

Seattle Department of Transportation

Burke-Gilman Trail

Missing Link

10/14 Public Self-Guided Walking Tour
Overview
October 2017

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The Burke-Gilman Trail is one of the most heavily-used walking and bicycling facilities in Seattle. It is a vibrant, 20-mile trail connecting multiple neighborhoods and other City and regional trails. It serves as a major transportation corridor for people riding to work or running errands, as well as providing a space for recreation.

The purpose of the Burke-Gilman Trail Missing Link project is to complete the Burke-Gilman Trail through the Ballard industrial and urban hub neighborhoods to improve safety for all, to support a variety of transportation and recreational uses for people of all ages and abilities, and to preserve freight mobility and access to adjacent properties.

The project has been in development since 2001 following the Seattle City Council’s direction to evaluate completing the missing portion of the Burke-Gilman Trail. After many years of planning, stakeholder conversations, and environmental review, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) published a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) in May 2017 which identified a preferred route for the trail. Design of the Missing Link is now moving forward, and the project has reached 60% design.

To engage stakeholders and community members from the Ballard area, SDOT held a self-guided walking tour along the Missing Link corridor where attendees could walk the corridor, see the updated design, and talk to project staff.



Map of self-guided walking tour of the Missing Link

IN-PERSON PUBLIC EVENT OVERVIEW

Event format

The self-guided was an informal and interactive event to allow attendees to:

- Walk the preferred alignment of the Missing Link corridor
- Learn about corridor users, including businesses, vehicle traffic, and freight routes
- View key 60% design features along the corridor
- Ask questions and provide feedback to SDOT staff and project DAC members
- Provide written comments to SDOT via comment cards
- Talk to SPU staff about their upcoming project

Information presented

- The Missing Link project team is designing a multimodal corridor along SDOT's preferred alignment that is safe for all users and retains access and use for adjacent properties and businesses
- SDOT has reached 60% design and would like to hear community feedback on the updated design, as well as potential design suggestions from members of the Ballard community as well trail users

Event overview

When	Saturday October 14, 2017, 10 AM – 2 PM
Where	Missing Link corridor
Attendance	240+ total attendees (5 signed in)
Comments	34 unique comments received



Project staff talk to attendees at the self-guided walking tour of the Missing Link

Audience

Public event attendees were primarily:

- Employees and owners of adjacent businesses
- Individuals of bicycle, pedestrian, and transportation advocacy groups
- Residents of the Ballard neighborhood
- Regular trail-users from adjacent neighborhoods

Notifications

The public was directed to the public event in the following ways:

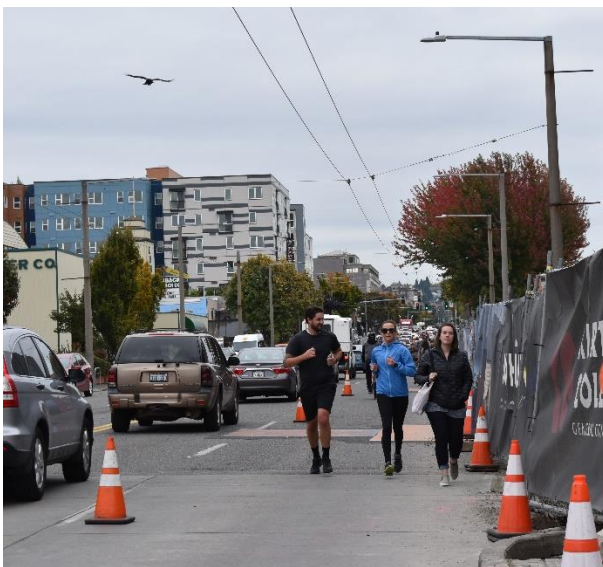
- **Link posted on project webpage** on September 13, 2017
- **Postcard** to 15,893 recipients (in mailboxes by October 3, 2017)
- **SDOT social media posts**
 - Facebook (4,725 followers) on October 10, 11, and 12
 - Twitter (262,000+ followers) on October 5, 10, and 12
- **Email update** to 246 listserv subscribers on October 2 and 9
- **Push signs** at 24 locations along the existing and proposed Burke-Gilman Trail

Missing Link Design Advisory Committee members

- Warren Aakervik, Freight interests
- Tom Friedman, Pedestrians
- Jennifer Macuiba, Trail users (alternate)
- Armand MacMurray, Ballard Residents

Staff

- Maribel Cruz, SDOT
- Louisa Galassini, SDOT
- Mark Mazzola, SDOT
- Peter Trinh, SDOT
- Roque Deherrera, OED
- Eset Alemu, SPU
- Andrew Royer, PRR
- Penny Mabie, EnviroIssues
- Kristine Edens, EnviroIssues
- Brett Watson, EnviroIssues
- Allan Vann, EnviroIssues
- Chris Themelis, EnviroIssues
- Eleanor Jackson, SPU



People walking and biking along the Missing Link during the self-guided walking tour