic/congestion**
 - Concern that the design will not accommodate the growing population
- **ADA access**
 - Consolidated transit stops will be more difficult to reach for people with accessibility needs

Comments received by phone and email

The project team regularly reviews and responds to questions we receive via phone and email. During this fall's outreach effort (from late September to early November 2017) we received 167 comments by phone and email from community members. Many community members shared feedback on more than one topic. The section below is a summary of the general themes we heard, including quoted excerpts from several comments.

In response to the emails, phone calls, and comments we received during this outreach period, we've developed a comprehensive set of [frequently asked questions](#) and encourage you to read the documents at the bottom of our project [webpage](#).

OPPOSES BIKE LANES

52 comments indicate lack of support for the proposed bike lanes along 35th Ave NE.

"Bike lanes are a hazard and poor use of our road, clogging traffic and slowing flow. There is not enough room for them, and they are rarely used. Increasing road traffic necessitates maximizing use for general public's movement."

Community Member

SUPPORTS SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

52 comments referenced support for the proposed street design and the safety improvements it will make.

"I support the project to add bike lanes to 35th Ave NE. I believe, based on the studies I've read from other cities that have added bike lanes to city streets, that these will make all road users safer."

Community Member

SUPPORTS BIKE LANES

50 comments primarily noted support for the proposed bike lanes along 35th Ave NE.

"If we as a city are truly committed to running a sustainable transportation plan, and if we ever want cycling to enter the mainstream, we need to implement bike lanes where people want to go. Most everything in my neck of the woods happens on 35th Ave. Expecting people to bike down to 39th, then climb back up to 35th once they get where they need to be is a total non-starter for most. Placing these lanes on 35th will allow me to patronize businesses, go to the library, and buy groceries in a more safe and sustainable way. I support this plan."

Community Member

CONCERNS ABOUT INCREASED CONGESTION ON 35TH AVE NE

32 comments referenced concern about increased traffic congestion, increased travel times, and increased driver frustration on 35th Ave NE with the new design.

“This means that every time a bus stops, all traffic will stop dead since there is no passing lane. The same thing will happen with delivery trucks, drivers making left turns mid-block, etc. There will be backups and frustration.”

Community Member

PREFERS BIKE LANES TO BE ON ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL STREETS

29 comments were about the neighborhood greenway on 39th Ave NE.

“The reason so many are opposed to this is that bike lanes on 35th are redundant and potentially detrimental to all of the above, not to mention lots of cars potentially turning across the bike lanes, making them less safe than the bike lanes on 38th/39th

Community Member

CONCERNS ABOUT SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

29 comments noted that the proposed street design and the safety improvements will not make the street safer.

“I understand and applaud the concept of making 35th Ave NE safer. I just disagree that the plans will accomplish this and am concerned that our neighborhood residential streets, where most of us live, will be less safe because of these changes.”

Community Member

CONCERNS ABOUT PARKING CONSOLIDATION

24 comments expressed concern regarding the consolidation of parking to the east side of 35th Ave NE

“Parking on our street is problematic now with the new MOD Apartments, church, synagogue & library nearby and will be even worse with this new plan that eliminates parking on one side of 35th.”

Community Member

TURN POCKETS AND SIGNALS AT INTERSECTIONS

23 comments requested center turn lanes, left turn pockets, or left turn signals at busy intersections.

“What is needed on 35th Ave NE are dedicated left turn lanes with a coordinated traffic signal on 35th Ave NE turning onto perpendicular streets such as NE 55th St, NE 65th St., and NE 75th St.”

Community Member

CONCERNS ABOUT LANE WIDTHS ACCOMMODATING LARGE VEHICLES

13 comments expressed concern that the single travel lane in each direction would not accommodate all modes of transportation, especially buses, emergency, and service vehicles.

“School buses, garbage trucks, Microsoft vans, Access vans, Metro buses, motorcycles, emergency vehicles, large semi-trucks delivering groceries to Safeway and QFC, UPS trucks and post office vehicles for example all regularly use 35th. There is a fire station on 35th. How are vehicles supposed to provide room for emergency vehicles when there is only a single lane for traffic?”

