

RECONNECT WEST SEATTLE:

Bike Network 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.

We have heard and gathered proposals and feedback directly from bike community members who are deeply and rightfully concerned about how they will bike on, off, and throughout the peninsula. The Bike Network Prioritization Process aims to fill gaps in our existing bike network in West Seattle so more people feel safe and empowered to bike commute, if able. We know not everyone can substitute a bike for all or even a portion of their trips to and from West Seattle. For those who can, however, it will be essential that they explore this option.

This portion of the Reconnect West Seattle framework enables the bike community 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. SDOT stands ready to serve.

YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED

If you currently use or would like to use bike facilities in the West Seattle and neighboring areas, please fill out the Bike Network Connectivity Strategy survey by July 31st. The survey is available on the project website: www.seattle.gov/reconnectwestseattle. To request a printed survey, please send your mailing address to westseattlebridge@seattle.gov.

We are very interested in making this an inclusive process and would like to hear from all community members that use or would like to use bike facilities in West Seattle. 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 surveys widely.

SURVEYS

You can access the surveys through our website www.seattle.gov/reconnectwestseattle through July 31st. The surveys and materials will be available in multiple languages. To request translated or paper surveys, or other reasonable accommodations or assistance, please contact us at: westseattlebridge@seattle.gov or 206-400-7511.



THE PROJECT LISTS

The list of candidate 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 surveys 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, and livability.

We will make every attempt to honor the bike community's 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: Bike Network Plans are released to community and surveys 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.

BIKE			
Map ID	Name	Project Description	Source
B006	Alki Trail	Add centerline to manage increased bike volumes	Community request
B007	West Seattle Bridge Trail	Add centerline to manage increased bike volumes	Community request
B009	Beach Dr SW	Add bike lanes, requires parking removal	BMP, community request
B018	West Seattle Bridge Trail	Concentrate on safety and wayfinding for biking	Community request
B023	East Marginal Way	Improvements to existing PBL	Community request
B026	Wayfinding and trail striping spot improvements	Wayfinding to help users navigate new connections, trail striping to encourage separation between users	Community request
B027	West Marginal Way SW	PBL on West Marginal Way SW, NGW on Marginal Pl SW, requires lane reduction	BMP, community request
B028	Fairmount Ave SW	Restrict vehicles from Forest St to just north of Prince St (driveway). Restripe existing speed humps. Add additional 20 mph signs.	BMP
B029	Fauntleroy Way SW	Parking removal and addition of NB buffered bike lane. Addition of SB bike lane from California to 47th Ave SW	BMP
B030	SW Barton St/SW Wildwood Pl	Parking removal and addition of Bike lanes or PBLs	BMP, community request
B033	44th Ave SW	NGW, enhanced arterial crossings	BMP, community request
B034	Erskine Way SW/48th Ave SW	Parking removal with addition of bike lanes	BMP
B035	SW Admiral Way	Lane reduction and PBL's in both directions.	BMP
B036	SW Barton St/SW Henderson St	Parking removal and PBL's in both directions	BMP, community request
B037	SW Morgan St	Parking removal with addition of bike lanes	BMP
B038	1st Ave S from S Spokane St and the viaduct over the rail yard	Clear private encroachments and parking on sidewalk zone of west side right-of-way in the blocks, make low-cost sidewalk paving improvements for walking and biking.	Community request
B039	1st Ave S Bridge to 1st Ave S	Develop a safe connection from the bridge to the viaduct over the rail yards on 1st Avenue S.	BMP, community request
B045	Add "Do not block" signage and paint on the road at the T18 crossing. Port drayage trucks waiting to enter the terminal have been blocking the crossing.	West Seattle Bridge Trail and Terminal 18 Entry Crossing	Community request
B046	Add a speed hump or raised crosswalk to reduce vehicle speeds	West Seattle Bridge Trail and SW Spokane Place crossing at Terminal 18	Community request
B047	Add downhill bike lane per BMP. [YVYC Bicycle – SW City View & SW Admiral Way]	SW Admiral Way from Fairmount Bridge to SW Manning St	BMP, community request
B048	Admiral Way SW	Concentrate on safety and wayfinding for biking	Community request

