

## Renton Avenue S Repaving Project Open House

### Overview

On April 9, 2015, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) hosted the first public open house for the Renton Avenue S Repaving Project. The meeting was held from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Somali Community Center in Seattle's Rainier Valley neighborhood. Approximately 30 people attended the event. A total of seven individual written comments were submitted.

At the event, attendees were able to:

- View a series of display boards featuring project background and benefits, designs and construction information.
- Study roll plots of the project elements, including all curb ramp improvements
- Meet one-on-one with project staff

The display boards and project fact sheet were also made available on the project website for those unable to attend in person.

### Meeting goals

- Share the purpose and goals of the project with the public
- Provide an overview of SDOT's design for the corridor
- Allow the community to ask questions about the project plans
- Understand how to stay involved in the project and best communicate questions and concerns

### Key findings from community members

- Support the project, agree with the need, and look forward to the project improvements
- Repair additional potholes in the area
- Support the crosswalk artwork at South Henderson St
- Concern regarding anticipated construction congestion
- Repair the sidewalk on South Trenton St between Renton Ave South and the South Shore K-8 School.

### Meeting notifications

SDOT used the following tools to publicize the open house:

- Mailers distributed to residents and businesses in the project vicinity on 3/17/15
- Announcement on project web page
- Press release on 4/8/15

## **Summary of questions, comments, and input**

Questions, general comments, and input from attendees are summarized below by topic.

### **General**

- Request to call the Open House a “Drop-in Session” rather than a public meeting based on the format and materials.
- People support the project, agree with the need, and look forward to the project improvements.

### **Schedule/Construction**

- Complete paving between 51<sup>st</sup> Ave South and South 112<sup>th</sup> St first, as this section appears to be in worse condition.
- Please complete construction by the end of October.
- Reduce construction impacts to bus travel time (route #107 to Renton).

### **Pedestrian elements**

- The sidewalks on the north and south sides of South Trenton St between Renton Ave South and the South Shore K-8 need repair or replacement. Large numbers of children and parents currently walk in the street.
- The alley way between South Trenton St and South Henderson St is a heavily used east-west pedestrian corridor between Renton Ave South and the school property. It is in a horrible state of disrepair.
- Support the crosswalk art, add labels to what the fingers are pointing to (Light Rail Train and The Community Center) in order to increase functionality.

### **Pothole repair and paving requests**

- Request to repair the pothole behind the school.
- There are major potholes near the Bank of America, west of Renton Ave South.
- Concerned about large pothole near the intersection of South Fletcher St and Renton Ave South.
- Pave the area north of South Holden St too.

### **Rainier Ave. South Traffic Safety**

- Make Renton Ave South 20 MPH to prevent shifting speeders to parallel routes.
- Difficult to enter Seward Park Ave from driveway (esp. backing out or taking lefts during peak hours) – changes associated with the project will likely make the situation worse.
- Extend the initiative all the way to the city limit; there is a history of bad accidents south of Rainier Beach.
- There should be more speeding enforcement.
- Left turns should be restricted from Alaska Way to South Henderson St and places where no left turn signal exists during peak travel times, 3-6 PM.
- Relieved the program only extends as far as it does.

**Photos**