Community Member

CONCERNS ABOUT INCREASED TRAFFIC ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS

12 comments voiced concern that the new design would force drivers to “spill over” onto adjacent residential streets to avoid traffic congestion on 35th Ave NE.

“Frustrated commuters will quickly figure out they can turn off 35th, and cruise down the side streets, making my neighborhood walking and running even more hazardous than it already is. People already avoid traffic by speeding down 34th, 33rd, etc. Restricting the flow on 35th will increase the numbers of cars on the side streets significantly.”

Community Member

CONCERNS ABOUT CHANGES TO BUS STOPS AND BUS TRAVEL TIMES

12 comments expressed concern for the proposed bus stop consolidation and ability of buses to quickly travel up and down 35th Ave NE.

“If we want more people to ride buses/light rail, then we have to make it convenient to catch it. The farther apart the bus stops, the less convenient it is.”

Community Member

LACK OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

10 comments noted that the community had not been properly informed about the project prior to September 2017.

“I just re-read your entire overview of all that you’ve done to engage the community here in NE Seattle. Funny, no-one in my neighborhood received any call, any survey, any information on any meetings that you were holding to gain input.”

Community Member

SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL

9 comments referenced students walking to school across 35th Ave NE to reach Bryant Elementary, Wedgwood Elementary, Eckstein Middle School, and Assumption St. Bridget School.

“A high population of the students in our neighborhood travel on foot to Bryant Elementary, Assumption School and Eckstein Middle. Many parents in our neighborhood are increasingly concerned about the drivers that are too busy to stop for kids walking across the street, or to slow down to appropriate speeds for a residential area. While 35th is a major arterial, it is surrounded by dense residential on all sides, where many residents are children.”

Community Member

QUESTIONS ABOUT SEPA ANALYSIS

2 comments asked for specific information and data regarding the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) analysis for this project.

“It is my understanding that SDOT intends on establishing dedicated bike lanes and removing parking to accommodate this. I presume that since there is a change in the utility street that there has been a SEPA analysis performed. Areas of my concern in your analysis include: Actual data (over 24 hours) on utilization by bike traffic; The impacts to access for the non-biking public as well as the handicapped who have may have their accessibility on the other side of the street.”

Community Member

SUPPORTS PARKING CONSOLIDATION

2 comments voiced support for the proposed parking consolidation to the east side of 35th Ave NE.

“I’m very much looking forward to this project and the improvements it will make for safety and transit speed, and while I won’t personally use the bike lanes, this is the right thing to do. I’m glad we’ll be removing some parking and devoting the space to higher-value uses.”

Community Member

Appendix A: Factsheet



FACT SHEET

35TH AVE NE PAVING PROJECT

October 2017

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Next summer, we plan to repave and restripe 2.3 miles of 35th Ave NE and NE 45th Pl. This allows us to extend the life of the pavement and make it safer, smoother, and more comfortable for travel.

BENEFITS

We know how important it is to maintain our streets and our Paving Program helps take care of the basics by rehabilitating arterial streets each year. Paving is also an opportunity to cost-effectively update street designs to promote safety and build features called for in citywide transportation plans. There are many competing needs for our limited street space and the design for 35th helps organize the space more effectively to serve the needs of multiple users and make the roadway safe for all.

PROJECT ELEMENTS

In addition to paving, this project will include:

- Parking consolidated to the east side of the street and peak-hour parking restrictions removed
- Bike lanes as designated in the Bike Master Plan
- Left-turn pockets for northbound and southbound traffic on 35th Ave NE at NE 75th St
- Some bus stop improvements, as well as consolidating stops to improve speed and reliability, particularly for Route 65
- Curb ramp upgrades and sidewalk repair in select locations

OUTREACH

Since beginning outreach in summer 2016, we have sent mailers, offered online surveys, held open houses, dropped off materials, and visited businesses with door-to-door outreach. While we heard many people in the neighborhood use their personal vehicles for much of their travel, we also heard that people would like to take transit and bike more.

