



# South Park Reconnect West Seattle

Community Check in  
8/17/20



City of Seattle

# Meeting purpose

- Share information collected through the Neighborhood Prioritization Ballots
- Confirm the communities' priorities
- Present and get feedback on SDOT's implementation plan

# Agenda

- Reconnect West Seattle update
- What we've heard from your community
- Initial neighborhood ballot results
- Top 10 projects
- Discussion

# Reconnect West Seattle

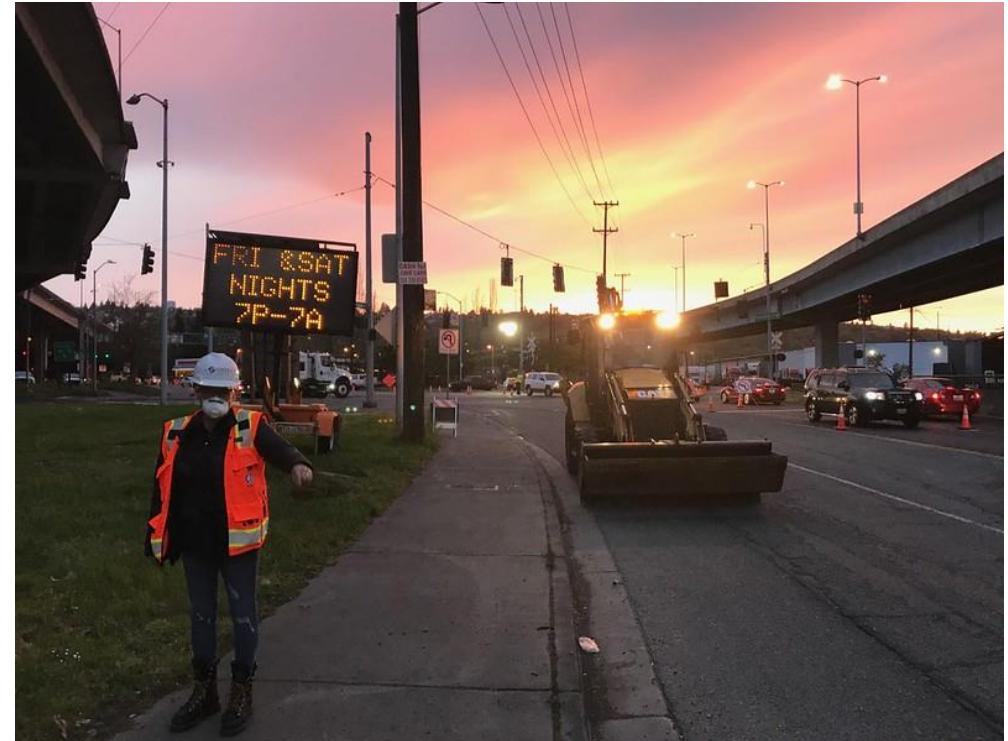
## A plan to:

1. Allow similar levels of travel across the Duwamish to those seen before the closure of the West Seattle High-Rise Bridge
  
2. Reduce the impact of environmental injustice in the Duwamish Valley
  - Surveys and neighborhood ballots were open from July 10-31



# Neighborhood Prioritization Process

- Uses a racial equity lens to prioritize those areas disproportionately impacted by the closure of the West Seattle High-Rise Bridge and corresponding detour routes:
  - Highland Park, Roxhill, S. Delridge, Riverview
  - South Park
  - Georgetown
  - SODO
- Neighborhoods prioritize projects that will cost less than \$100,000 and under 12 months to build
- Objective: identify, prioritize, and then implement actions and projects to improve safety and traffic outcomes in these specific areas



# Neighborhood Prioritization Process

- Looking at prioritization holistically: looking at other factors besides online survey votes
- Prioritization helps determine which projects get done first
- Projects will be presented in three categories:
  - In progress
  - Can be done in 2020
  - Advancing to project development / 2021 implementation
- SDOT will be looking at the overlap between neighborhood lists with bike and freight lists
- Will need continued neighborhood input and discussion on projects' designs

# Reconnect West Seattle- Timeline

- **Between August 5 & 19:** Analyze data and develop recommendations
- **Neighborhood Check-Ins:** Confirm priorities with community
  - Georgetown: August 11
  - SODO: August 13
  - South W Seattle: August 13
  - South Park: August 17
- **August 19:** Share draft Reconnect West Seattle Implementation Plan with Task Force
- **September:** Reconnect West Seattle implementation will commence, with focus on fast and easy projects first
- **Beyond September:** Ongoing discussions and additional project implementation

