

RECONNECT WEST SEATTLE

Neighborhood Prioritization Process



The unexpected closure of the West Seattle High-Rise Bridge dramatically impacted West Seattle and the nearby Duwamish Valley communities, especially those along the detour routes. These impacts will only continue to grow as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Though challenging, with ambition, change, and collaboration, we can Reconnect West Seattle. This region-wide framework aims to increase mobility for all impacted areas. Critically, it also provides an additional layer of support for those regions most acutely impacted.

From more than 30 town halls and community forums, we have heard and gathered proposals and feedback directly from community members in South Park, Georgetown, SODO, and South West Seattle (Roxhill, Highland Park, Riverview, South Delridge) who are deeply and rightfully concerned about how they will get around, the availability of buses, cut-through traffic, pedestrian safety, and increased pollution in their neighborhoods. These communities already faced disparate environmental impacts before absorbing the vast majority of all detour traffic and related pollution in the wake of the bridge closure.

This portion of the Reconnect West Seattle framework enables your neighborhood to lead and prioritize which projects you feel, as a community, will best mitigate the impacts of the High-Bridge closure and corresponding detour routes in the short term and in the long term. SDOT stands ready to serve.

YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED: FILL OUT YOUR BALLOT

South Park | Georgetown | SODO | Roxhill, Highland Park, Riverview, South Delridge

If you live or work in South Park, Georgetown, SODO or South West Seattle (Roxhill, Highland Park, Riverview, South Delridge), fill out your neighborhood prioritization ballot by July 31st to tell us what your neighborhood needs most to mitigate the impacts of the High-Bridge closure and detour routes. The ballot is available on the project website: www.seattle.gov/reconnectwestseattle. To request paper ballots in other languages or other reasonable accommodations or assistance, please contact us at westseattlebridge@seattle.gov or 206-400-7511.

We are very interested in making this an inclusive process and would like to hear from all community members that live or work in these neighborhoods. We are especially invested in hearing from people that have traditionally not been involved in these conversations in the past. As such, we encourage you to please share these ballots widely.

THE PROJECT LISTS

The list of potential projects was generated from ideas we have received from community, along with some of our own ideas, and projects from existing transportation and neighborhood plans, like the Bike Master Plan, Transit Master Plan, and the Pedestrian Master Plan.

While a much larger mix of projects remain on our radar, we recognize the need for immediate action. Therefore, the list includes projects that 1) can be completed within a year, and 2) cost less than \$100,000. It is our intention that many of the projects will be implemented as soon as possible, in less than a year.

MAKING A PLAN TOGETHER

After the ballots close, SDOT will work with the West Seattle Bridge Community Task Force to look at the ideas presented to us through the lens of budget restrictions, potential transportation-related conflict, equity, safety, mobility, sustainability, livability and community support.

We will make every attempt to honor the neighborhoods' feedback and suggestions. However, not all projects will be able to move forward. Once the plans are developed, we will hold a follow-up meeting with your neighborhood to discuss and create a plan for action.

As we better understand the financial implications of the new economy, we will work with you to right-size the project list to fit the challenges we all face. Your feedback will give us a starting place for keeping West Seattle and surrounding communities moving and safe.

TIMELINE

Week of July 6: Neighborhood Plans are released to community and ballots open

July 6 - 31: Community prioritizes neighborhood projects

August: SDOT and WSB Community Task Force analyzes community feedback and creates a plan

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

We are here to help with technological and language assistance, answer questions you might have on the process, and clarify anything you may not understand. You can reach us at westseattlebridge@seattle.gov or 206-400-7511.