As we finalize the design, we want to keep you informed. We encourage you to sign up for email updates here: www.seattle.gov/transportation/35thNEpaving.htm.



We're updating the street design to enhance safety and balance the many uses of our limited street space

SCHEDULE

This is our anticipated project timeline, but dates are subject to change.

- Late 2017 – Finalize design
- Early 2018 – Pre-construction coordination with community and businesses
- Spring 2018 – Begin construction
- Fall/winter 2018 – Complete construction

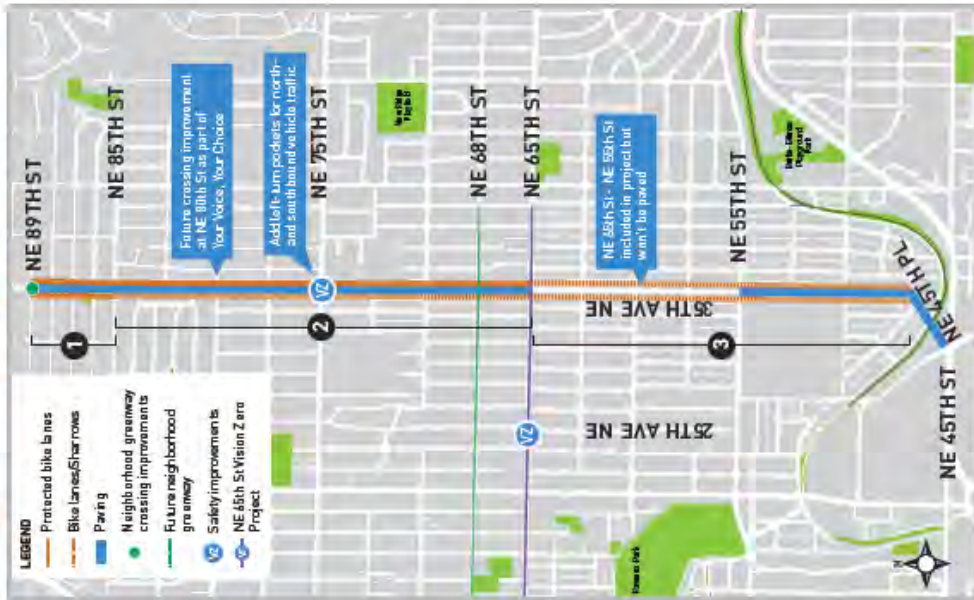
This project is funded by the 9-year Levy to Move Seattle, approved by voters in 2015. Learn more about the levy at www.seattle.gov/LevytoMoveSeattle.

PROJECT INFORMATION & CONTACT

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Rachel McCaffrey, 35thAvePaving@seattle.gov or 206-615-0925
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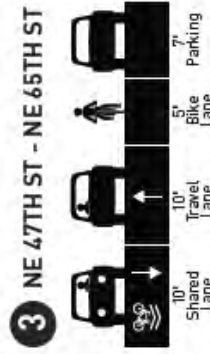
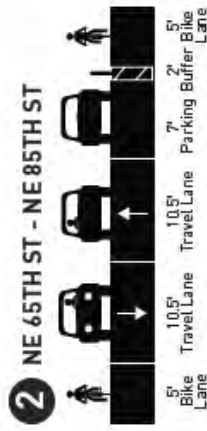
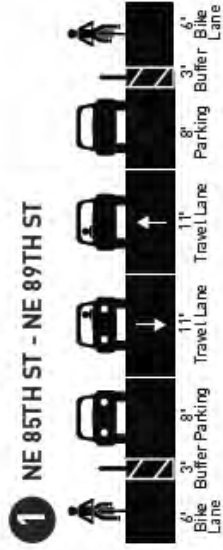


Paving & Safety Projects – 35th Ave NE



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Appendix B: October 21 Notifications

MAILER



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September 27, 2017

Dear Neighbor,

As you may know, next summer we plan to repave and restripe 2.3 miles of 35th Ave NE from NE 45th St to NE 89th St, including NE 45th Pl. We've heard from many of you since we announced our final street concept last May. We invite you to join us at a public meeting to learn more about design details and how we're addressing community feedback and concerns.

