



26TH AVE AND E PROSPECT ST STAIRWAY REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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IMPROVING SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY AT 26TH AVE E & E PROSPECT ST

Several City-owned stairways were built in the mid-1900s, with some built as early as the 1920s. We periodically inspect each stairway to check conditions and identify a list of needed repairs.

The stairway at 26th Ave E & E Prospect St has been prioritized for safety improvements, scheduled to begin in early June 2016. These improvements will ensure the stairs meet current safety standards, and is a step forward in improving pedestrian connections and accessibility in our city.

PROJECT ELEMENTS

Planned improvements include:

- Removing and replacing the existing stairs with a new staircase made of reinforced concrete, with uniform treads and spacing
- Replacing the stairway landings
- Installing new handrails on each side, with a second handrail at a lower height to accommodate adults and children

CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

Construction of the new stairway is expected to begin as in early June 2016 and will take approximately two months to complete.

PROJECT FUNDING

Stairway improvements are funded by SDOT's Stairway Rehabilitation Fund and the Levy to Move Seattle, a 9-year levy approved by voters in 2015 to improve safety for all travelers, maintain our streets and bridges, and invest in reliable, affordable travel options for a growing city.

EXISTING STAIRWAYS



STAIRWAY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

SDOT owns and maintains more than 500 stairways, totaling over 6 miles, as part of our Stairway Maintenance Program. People use these stairways to shortcut their way up or down a hill and get from one street to another. They connect us to schools, parks, playgrounds, senior centers, and bus stops, and also serve as a place to exercise. Due to the steep and sloping nature of Seattle's landscape, many of our streets are connected by these pedestrian stairways, serving as a vital community resource.

Watch for additional construction information in the coming months.

PROJECT INFORMATION & CONTACT

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