To whom it may concern:  

December 15, 2015

This past summer our staff gathered feedback and analyzed technical data to implement the North-South Neighborhood Greenway in Rainier Valley. Over a year of collaboration with residents and community stakeholders allowed us to select the draft most promising route in September 2015, and after additional technical analysis and community feedback our team announced a few of changes to the draft most promising route this fall.

The latest change will allow us to re-route the alignment of the greenway onto 36\textsuperscript{th} Ave S between S Spokane and S Charlestown Streets instead of Courtland PL S, as previously proposed. The request to consider this change was brought up by community members who highlighted a desire to avoid the steep grade along S Spokane St east of 36\textsuperscript{th} Ave S, which could discourage people from walking or biking along the route.

As we considered their request, we concluded that continuing the greenway alignment along 36\textsuperscript{th} Ave S to S Charlestown St was the best alternative to avoid the steep grade encountered on S Spokane St. We believe changing the alignment as shown above, will make it easier to walk and bike and create a more pleasant and predictable experience for everyone traveling along the greenway.

Should you have any comments or questions about this change, please contact me at your convenience so we can talk about it or visit the project page at: www.seattle.gov/transportation/rainiervalleygreenways2.htm

Sincerely,

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