35TH AVE NE PAVING PROJECT

PUBLIC MEETING AND WALKING TOUR
Saturday, October 21

10 – 11 AM: Presentation and Q&A
Messiah Lutheran Church, 7050 35th Ave NE

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM: Break into groups and discuss design on the street
Group 1: Meet at 35th Ave NE and NE 75th St at 11:30 AM
Group 2: Meet at 35th Ave NE and NE 65th St at 11:30 AM

Can't attend the entire event? Join a small group walking tour or just come to the open house. Translation services and accommodations available if requested one week in advance.

Project elements

We know how important it is to maintain our streets and our Paving Program helps take care of the basics by rehabilitating arterial streets each year. Paving also provides an opportunity to update the street design to enhance safety and build features called for in citywide transportation plans. There are many competing needs for our limited street space and the design for 35th Ave NE helps organize the space more effectively to serve the needs of multiple users and make the roadway safe for all. The project will:

- **Repave the roadway:** This will extend the life of the pavement, making the roadway safer and smoother for travel.
- **Provide a designated space for biking:** The City's Bike Master Plan, which was developed with considerable public input, recommends a protected bike lane on 35th. It will help make biking a better option for people of all ages and abilities in Northeast Seattle and contribute to establishing a citywide bike network. Bike lanes enhance the street for everyone, not just people who choose to ride bikes, by providing a safe and predictable space for biking.
- **Improve the intersection at NE 75th St:** We're adding left-turn pockets for northbound and southbound traffic on 35th Ave NE at NE 75th St.

- **Minimize parking impacts:** While parking will be consolidated to the east side of the street, peak-hour restrictions (between 4 – 6 PM) will be removed to make parking more predictable for you, your neighbors, and visitors.
- **Improve speed and reliability for people riding transit:** We're working with King County Metro to consolidate stops to improve speed and reliability, particularly on Route 65.
- **Upgrade sidewalks:** In select locations, we're upgrading curb ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and repairing sidewalks.

Attached to this letter, you'll find a few graphics that help show what the street design will look like after paving is complete. We've included 2 key locations. We'll have more information at our event on October 21 and will make all materials available on our website. As we finalize the design this fall, we'll work closely with neighbors to understand business operations and access needs to inform the final details of the design.

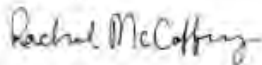
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Sincerely,



Rachel McCaffrey
Community Outreach Lead
35th Ave NE Paving Project
Seattle Department of Transportation

HOW TO STAY INFORMED

We welcome questions and comments from you by phone or email.

- Visit our website www.seattle.gov/transportation/35thNEpaving.htm
- Sign up for our email updates on our website
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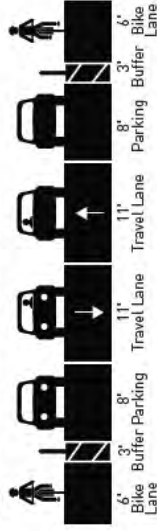
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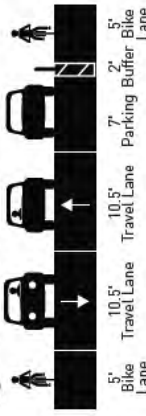
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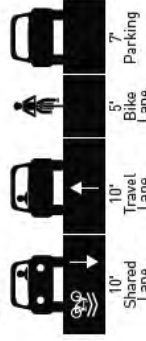
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2 NE 65TH ST - NE 85TH ST



3 NE 47TH ST - NE 65TH ST



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OCTOBER 5 EMAIL UPDATE

35TH AVE NE PAVING PROJECT



35th Ave NE Paving: Design Update Open House and Walking Tour

We've heard from many of you since we announced our final street design concept last May, and we're writing with an update and an opportunity to talk more with the project team. Since the spring, we've been working on the design and engineering for 35th Ave NE and developing key locations like the intersection of NE 75th St, driveways, and key destinations along the route.

