

# 15th Ave S Improvements Project



Winter 2020 Public Meeting Event Summary

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*February 26 public meeting*

## Project background

Each year, the Seattle Department of Transportation paves arterial streets in poor condition to make them safer and smoother and to extend their useful life. This year, we'll repave:

- About 1 mile of 15th Ave S between S Spokane St and S Angeline St
- A section of S Spokane St between S Columbian Way and 18th Ave S

We'll also make changes to the intersection of 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way.

On February 26, 2020, we hosted an event for the community to learn about the paving and intersection improvements along 15th Ave S.

## Event summary

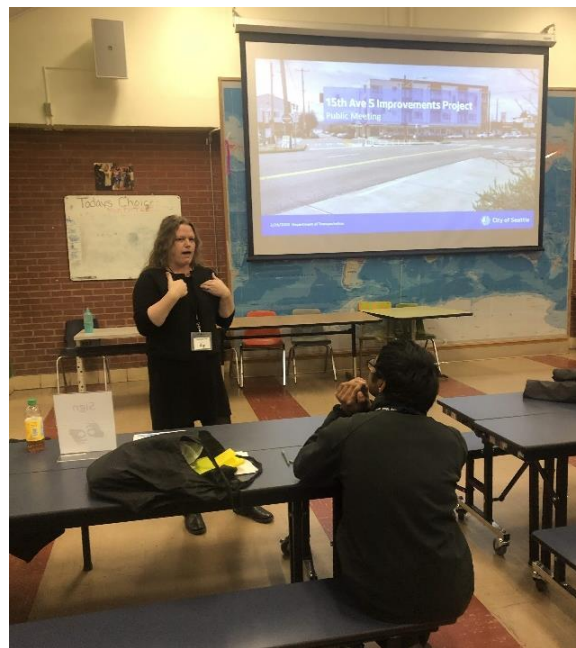
The 15th Ave S Improvements project hosted a 1.5-hour public meeting on February 26, 2020, at Mercer International Middle School. The key objectives of the event were to share information about the paving of 15th Ave S and the revised design for the 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way intersection, answer questions from community members, and share information about the schedule and scope of construction. The meeting included a presentation (*Appendix 1.5*), display boards (*Appendix 1.1*) and roll plots (*Appendix 1.4*) for the public to engage with, in addition to a factsheet (*Appendix 1.7*) for attendees to take home with them.

Event objectives also included:

- Raising awareness of the new intersection design
- Raising awareness of what the public can expect during construction
- Providing a chance to meet and engage with the project team
- Providing information on how to stay involved with the project (during final design and construction)



*Community members at Mercer International Middle School for the February 26 public meeting*



*American Sign Language interpreter (left) signs with event attendee before the SDOT presentation*

## Event promotion

We promoted the public meeting through the following methods:

- Mailers to homes in the Beacon Hill area (*Appendix 1.2*). The mailer included options for requesting an interpreter for Spanish, Tagalog, Korean, Vietnamese, and Somali
- Emails or phone calls to key stakeholders, as well as one-on-one briefings
- Email invitations to project listserv
- Door-to-door notification to businesses in the project area
- Project webpage updates
- SDOT Facebook post
- SDOT blog post

## Outreach snapshot

- **Over 3,500 mailers** sent to project area addresses
- **Over 400 invitation emails** sent through the project listserv
- **Over 90 comments** were collected from comment forms, meeting Q&A and the roll plots

## Event accommodations

We provided the following accommodations at the public meeting:

- Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant venue that was easily accessible by transit
- American Sign Language, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Spanish interpretation

We offered an evening event to accommodate different schedules of students, parents, and people who work during typical business hours.

## Feedback summary

We provided comment cards for attendees to give feedback, in addition to a Q&A session at the end of the event presentation. We also invited attendees to leave comments on the roll plots. We received about 20 comment cards (*Appendix 1.3*), 30 questions at the conclusion of the presentation (*Appendix 1.6*), and 45 comments on the roll plots (*Appendix 1.4*). The 3 most common themes were safety and security, pedestrian crossings and sidewalks, and buses.



*Event attendees provide feedback on the roll plots*

*Please see the appendices to view comments from event attendees.*



*Project team member and event attendee review the display boards and discuss intersection improvements*

# Appendix 1.1

## Display boards

# Project Background



## We'll repave:

- 15th Ave S
- S Spokane St between S Columbian Way and 18th Ave S

## We will:

- Resurface the roadway
- Install new, visible lane markings
- Make spot repairs on sidewalks
- Make a pedestrian improvement at 15th Ave S and S Spokane St
- Add curb ramps to make sidewalks more accessible

In addition to paving, we'll make improvements at the 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way intersection.

[www.seattle.gov/transportation/15th-Ave-S-AAC](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/15th-Ave-S-AAC)



## Existing Conditions

15th Ave S provides an important connection for people traveling between Beacon Hill and Rainier Valley. It needs to be repaved and restriped in the near future to extend its useful life.



The roadway along 15th Ave S will be repaved as part of this project.

The intersection of 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way is confusing for people walking, rolling, biking, and driving. It can be made safer, bringing us closer to Vision Zero: Seattle's plan to end traffic deaths and serious injuries on city streets by 2030.