# Reconnect West Seattle - Ballots and Surveys

- Mobility Action Plan Surveys: 15,194  
(127 surveys completed in language)
- Neighborhood Ballots: 1,750
  - Highland Park, Riverview, S. Delridge, Roxhill: 1,074
  - Georgetown: 209
  - South Park: 398
  - SODO: 69

(97 ballots completed in language)



In language/paper surveys received:

- Highland Park, Riverview, S. Delridge, Roxhill: 2
- Georgetown: 2
- South Park: 93 (Somali = 3; Spanish = 63; Vietnamese= 27)
- SODO: 0

# Reconnect Themes - Neighborhood Ballots Overall

- Paper ballots vs online ballots
  - Online ballot breakdown –
    - 73% White
    - Majority above age 40
  - Paper ballots - non-English speakers and POC
- Most people that filled out ballots live in the neighborhoods and learned about it through social media
- In the following order, most people are concerned about:
  - Traffic & Congestion
  - Pedestrian Safety & Accessibility
  - Speeding
  - Environmental Impacts & Pollution

# Targeted Outreach

- Community Liaisons conducted outreach in multiple forms:
  - virtual meetings
  - posting on social media platforms
  - door-to-door business outreach
  - face-to face meetings
- Ethnic Media ads (print and digital)
- Interviews with Univision, Salaxley TV, El Rey
- South Park materials in languages (online and paper versions):
  - Vietnamese, Spanish, Chinese, Khmer, Somali



# **Community Liaison Report back**

**Anna Tran, Vietnamese Community Outreach**

- Outreach:
  - Engaged with South Park Senior Center
  - Spoke with residents/seniors
  - Attended virtual meetings with Buddhist Temple to get the word out
- Heard from Community
  - Lighting needed around bus shelters and on streets
  - Walking is difficult, sidewalks are unsafe, uneven- especially hard for wheelchairs
  - Afraid to take transit due to Covid-19; instead, many are asking volunteer drivers to take them to appointments, visit family, etc.
  - Buses don't come frequently enough; sometimes have to wait 30-45 min

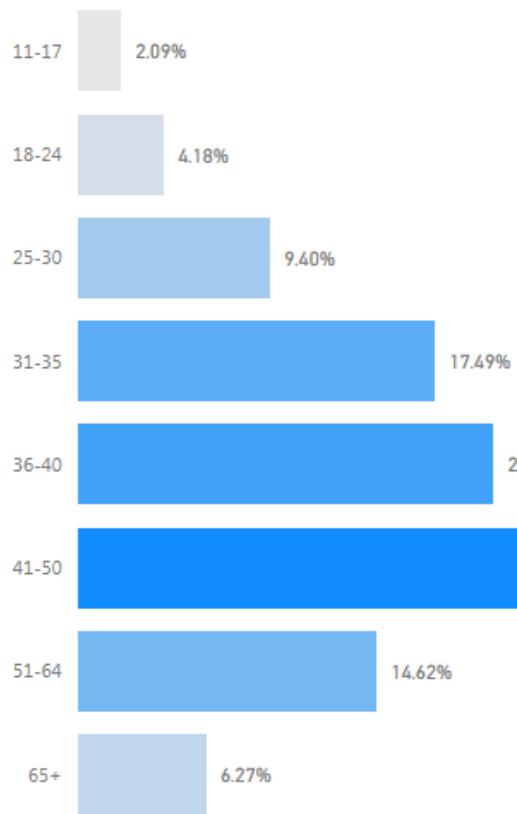
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**Rocio Arriaga, Latino/a Community Outreach**

