**Project description**

We are replacing the bridge at Fairview Ave N. While safe for travel today, the bridge is structurally unstable and vulnerable to earthquakes, including the newer portion made of steel and concrete. The bridge is located on the southeast shore of Lake Union near the 1200 block of Fairview Ave N in Seattle, next to the historic Lake Union Steam Plant building.

In order to prepare for bridge closure in fall and detours, various improvements will be installed along Aloha St.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- Detour prep begins summer 2019 and will last approximately two months
- Fairview Ave N bridge closure will begin in fall 2019
- The project will install a new traffic signal at Aloha St and Eastlake Ave E and update the signal timing at Aloha St and Fairview Ave N
- The detour prep work will install a permanently raised intersection with an all-way stop control at Aloha St and Yale Ave N
- Aloha St will be the pedestrian, transit, bicycle, and local traffic detour during bridge construction

*Each phase will last approximately 10-15 business days. Construction schedule is dependent on weather/changing conditions and subject to change.
Project schedule
In late July 2019, the Fairview project will break ground on detour preparation in advance of full bridge closure. Full project construction will last approximately 19 months.

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*The project will comply with all necessary environmental permitting and associated schedules

Driving, biking, and walking during bridge construction
We understand that traffic must keep moving in the area during construction. Transit riders, cyclists, pedestrians, and local traffic will be directed to Aloha St and Eastlake Ave E. Freight and general traffic will be encouraged to use alternate routes. Detour and “businesses are open” signage will be placed at key locations during the full closure. We will continue to work with King County Metro, other nearby construction projects, the community, and those who travel through the area before and during construction.

New Bridge
The oldest portion of the current bridge was built more than 65 years ago and is the last timber-supported bridge on a major road in Seattle. The new bridge will include a wider street and support safer travel along Fairview Ave N.

Project improvements will include:
- New single-span bridge structure that meets current seismic standards
- Northbound vehicle lanes wider by approximately 2 feet total
- Sidewalks located on both sides of the bridge
- Structurally able to accommodate future transit expansion
- Three Lake Union viewpoints along the bridge
- A new two-way protected bicycle lane to replace the shared bicycle/pedestrian path
- The floating walkway on Lake Union parallel to the bridge will be removed during construction and replaced when construction is complete

Fairview Ave N bridge directly next to the historic Lake Union Steam Plant Building.