We've been out in the neighborhood talking directly with adjacent businesses, residents, and institutions and we're back in touch to invite you to join us at a public meeting to learn more about design details and how we're addressing community feedback and concerns.

PUBLIC MEETING AND WALKING TOUR **Saturday, October 21**

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Project design and schedule

On [our website](#) and below, you can find a few new graphics that help show what the street design will look like after paving is complete. We've included 2 key locations - NE 73rd St and NE 55th St. As we put the final touches on the design this fall, we'll work closely with neighbors to understand business operations and access needs to inform the final details of the design. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2018.



Project elements

There are many competing needs for our limited street space and the design for 35th Ave NE helps organize the space more effectively to serve the needs of multiple users, making the roadway safe for all. The project will:

- **Repave the roadway:** This will extend the life of the pavement, making the roadway safer and smoother for travel.
- **Provide a designated space for biking:** The City's Bike Master Plan recommends a protected bike lane on 35th. It will help make biking a better option for people of all ages and abilities in northeast Seattle and contribute to establishing a citywide bike network. Bike lanes enhance the street for everyone, not just people who choose to ride bikes, by providing a safe and predictable space for biking.
- **Improve the intersection at NE 75th St:** We're adding left-turn pockets for northbound and southbound traffic on 35th Ave NE at NE 75th St.
- **Minimize parking impacts:** While parking will be consolidated to the east side of the street, peak-hour restrictions (between 4 - 6 PM) will be removed to make parking more predictable for you, your neighbors, and visitors.
- **Improve speed and reliability for people riding transit:** We're working with King County Metro to consolidate stops to improve speed and reliability, particularly on Route 65.
- **Upgrade sidewalks:** In select locations, we're upgrading curb ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and repairing sidewalks.

Stay engaged

We hope to see you at our event on October 21. If you have questions or concerns in the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We encourage you to share this information with your friends, family, neighbors, and networks in northeast Seattle. To receive future email updates, please subscribe to our [email distribution list](#).

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OCTOBER 17 EMAIL UPDATE

35TH AVE NE PAVING PROJECT



35th Ave NE Paving: Design Update Open House and Walking Tour

Join SDOT and King County Metro for a public meeting and walking tour this Saturday, October 21. All details about the event are below and more information about the 35th Ave NE paving project is on our webpage at www.seattle.gov/transportation/35thNEpaving.htm.

PUBLIC MEETING AND WALKING TOUR Saturday, October 21

- 10 – 11 AM:** Presentation and Q&A
Messiah Lutheran Church, 7050 35th Ave NE
- 11 – 11:30 AM:** Break into groups and walk to selected intersections
- 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM:** Discuss design at selected intersections
 - Group 1:** Meet at 35th Ave NE and NE 75th St at 11:30 AM
 - Group 2:** Meet at 35th Ave NE and NE 65th St at 11:30 AM

Can't attend the entire event? Join a small group walking tour or just come to the open house. Please contact us as soon as possible if you need specific accommodations. We'll post all materials on our [website](#) following the public meeting.

Wedgwood Trick-or-Treat

Wedgwood Community Council

presents:



Trick-or-Treat at
Wedgwood businesses!

If you can't attend our Saturday public meeting or walking tour, stop by our booth on Tuesday, October 31 during the [Wedgwood Community Council's Trick-or-Treat](#) at Wedgwood Businesses to learn more about the project and pick up some treats for the kids. We'll be in the **QFC parking lot at 35th Ave NE and NE 85th St**, along with the Wedgwood Community Council from **4 - 6 PM**.

Stay engaged

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NOVEMBER 1 EMAIL UPDATE

35TH AVE NE PAVING PROJECT



35th Ave NE Paving: Thank you for joining us in October

Thank you to everyone who attended the 35th Paving Project public meeting on October 21 and visited our booth at the Wedgwood Community Council's Trick-or-Treat at Wedgwood businesses on October 31. Over 200 people attended the meeting, hundreds stopped by our booth last night, and many others shared feedback via email and phone. Couldn't make it to the meeting? View all the materials at the bottom of our [project webpage](#).