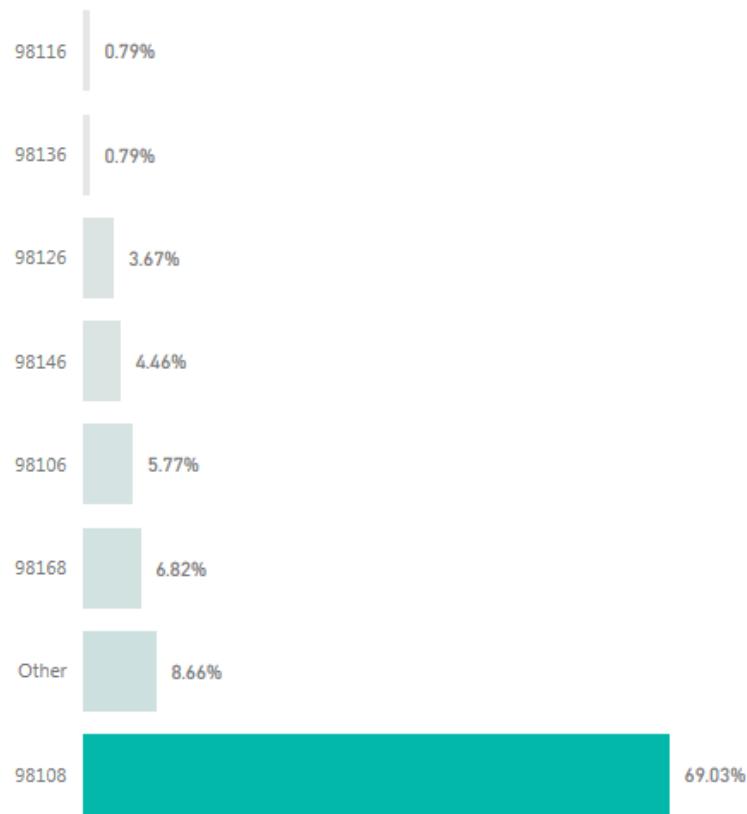
- Outreach:
  - Talked with businesses and the South Park Merchant's Association
  - Spoke with residents on the streets
  - Held a meeting at a business (Club Natural) with clients and community members
- Heard from Community
  - Concerned about safety
  - Increase in traffic
  - Speeding on Cloverdale and 14th, would like radar speed signs
  - Would like to see colorful crosswalks on Dallas and 14<sup>th</sup>

# Ballot Results: South Park

Surveys by Age Range



Surveys by Zip Code of Primary Residence



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South Park Surveys

South Park demographics

Population: 4,166

Households: 1,380

Median age: 35

# Demographics: South Park

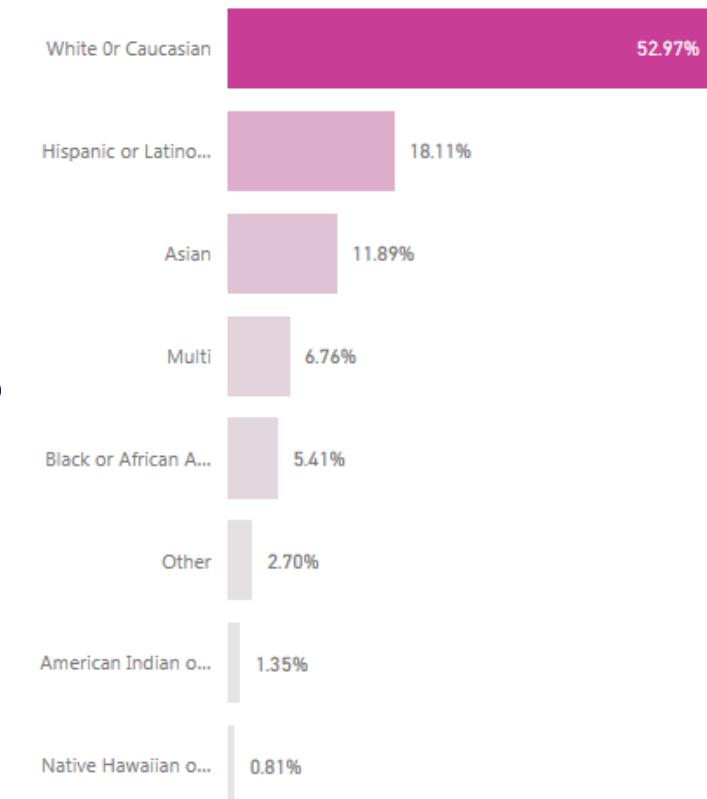
## General Population

- Racial make up:
  - White: 38%
  - Asian: 21%
  - Hispanic or Latino/a: 39%
  - Black: 11%
  - Other Race: 21%
  - Multi: 6%

