

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.

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.

## 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

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.

Sincerely,

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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 <a href="http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/35thNEpaving.htm">www.seattle.gov/transportation/35thNEpaving.htm</a>
- Sign up for our email updates on our website
- Email <u>35thAvePaving@seattle.gov</u>
- Call (206) 615-0925

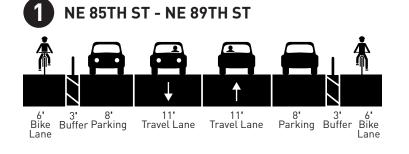
## **35TH AVE NE PAVING PROJECT**

## Paving & Safety Projects – 35th Ave NE



In addition to paving, this project includes:

- Parking consolidated to east side of street and peak-hour parking restrictions removed
- Bike lanes as designated in the Bike Master Plan
- Some bus stop improvements and consolidating stops to improve speed and reliability
- Curb ramp upgrades and sidewalk repair in select locations

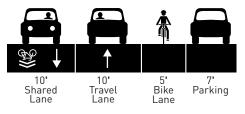






5' 10.5' 10.5' 7' 2' 5' Bike Travel Lane Travel Lane Parking Buffer Bike Lane Lane





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

## **CONCEPTUAL VIEWS OF 35TH AVE NE STREET DESIGN**



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#### **PROJECT INFORMATION & CONTACT**

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