

Transit Advisory Board

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City of Seattle

Agenda: West Seattle High-Rise Bridge

- Background and what has changed since March 23
- What we've done since the closure
- Task Force and Advisory Panel
- Neighborhood mitigation strategies
- Agency partner coordination

What has changed since March 23, 2020

- Future of the bridge remains uncertain
- Making progress on determining bridge repair or replacement



What we've done since the closure

On the Bridge

- Installed monitoring instrumentation
- Secured a contractor to complete bridge stabilization
- Continuing to monitor cracking
- Pier 18 repair construction planning
- Began search for a team to design potential replacement



What we've done since the closure

On the Ground

- Added six real-time cameras on detours
- Adjusted signal timing at 26 intersections
- Displaying travel times on dynamic message signs via West Marginal Way
- Installed a temporary signal at Highland Park Way SW and SW Holden St
- Repaved the 5-way intersection west of the Spokane Street/Low Bridge
- Repaved Roxbury between 16th and 18th



What we've done since the closure

In the Community

- Held 20+ stakeholder group meetings
- Completed our emergency response plan with partners
- Communicated regularly through our website, blog, emails lists, and media
- Implemented Stay Healthy Streets



What's next

- West Marginal Way improvements
- Ongoing signal adjustments and maintenance along detour route
- Preparing for Pier 18 work
- Initial meeting of Community Task Force and Technical Advisory Panel
- Continued meetings with neighborhoods, organizations, stakeholders

Community Task Force and Advisory Panel

West Seattle Bridge Community Task Force

- Approximately 40 individuals
- Includes elected officials and representatives from West Seattle Businesses, regional neighborhood groups, industrial and maritime businesses

Technical Advisory Panel

- Composed of independent experts with leading experience in bridge design and construction (particularly concrete construction), geotechnical engineering for bridge structures, and marine/maritime expertise.
- Will be convened at key milestones in the process



Reconnect West Seattle

Working together to identify short-, medium-, and long-term traffic mitigation strategies

- **The West Seattle Mobility Plan:** outlines a vision for reimagining, reorienting, and providing the transportation services and facilities that meet the needs of West Seattle travelers.
 - This plan includes:
 - Potential new bus and water taxi services
 - Improvements to our bike infrastructure
 - Filling gaps in our freight network

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- **Neighborhood Mitigation Strategies:** creates specific neighborhood traffic mitigation plans for four communities that are acutely impacted by increased traffic from detour routes.
 - Communities:
 - Southern West Seattle (Highland Park, Roxhill, S. Delridge, and Riverview)
 - South Park
 - Georgetown
 - SODO

Neighborhood Mitigation Strategies

- List of ideas generated from community, SDOT staff, and existing transportation and neighborhood plans (i.e. Bike Master Plan, Transit Master Plan, Freight Master Plan)
- Focus on “Quick build” projects that could be implemented in less than one year
- Cost for each project is approximately or less than \$100K
- Community priorities needed to inform traffic mitigation commitments

Reconnect West Seattle - Timeline

- **Summer 2020**
 - Share plans with community
 - Community provides prioritized list to City
 - City folds community priorities into mitigation plans
 - Follow-up discussions with neighborhoods
- **Fall 2020**
 - Action plan and timeline set

Transit Agency Partner Coordination

- King County Metro, Sound Transit, Washington State Ferries
- Weekly interagency meetings
- Strategies we're exploring
 - Mode change goals for West Seattle
 - Evaluating new and/or revised routes and transit frequencies
 - Increasing waterborne transit capacity
 - Installing transit priority improvements



Actions you can take

Visit West Seattle Bridge Website

- seattle.gov/transportation/westseattlebridge
- Click "Subscribe Now" button to get email updates about the bridge
- Browse reroute maps, FAQs, in-depth stories about the bridge and action plans, and more

Ask Questions

- 684-ROAD@seattle.gov
- 206-684-ROAD
- **Sign Up for AlertSeattle**
 - alert.seattle.gov
- **Start Planning for Post “Stay Home, Stay Healthy”**
- **Encourage Others to Follow Low Bridge Restrictions**

Questions / Discussion

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