We're reviewing the feedback we've received as we finalize design this fall. Stay tuned for a summary of our fall outreach, including what we heard at the public meeting.



Stay engaged

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Appendix C: October 21 Meeting Materials

HANDOUT



Public Meeting

35TH AVE NE PAVING PROJECT

Messiah Lutheran Church, 7050 35th Ave NE

October 21, 2017

MEETING AGENDA

10 - 11 AM	Public Meeting and Q&A
10 AM	Open house with staff & boards
10:10 AM	Project presentation
10:35 AM	Facilitated Q & A
10:55 AM	Closing remarks
11 AM – 12:30 PM	Walking Tours
11 AM	Walking tours depart
11:30 AM	Walking tour discussions
12:30 PM	Walking tours finish

Q&A

We'd like to hear your questions following the presentation. In order to give everyone an opportunity to ask a question, we may limit the amount of time each person has to speak. Additionally, you'll have an opportunity to speak to project staff after the public meeting and during the walking tours.

NOTES:

Please use the space below to write down your thoughts, questions, or concerns during the presentation or walking tour.



WALKING TOUR LOGISTICS

If you're interested in more design details, join us for a walking tour on the street. Pick 1 of 2 locations:

- Group 1 will walk north to NE 75th St
- Group 2 will walk south to NE 65th St

- ★ Messiah Lutheran Church (meeting location)
- ★ NE 75th St
- ★ NE 65th St

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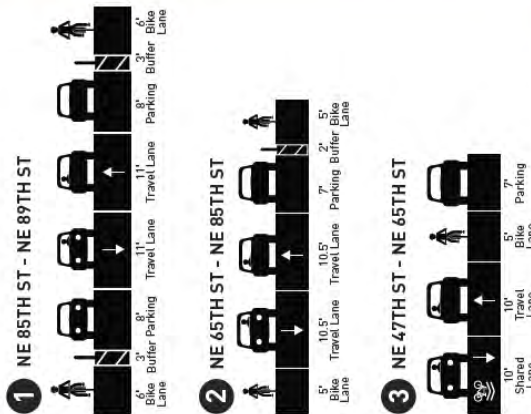
Conceptual view of intersection at NE 75th St; image not to scale



Conceptual view of intersection at NE 65th St; image not to scale

PROJECT OVERVIEW

35th Ave NE Paving Project



Cross sections are looking north. Illustrations are conceptual. Actual widths at intersections will vary.

- In addition to paving, this project includes:
- Parking consolidated to east side of street and peak-hour parking restrictions removed
 - Bike lanes that connect to the citywide network as designated in the Bike Master Plan
 - New left-turn pockets for northbound and southbound traffic on 35th Ave NE at NE 75th St
 - Some bus stop improvements and consolidating stops to improve transit speed and reliability
 - Curb ramp upgrades and sidewalk repair in select locations

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STREET DESIGN

35th Ave NE Paving Project



Conceptual design of 35th Ave NE between NE 47th St and NE 65th St; image not to scale



Conceptual design of 35th Ave NE between NE 65th St and NE 85th St; image not to scale

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INTERSECTION DESIGN

35th Ave NE Paving Project



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BUS IMPROVEMENTS

35th Ave NE Paving Project

Thanks to Seattle voters and the Seattle Transportation Benefit District, Seattle is adding more transit service in northeast Seattle. In September 2017, we improved Route 65 to 10-minute service on weekdays from 6AM-7PM and added Night Owl trips after 2AM, to ensure riders can travel where they want, when they want.



Working with King County Metro, we're improving transit speed and reliability for Routes 64 and 65. As part of this project and to help traffic and buses move more smoothly, we're consolidating bus stops in the project area. We'll remove stops based on the number of people boarding/exiting the bus and to maintain consistent spacing between stops.

