

Northgate Ped/Bike Bridge Project



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Good afternoon,

We'd like to provide an update on recent coordination for the [Northgate Ped/Bike Bridge project](#). Since last spring, we've coordinated closely with our project partner, North Seattle College (NSC). The west end of the bridge touches down at the north edge of the NSC campus. When complete, the bridge will not only be a major amenity for North Seattle but will also directly serve NSC students, faculty, and staff. We've been working with NSC on design details that meet the College's needs while staying within the project's budget and designing a bridge that we can deliver in advance of Sound Transit's Northgate light rail station opening in 2021.

Over the course of our coordination this year, NSC expressed concerns and presented alternative proposals that our team has reviewed and addressed. NSC's ideal preference would be an alignment that travels "straight" along 100th St, citing safety concerns. NSC believes a straight alignment directly along 100th would provide clearer lines of sight from the west side of the bridge. We're not able to accommodate the proposal in full, and instead, we've revised the design of the west-side landing and bridge approach, moving the bridge away from the parking lot to preserve valuable NSC land and maintain a direct access connection to College Way N. We continue to apply tools from the multi-disciplinary approach called Crime Prevention Through

Environmental Design (CPTED) to ensure clear lines of sight and visibility on and around the bridge. These design revisions also minimize impacts to critical natural habitat, heritage trees, and federally-protected wetlands. You can view images of the current design at the top of our [project webpage](#).

We began discussing this design revision with NSC staff in August, and the first time we presented this publicly was on Tuesday, in a presentation to the NSC executive team, faculty, staff, and interested community members. We shared how we arrived at the current bridge design and provided detail on the design changes made since earlier this year. Of the alignments considered to date, the current design will have the least impact to natural habitat on the west side of the bridge. It's also the most feasible option given Sound Transit's schedule and the project's budget of \$37.5M, including funding from the Move Seattle Levy, state and federal grants, and other general funding sources. The changes made and put forward in the current revised design are all ones we can currently afford in time and project cost, but making further additional major changes to the alignment will make it challenging to still meet Sound Transit's schedule and the project's budget constraints. To see Tuesday's presentation materials and understand the specific site constraints, environmental regulations, and changes that brought us to the current design, [click here](#).

Both SDOT and NSC are committed to delivering this substantial amenity to North Seattle and we'd like to recognize the time and coordination NSC has invested in this project.

For those who've submitted comments and questions regarding the current design, thank you for your feedback. We all share a commitment to building this bridge and appreciate your ongoing participation.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions or to discuss the project. You can contact the project team at NorthgateBridge@seattle.gov or (206) 615-0925. Stay tuned for more updates and ways to be involved in early 2018.

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