## Survey Results

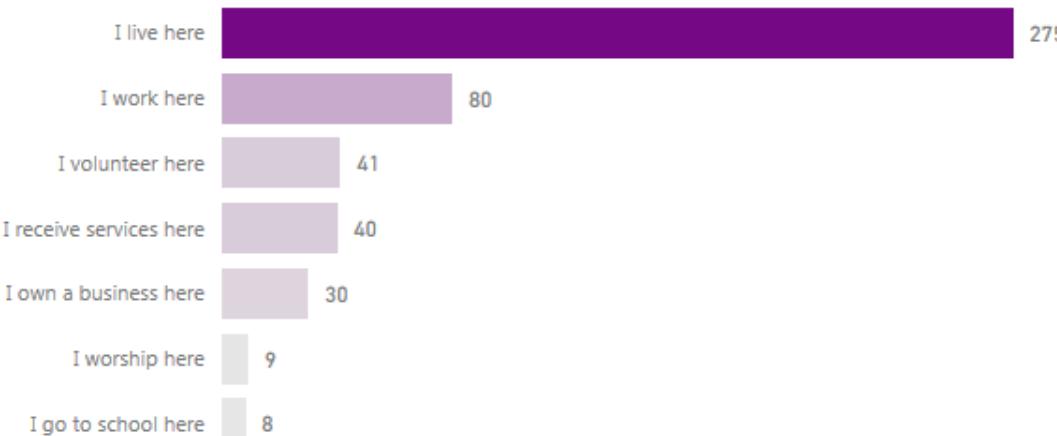
- Racial make up:
  - White: 53%
  - Asian: 12%
  - Hispanic or Latino: 18%
  - Black: 5%
  - Other Race: 3%
  - Multi: 7%

Surveys by Identified Race

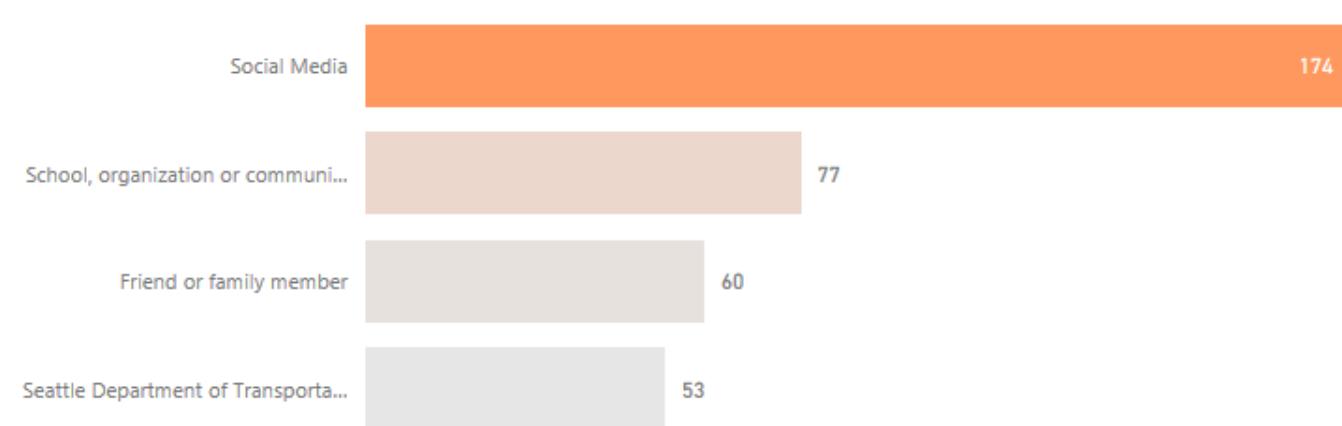


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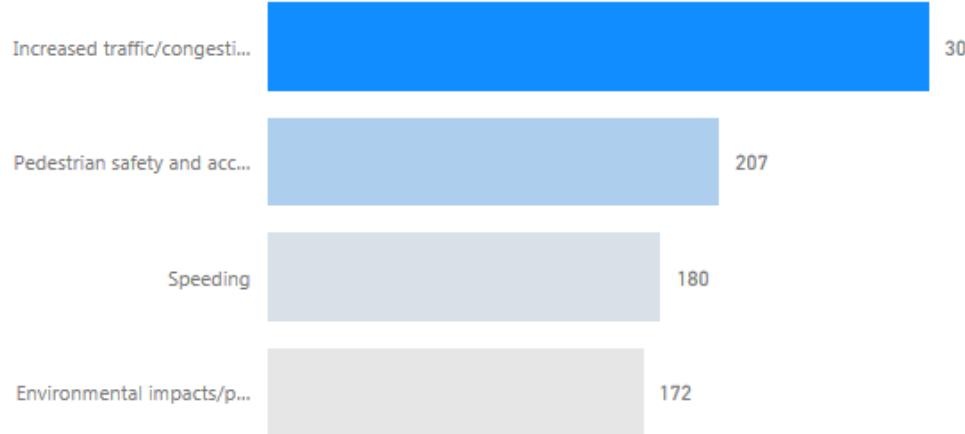


