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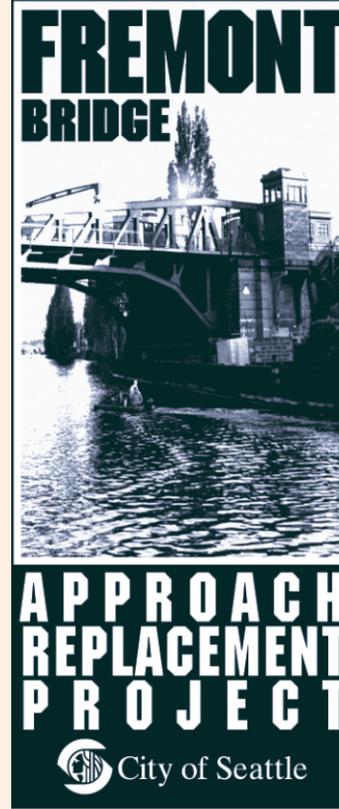
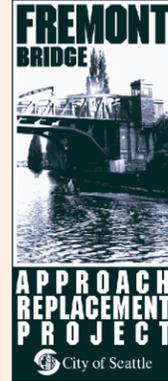
“The Fremont Bridge is not only a Seattle icon, it’s an important link between communities. We’re working hard to improve mobility for commuters, freight and bicyclists.”

— SEATTLE MAYOR GREG NICKELS

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www.seattle.gov/transportation/fremontbridgeapproaches.htm

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The approach replacement will ensure the Fremont Bridge lasts for decades to come.

Making Fremont Safer & Easier to Get Around

Next summer the Seattle Department of Transportation will begin construction on the Fremont Bridge approach structures to improve safety and mobility. SDOT is working with the community to ensure a timely and well-coordinated effort.

**CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN
SUMMER 2005**

Together, we’ll achieve an improved bridge that will include:

- ✦ New north and south bridge approach structures
- ✦ New electrical and mechanical infrastructure
- ✦ New bridge maintenance shop located beneath the south approach
- ✦ Public open space accessible from the bridge
- ✦ Improved key roadways and intersections (See insert for details.)



“I’m excited the City of Seattle is proactively addressing the needed safety improvements on our bridge approaches. The end result of this project is great for Fremont. It will be much easier to get to and from and around the community.”

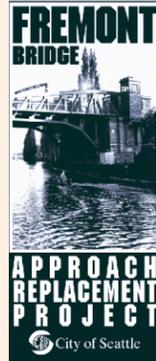
— MARKO TUBIC, PRESIDENT,
FREMONT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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“As a Fremont resident and business owner, I'm pleased with the effort SDOT has put into working with our community. We've been developing some fun, creative strategies for maintaining the vitality of Fremont during the upcoming construction phase. I'm really looking forward to the end results of this project.”

— PETE HENNING,
OWNER, RED DOOR ALE HOUSE

Construction Schedule

July '05 - March '06

- Begin 9 months under-the-bridge work
- Bridge lanes remain fully open
- Close Burke-Gilman and South Ship Canal trails
- Create temporary westbound bike lane on N 34th
- Begin key roadway and intersection improvements

April '06 - December '06

- Begin 9 months of surface bridge work
- Bridge has 2 lanes and 1 sidewalk open
- Up to 10 full weekend closures
- Construction on bridge approaches ends

January '07 - June '07

- Re-open bridge lanes
- Re-open Burke-Gilman Trail
- Begin mechanical and electrical upgrades
- Up to 5 full weekend closures

July '07 - March '08

- Finish mechanical and electrical upgrades
- Begin work on maintenance & operations shop

April 2008

Construction complete!

- Re-open the South Ship Canal Trail

Up to 34 months of construction

The Most Important Team Member – YOU!

Since the Fremont Bridge Approach Replacement project began in 2002, SDOT has involved the Fremont and Queen Anne communities throughout every step of the process.

Community involvement efforts included:

- ✦ Early stakeholder interviews
- ✦ Stakeholder workshop
- ✦ Several open house events
- ✦ Ongoing meetings with the project's Citizen Advisory Group (CAG)
- ✦ Ongoing briefings to business and community groups

Community feedback helped SDOT create an innovative plan that keeps the bridge open throughout construction. SDOT will continue looking to the community to ensure the project's end result is the best it can be.



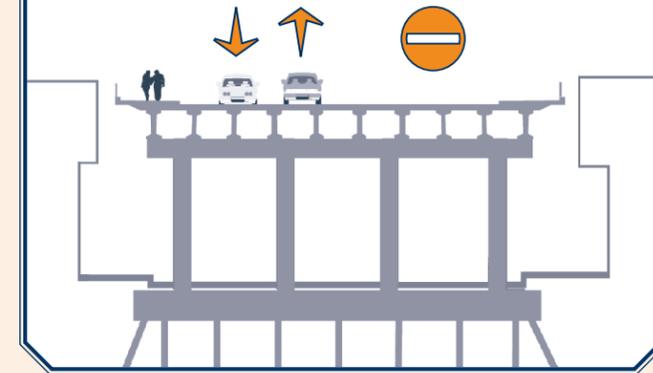
SDOT will make sure everyone—including pedestrians and cyclists—can keep moving safely during construction.

You Spoke, We Listened.

We're keeping the bridge open as much as possible!

During the 18 months of construction:

- ✦ first nine months all lanes remain open;
- ✦ second nine months, half the lanes remain open;
- ✦ full closure of lanes for 10 - 15 weekends.



Cross-section of partial closure.

Focus on Queen Anne

CONSTRUCTION CAN CAUSE CHANGES IN TRAFFIC BEHAVIOR

SDOT is identifying potential solutions for cut-through traffic on North Queen Anne Hill. The City is coordinating its work with an ongoing neighborhood study by the North

Queen Anne Concerned Neighbors group. For more information, contact SDOT Project Manager Lorelei Mesic at (206) 684-5178 or lolelei.mesic@seattle.gov.

Community Outreach

2002

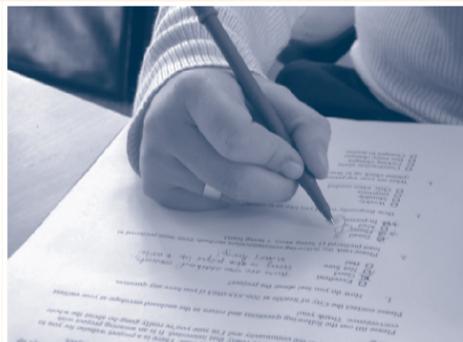


The September 2002 Stakeholder Workshop and stakeholder interviews involved key community members early in the process.



Community members viewed and discussed preliminary plans at the October 2002 Open House.

2003



SDOT surveyed local businesses.



The Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) discusses design options with project engineers. CAG members represent neighborhoods, local businesses and arts, bicyclist and pedestrian interests.

2004



Project information was showcased at the 2004 Solstice Fair and Oktoberfest. Briefings with businesses and community groups continue.



More than 120 community members attended the May 2004 Open House.

Summaries of comments received at the community open houses can be found at www.seattle.gov/transportation/fremontbridgeapproaches.htm.