

MERCER MIDDLE SCHOOL SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

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What is the Mercer Middle School Safe Routes to School Project?

This Safe Routes to School project is a partnership between SDOT, Seattle Public Utilities and Seattle Parks Department. The project provides an off-street trail connection with lighting, parallel to busy 15th Avenue S, making a safer connection between North Beacon Hill and Mercer Middle School. The project also includes education and encouragement programs to get more kids walking and biking safely to school.

Education and Encouragement

SDOT has partnered with Feet First, Cascade Bicycle Club, Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, and Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center to provide a comprehensive program including bike safety education, support for walking school bus, bike trains, and evaluation of arrival and departure procedures.

Benefits

- Improves safety on the walking and biking route to school
- Offers a more comfortable, off-street option for people biking and walking to school
- Provides safety education so kids have the skills they need to safely walk and bike to school
- Encourages more kids to walk and bike to school, which will reduce congestion at the school

Construction Timeline

The sidewalk project is currently at 100% design. Construction may begin as early as late 2015.

Project Funding

A Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) grant is funding education and encouragement aspects of the project. Construction is partially funded by WSDOT. SDOT's local Safe Routes to School program, which is funded by the school speed zone enforcement program, will cover the remaining cost.

Construction Cost

- Total construction cost estimate \$955,000
- WSDOT grant \$527,000
- Local funding \$428,000



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