## How Did You Hear About This Survey

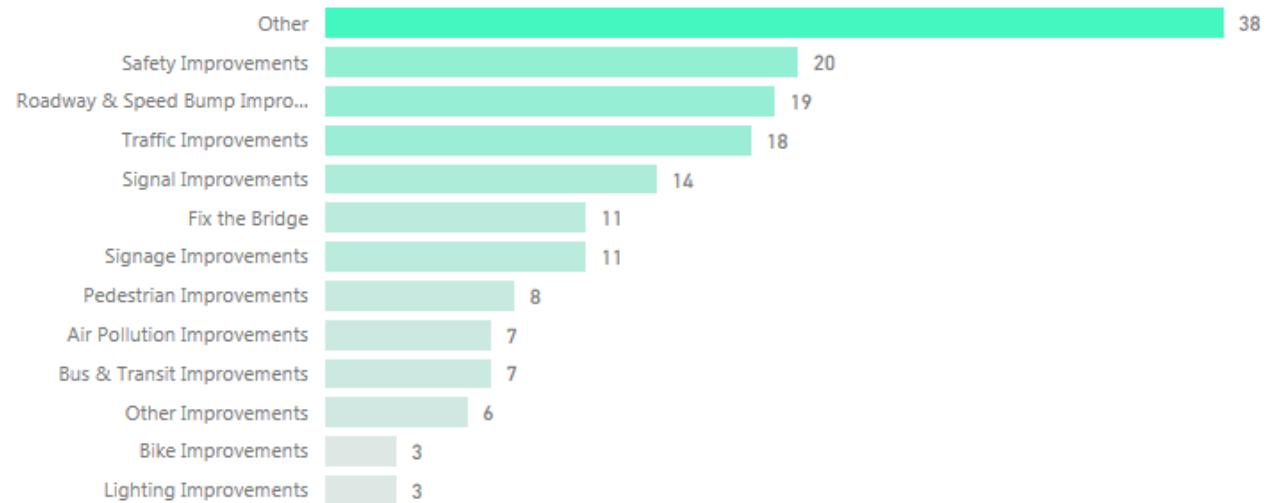


# Ballot Results: South Park

## Concerns



## Other Comments & Suggestions



# What we've heard from your neighbors

- **8th Avenue Improvements:** Add traffic calming devices near Cloverdale and Holden, reducing short-cut pathways, better light at 8th and Cloverdale, adjust timing of lights at Roxbury, create a new “Stay Healthy Street” on Sullivan between 8th and 14<sup>th</sup>, and work to slow traffic around the community center.
- **12th Avenue Improvements:** Add traffic calming devices near Dallas Ave., install speed cameras near Thistle Street, all way stop at 12th and Dallas, add flashing crosswalks.
- **Other ideas related to pollution and noise abatement:** Add mature tree plantings to reduce noise impacts, create a rebate program for air purification system due to the severe increase in pollutants, or provide air purifiers to community members.

# What we've heard from your neighbors

- **Safety:** Respondents reported an increase in speed since the closure of the West Seattle Bridge, and feeling less safe as a pedestrian or cyclist. Specifically, speed issues were mentioned along Rose, Thistle, Sullivan, Southern, Dallas. Interventions including speed bumps, humps, and speed signage were frequently suggested.
- **Lighting:** Respondents mentioned the need for extra lighting throughout the South Park neighborhood.
- **Other ideas:** Increase water taxi service, add sidewalks, more rapid ride bus service. There was concern that alternative forms of transportation, such as bikes or scooters, will actually clog up the streets and not be a functional part of the system.

# What we heard from your neighbors

## Quotes

- “When the city will understand that we need lighting and safety. This is racism.”
- “I am a disabled person and I need more accessible for someone like me in a wheelchair. Please take us veterans into account and also that they respect pedestrians like me, more signs with light.”
- “Route traffic over a wider area. Speed limits, monitoring on 99 as it transitions into neighborhood from the south. Clear signs that the community isn’t a highway.”

