The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is building a new pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Interstate-5 (I-5) to improve connections within the Northgate community, including access to major regional transit facilities east of the freeway: the existing King County Transit Center and the Sound Transit Link light rail station (which opens in 2021).

The bridge will be a truss/tube structure with ADA-compatible approach ramps touching down at North Seattle College near 100th Street. It will provide a direct connection to the mezzanine level of the future Sound Transit light rail station over 1st Avenue NE from the east side approach ramp.

The bridge will also provide connections to a number of new pedestrian and bicycle improvements, including:

- A protected bike lane on the west side of 1st Avenue NE between NE 92nd Street and NE 103rd Street
- A shared bicycle/pedestrian path on the east side of 1st Avenue NE between NE 103rd Street and NE Northgate Way

An open house is currently planned for October 2015 to share the 30% design.
Project Benefits
The project benefits Northgate communities, businesses and schools by providing:

- A new connection between the east and west sides of I-5 in Northgate
- A better connection for students and transit users to North Seattle College
- Important access for bicyclists and pedestrians in the Northgate vicinity
- Increased ridership at the King County Transit Center and future Light Rail Station

Project Funding
The planning level cost estimate for the Northgate Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge is $25 million. SDOT and Sound Transit have each committed $5 million to the project. The Transportation Improvements Budget approved by the Washington State Legislature includes $10 million for this project. The Northgate Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge project is included as a proposed project in the 2015 Move Seattle Transportation Levy, and the project team has also submitted an application for the 2015 federal TIGER Grant.

Northgate Pedestrian & Bicycle Bridge Project Schedule

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