



# AURORA AVE N & RAYE ST STAIRWAY REPLACEMENT PROJECT

April 2016

## IMPROVING SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY AT AURORA AVE N AND RAYE 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 stairways that go under the south end of the Aurora Bridge at Raye St have been prioritized for safety improvements, scheduled for spring/summer 2016. These improvements will ensure the stairs meet current safety standards, and are a step forward in improving pedestrian connections and accessibility in our city.

## PROJECT ELEMENTS

The planned improvements include:

- Removing and replacing the existing stairs with a new staircase made of reinforced concrete, with uniform treads and spacing
- Replacing the 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 stairways is expected to begin as soon as May 2016 and will take approximately two months to complete.

## PROJECT FUNDING

This project is funded by SDOT Stairway Rehabilitation Fund and the Levy to Move Seattle.

*Watch for additional construction information in the coming weeks.*

## 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.

### PROJECT INFORMATION & CONTACT

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