# Top projects (1-10)

169] <b>Safety improvement</b> Implement strategies to reduce cut-through traffic on side streets; such as speed trailers, signage, and barriers	197
W50] <b>Intersection improvement</b> Relocate the STOP bars and signal detection and expand the width of the crosswalk on 14th Ave S at S Cloverdale St	189
160] <b>Safety improvement</b> Install signal for crossing at 10th Ave S and S Cloverdale	177
161] <b>Safety improvement</b> Install signal for crossing at 12th Ave S and S Cloverdale	164
143] <b>Signal timing</b> Create new signal timing plans for SW Michigan St and other detour route corridors that can be implemented when significant congestion occurs	161
301] <b>Safety improvement</b> Install traffic calming measures, like speed humps or cushions, from 5th Ave S to 14th Ave S on S Cloverdale St	149
139] <b>Signal improvements</b> Improve signal timing along detour route	146
172] <b>Stay Healthy Streets</b> Program Add Stay Healthy Streets where appropriate in the South Park neighborhood	144
135] <b>Bike and pedestrian improvements</b> Create a map of identified routes and improvements for bikes and peds to access the South Park bridge and 1st Avenue	139
54] <b>Intersection improvement</b> Widen the curbs so large trucks can make turns more easily at the S Dallas Ave and 16th Ave S Intersection	133

# Project Status

■ In Progress  
■ 2020  
■ 2021

Rank	Project number	Project	Original Request	Status
1	169*	<b>Safety improvements</b> / Implement strategies to reduce cut-through traffic on side streets, such as trailers, signage, and barriers	Community request, May 13 meeting	Advance to project development for additional Home Zone improvements (2021)
2	W50*	<b>Intersection improvement</b> / Relocate the STOP bars and signal detection and expand the width of the crosswalk on 14th Ave S at S Cloverdale St	Community request, 2020 Traffic Spot Improvement	Relocate stop bars and expand crosswalk width at 14 <sup>th</sup> /Cloverdale (2020)
3	160*	<b>Safety improvement</b> / Install signal for crossing at 10th Ave S and S Cloverdale	Community request	Advance to project development to explore safe crossing options (2021)
4	161	<b>Safety improvement</b> / Install signal for crossing at 12th Ave S and S Cloverdale	Community request	Advance to project development to explore safe crossing options (2021)
5	143*	<b>Signal timing</b> / Create new signal timing plans for SW Michigan St and other detour route corridors that can be implemented when significant congestion occurs	SDOT staff	Already in progress

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7	172	<b>Stay Healthy Streets Program</b> / Add Stay Healthy Streets where appropriate in the South Park neighborhood	Community request	Advance to project development to explore Stay Healthy Street options (potentially related to South Park to Georgetown connection 2021)
8	301*	<b>Safety improvement</b> / Install traffic calming measures, like speed humps or cushions, from 5th Ave S to 14th Ave S on S Cloverdale St	Community request, Amigos De Seattle, Jun 22	Speed humps and cushions aren't recommended on arterials like Cloverdale. Instead, install speed radar on Cloverdale (2020).
9	135	<b>Bike and pedestrian improvements</b> / Create a map of identified routes and improvements for bikes and peds to access the South Park bridge and 1st	SDOT staff	Create map (2020)
10	54	<b>Intersection improvement</b> / Widen the curbs so large trucks can make turns more easily at the S Dallas Ave and 16 <sup>th</sup> Ave S Intersection	Community request	Accommodate turning movements at 16 <sup>th</sup> /Dallas (2020)

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# Opportunities and Constraints

- Each neighborhood has prioritized top projects for implementation
  - Can get multiple projects done quickly this fall
  - More projects will be done in 2021
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- Limited crew capacity
  - Need to complete projects before rainy season
  - Limited funding for projects due to pandemic

# Considerations

- In addition to online survey, we will be looking at:
  - In-language and paper ballots vs. online survey
  - Project overlap and with other areas
  - Comments from community meetings, emails, and voicemails
  - Input from the WSB Community Task Force

# Discussion

- What questions do you have about specific projects?
- Did anything surprise you about the list?
- Is there anything that you think is missing from the list?

# Discussion

[www.seattle.gov/transportation/WestSeattleBridge](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/WestSeattleBridge)

