

Pike and Pine Streetscape Improvements Project

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Summary

The Pike and Pine Streetscape Improvements Project will design and construct pedestrian improvements on Pike and Pine Streets between First Avenue and Melrose Avenue on Capitol Hill. This project will create high-quality pedestrian connections between Capitol Hill and the Pike Place Market, capturing the spirit of the Pike-Pine Renaissance Streetscape Design Vision (a plan commissioned by the Downtown Seattle Association), and achieving placemaking goals in tandem with improving the safety and quality of the pedestrian experience. The project will be led by the City's Office of the Waterfront, as part of the Waterfront Seattle Program. Funding will be through the Waterfront Local Improvement District (LID). The project budget is \$20m (covering all costs, including design, construction and City costs). The consultant design contract (concept design through final design) is expected to be up to \$2.1 million.

The streetscape project will primarily focus on the pedestrian environment -- sidewalks and crosswalks. The project will coordinate closely with multimodal corridor improvements being planned for a longer corridor on Pike and Pine streets extending from First Avenue to 15th Ave, led by SDOT's Project Development Division. The multimodal project will be exploring increasing priority for transit and bicycles. Final design and construction of bicycle and transit improvements is currently expected to be performed under a future separate SDOT contract.

The project potentially includes: new sidewalks or sidewalk extensions, curb bulbs, crosswalk paving inlays, intersection treatments, drainage and green stormwater infrastructure, street trees, planting, lighting, seating (fixed and movable), transit shelters and infrastructure (including real time information signs and Orca card readers), bike racks, bike share stations, public art and wayfinding elements. Demand for street space by transit, bicycles, general purpose traffic and passenger loading functions will likely limit extensive widening of sidewalks on Pike and Pine, but adding sidewalk area in some locations will be explored. On the bridges over the I-5 freeway, noise barriers and green walls may be considered. Key corridor-wide improvements should be implementable without significantly disrupting existing hardscape. For example, these elements might include supplemental lighting, public art, paving inlays, vertical elements, seating and wayfinding. A more detailed scope of improvements will be defined as part of the initial 10% design.

The project will coordinate with other design teams working on Convention Center Expansion sidewalk improvements on Pine between 9th and Boren, private projects along the corridor, and the future Westlake Park redesign evaluation. That coordination process will provide opportunities to include corridor thematic elements such as public art, wayfinding, planting and street furniture on those blocks.

Deliverables and Preliminary Schedule

- RFQ for Consultant teams: March 2016
- Consultant selection: June 2016
- Urban design concept and 10% design: December 2016
- 30% design: May 2017
- 60% design: November 2017
- 90% design: April 2018
- 100% design/CDs: July 2018
- Advertise: September 2018
- Construction: January 2019 – October 2020