All changes illustrated are still under review and subject to change.

LEGEND

- Add shelter/awning to existing stop
- Relocated stop
- Maintain existing stop
- Remove stop



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PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

35th Ave NE Paving Project

This project also includes pedestrian improvements to the sidewalk:

- Upgrading curb ramps (see map at right) in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act



- Repairing cracked and buckled sidewalks, in select locations (not shown on map)
- Adding a new crosswalk at NE 89th St at the Neighborhood Greenway crossing
- Adding a flashing beacon at the crosswalk at NE 80th St (separate project as part of Your Voice, Your Choice)
- Tree pit improvements in some locations using permeable paving that is durable and flush with the sidewalk to reduce trip hazards



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HOW TO STAY INFORMED

35th Ave NE Paving Project

Thanks for joining us today. We're committed to engaging with the community throughout the project and will continue to keep you up to date as we finalize the design. Before construction, we'll work closely with businesses and residents along the corridor to understand your specific loading and access needs.

Schedule

This is our anticipated project timeline, but dates are subject to change:

- Late 2017 – Finalize design
- Early 2018 – Pre-construction coordination with community and businesses
- Spring 2018 – Begin construction
- Late 2018 – Complete construction



Residents examining draft design concepts at a 2016 open house for all Northeast Paving Projects.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED

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To stay up-to-date on the project, be sure to sign up for email updates on our website

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35th Ave NE Paving Project



Public Meeting and Walking Tours
Marilyn Yim, Project Manager
October 21, 2017



Our mission, vision, and core values

Mission: deliver a high-quality transportation system for Seattle

Vision: connected people, places, and products

Committed to **5 core values** to create a city that is:

- Safe
- Interconnected
- Affordable
- Vibrant
- Innovative

For **all**

Project development

- Analyzed traffic and parking data
- Reviewed transit, pedestrian, bike and freight master plans
- Conducted outreach in summer 2016 (included several northeast paving projects)
 - Open house
 - Online survey
 - Door-to-door outreach
 - Presentations to community groups
 - Mailer to 24,000 northeast Seattle residents
- Announced street concept design in May 2017



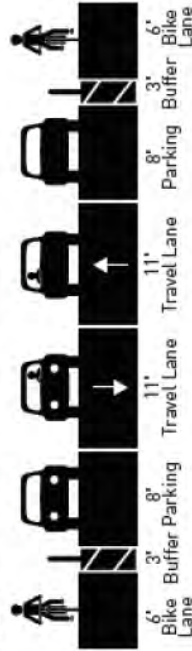
Community members viewing the design ideas at the 2016 Northeast Paving Open House

Project goals

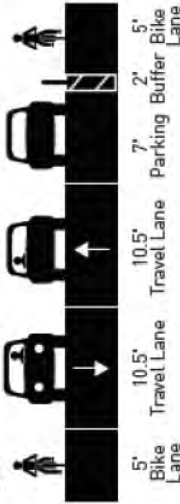
- Extend the life of the pavement; smoother, safer and more comfortable for travel
- Better organize the street to improve safety and predictability for everyone
- Provide safe transportation options for everyone
- Maintain access to local destinations and businesses

Project elements

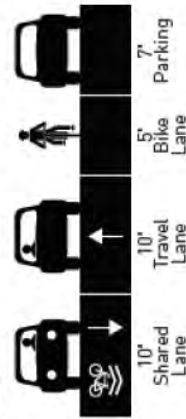
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3 NE 47TH ST - NE 65TH ST