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B050	Chelan 5-way	Concentrate on safety and wayfinding for biking	Community request
B051	Chelan 5-way	Improve wayfinding signage; at the Delridge slip lane crossing, paint a center stripe and arrows on the sidewalk to guide riders to the right of the bike sensor that triggers the flashing beacon; provide a longer curb cut at Delridge intersection for better access from the trail to the bike box; add a bike sensor to the bike box on Chelan Ave SW at SW Spokane St.	Community request
B055	Duwamish Trail railroad track crossing	Replace the crossing at north end of trail. [YVYC Bicycle – 4215 West Marginal Way SW]	Community request
B056	East Marginal Way S	Install temporary jersey barriers to separate north-bound bike lane from general purpose lane wherever feasible, but especially north and south of S Hanford St intersection, to prevent drivers from using the bike lane as an extremely dangerous right-side “passing lane”. Enforce the “freight only” right turn lane at S Atlantic St.	Community request
B058	Fauntleroy Way SW	Clear vegetation overgrowing into the east side bike lane across from the WA State ferry terminal. Fill in gap in uphill unseparated bike lane from SW Thistle to SW Webster opposite Lincoln Park.	Community request
B059	Fauntleroy Way SW	Concentrate on safety and wayfinding for biking	Community request
B060	Fill Duwamish route “missing link”. [YVYC Bicycle – 3611 Marginal Place SW]	West Marginal Place SW and 16th Ave SW and 17th Ave SW	BMP, community request
B064	Highland Park Way SW and West Marginal Way SW	Request for better bike lane marking at the intersection with Highland Park Way SW	Community request
B065	Highland Park Way SW at West Marginal Way SW	Uncover the paved sidewalk buried by dirt and vegetation on north side from intersection up to the entrance of the service road that joins up with the West Duwamish Greenbelt trails to Riverview Playfields, South Seattle College, and the 14th SW / SW Holly trailhead.	Community request
B066	Lander Street Bridge	Keep the Detour signs updated. Consider legibility from across the street on 1st Ave side.	Community request
B067	Nucor Trail connection from Delridge Way SW to Alki Trail	Concentrate on safety and wayfinding for biking	Community request
B069	Seacrest Water Taxi Terminal	Concentrate on safety and wayfinding for biking	Community request
B070	SODO LRT Station and SODO Trail	Concentrate on safety and wayfinding for biking	Community request
B071	SW Barton St from 8th Ave SW to 21st Ave SW	Install speed humps along SW Barton St	BMP
B072	SW Roxbury St	Complete the bike lanes, even if not fully protected. Resurfacing and painting is doable without reducing traffic lanes.	BMP, community request

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B073	SW Spokane St and SW Harbor SW and Avalon Way SW	Route finding signs for the left turn bike lane from the trail. Replace the missing placard from the bike crossing beg button. Change the NO TURN ON RED to illuminate during the all-red phase prior to the bike signal turning green.	Community request
B074	Sylvan Way SW and SW Orchard St and east to Highland Park Way SW	Build a combination of protected bike lanes and off-street walking/biking paths, to connect from 35th Ave SW at High Point down to Delridge Way SW and up to 16th Ave SW and South Seattle College, and connecting down to the Duwamish Trail via Highland Park Way. This is a key eastwest route serving disadvantaged neighborhoods. Consider a parallel route option using neighborhood greenway treatment on NE leg of SW Orchard to 18th SW to SW Webster to 11th SW to SW Holden, in lieu of bike lanes on Dumar Way SW and SW Holden west of 11th SW.	BMP, community request
B075	Terminal 18 trail crossings on Harbor Island; on East Marginal Way	Concentrate on safety and wayfinding for biking	Community request
B076	West Marginal Way SW	Clear vegetation and private encroachments on west side pedestrian pathway and sidewalk.	Community request
B079	Various Neighborhood Greenway routes (locations TBD, not shown on map)	Protect Neighborhood Greenway streets near alternate routes from cut-through traffic, to keep them safe for residents and for walking and biking by people of all ages and abilities.	Community request