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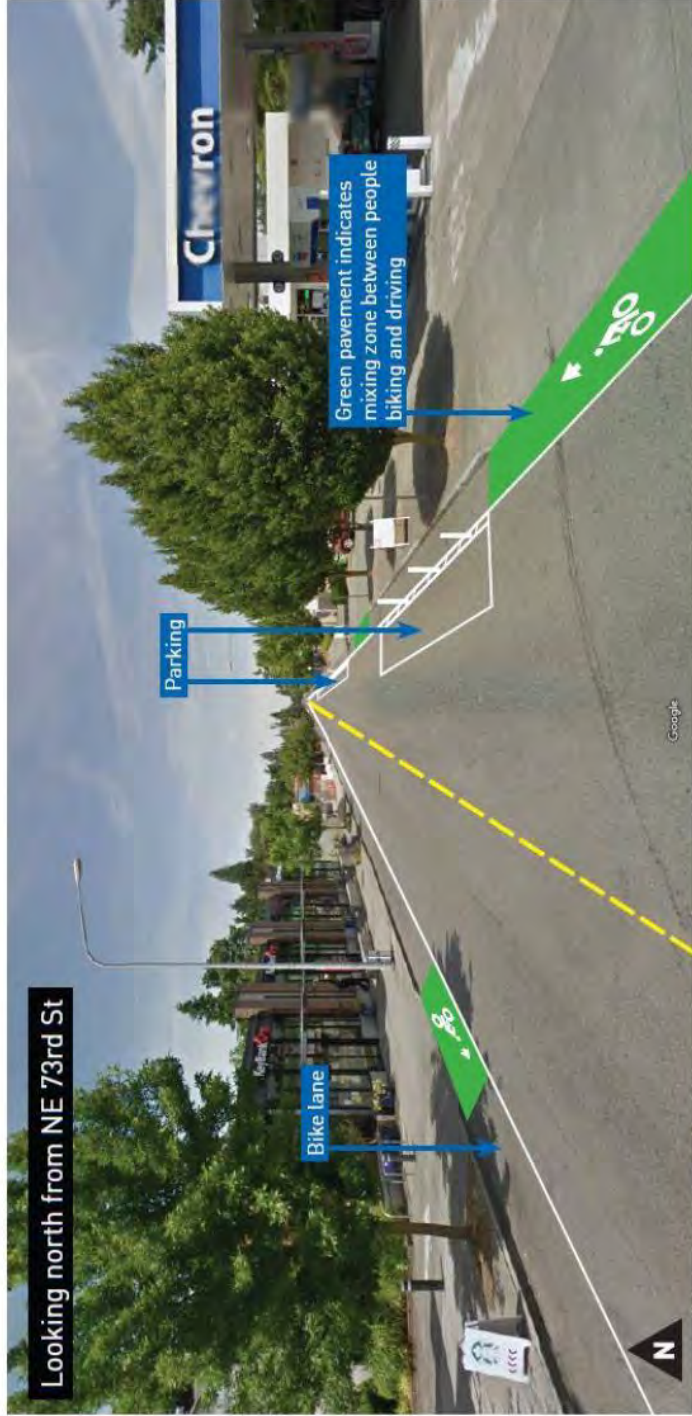
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- Some bus stop improvements and consolidating stops to improve speed and reliability
- Curb ramp upgrades and sidewalk repair in select locations

Design details: NE 47th – NE 65th St



- Street is better organized, more intuitive and predictable for all users
- Northbound bike lane; southbound sharrow because of narrow roadway
- Parking maintained on east side of street (4-6 PM restrictions removed)

Design details: NE 65th St – NE 85 St



- Street is better organized, more intuitive and predictable for all users
- Northbound protected bike lane;
– Provides direct access to businesses and other destinations on the arterial
– Green pavement indicates mixing zone
- Parking maintained on east side of street (4-6 PM restrictions removed)

NE 75th St intersection



Conceptual view, image not to scale

- New left-turn pockets
- Northbound bus stop moved to north side of intersection

NE 65th St intersection



Conceptual view, image not to scale

Bus improvements



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- Working with King County Metro to improve transit speed and reliability
- Consolidating bus stops (based on number of people boarding/exiting the bus and to maintain consistent spacing between stops)

Pedestrian improvements



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- Upgrading curb ramps
- Repairing sidewalks in select locations
- Adding new crosswalk at NE 89th St
- Adding flashing beacon at NE 80th St (part of Your Voice, Your Choice)
- Tree pit improvements

Next steps/schedule

Date	Action
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Questions?

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