The existing pedestrian island at the intersection of 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way will be modified as part of this project.

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# Paving

- We repave arterial streets in poor condition to make them safer and smoother, and to extend their useful life
- We prioritize paving projects based on pavement condition, traffic volume, geographic equity, cost, and opportunities for grants or coordination with other projects
- Paving streets creates opportunities to improve street safety and move people and goods more efficiently



Workers repave a street in Judkins Park.

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# Construction

We know construction can be disruptive. We're committed to being good neighbors and will work to minimize impacts.

## Ways we do this include:

- Being available for questions (in-person, hotline, email)
- Providing advance notice about construction through email updates and other promotions
- Ensuring project signage is clear and effective to encourage safety and caution near active work zones
- Maintaining a website with up-to-date construction information



## What to expect during construction:

- There will be noise, dust, vibration, and large equipment
- Roads, lanes, and sidewalks may be closed, reduced, or detoured where necessary
- Driveways may be temporarily blocked, or impacted for several days at a time. Businesses and residents will be notified of any driveway closures in advance.
- Business access will be maintained

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# Share your feedback

We want to hear from you

- What do you want to know about the timing or sequencing of construction?
- What will help ensure that you still have access to the project area during construction?
- What are your thoughts on the revised design for the 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way intersection?
- What do you want SDOT to know about how construction could impact you, your family, or your business?

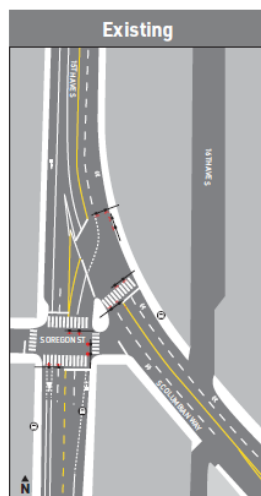
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## 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way Intersection Improvements

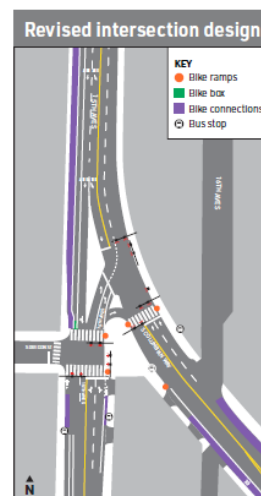
Over the last two years, we've engaged with neighbors and businesses to develop an intersection design that fits the needs of everyone.

Based on feedback we heard, we developed a new proposed concept for the 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way intersection.



### What we heard:

- Keep pedestrians safe
- Retain the traffic signal at the intersection of 15th Ave S and S Oregon St
- Use space for traffic improvements, not landscaping
- Business parking along 15th Ave S should be maintained
- Maintain traffic operations
- Provide safety and accessibility benefits for people walking, biking, driving, and rolling



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# Construction Schedule

<b>EARLY 2020</b>	Finish design
<b>EARLY TO MID-2020</b>	Pre-construction coordination with the community
<b>FALL 2020</b>	Begin construction
<b>2021</b>	Complete construction

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# Stay Involved

## PROJECT INFORMATION AND CONTACT

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# Appendix 1.2

## Mailer and mailing area map

*\*Actual event time was different than the mailer showed*

**15th Ave S Improvements Project**

*Paving and intersection improvements along 15th Ave S*

*Come  
learn  
more!*

**PUBLIC MEETING | Wednesday, February 26**

*See inside for more information.*



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**Join us!**

*We're hosting an event for you to  
learn about the paving and intersection  
improvements along 15th Ave S.*

**Wednesday, February 26**

**Mercer Middle School**

**1600 S COLUMBIAN WAY, SEATTLE**

**Public meeting:**

**6:30-8:30 PM**

**Presentation: 7 PM**

**NEED A TRANSLATION?**

If you need this information translated, please call (206) 684-4193.

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# 15th Ave S Improvements Project

*Join us!*

We're hosting an event for you to learn about the paving and intersection improvements along 15th Ave S.

See the updated design at our public meeting or on our website.



## PUBLIC MEETING

- ▶ Learn about the project
- ▶ Engage with project staff
- ▶ Share your feedback

**Wednesday, February 26**  
**Mercer Middle School**  
**1600 S COLUMBIAN WAY, SEATTLE**

**Public meeting:**  
**6:30–8:30 PM**

**Presentation: 7 PM**

This year we'll begin repaving 15th Ave S between S Spokane St and S Angeline St. We'll also repave S Spokane St between S Columbian Way and 18th Ave S.

Improvements include:

- ▶ Repaving 15th Ave S as well as S Spokane St
- ▶ Drainage Improvements
- ▶ Safety Improvements at the 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way intersection
- ▶ Updating curb ramps and sidewalks in places
- ▶ Improving the slip lane from northbound 15th Ave S to S Spokane St

### EVENT TIPS:

- ▶ Venue is ADA-accessible
- ▶ Visit [triplanner.kingcounty.gov](http://triplanner.kingcounty.gov) to plan your trip
- ▶ To request an interpreter or accommodations for persons with disabilities, please contact (206) 684-4193 at least 5 working days prior to the event

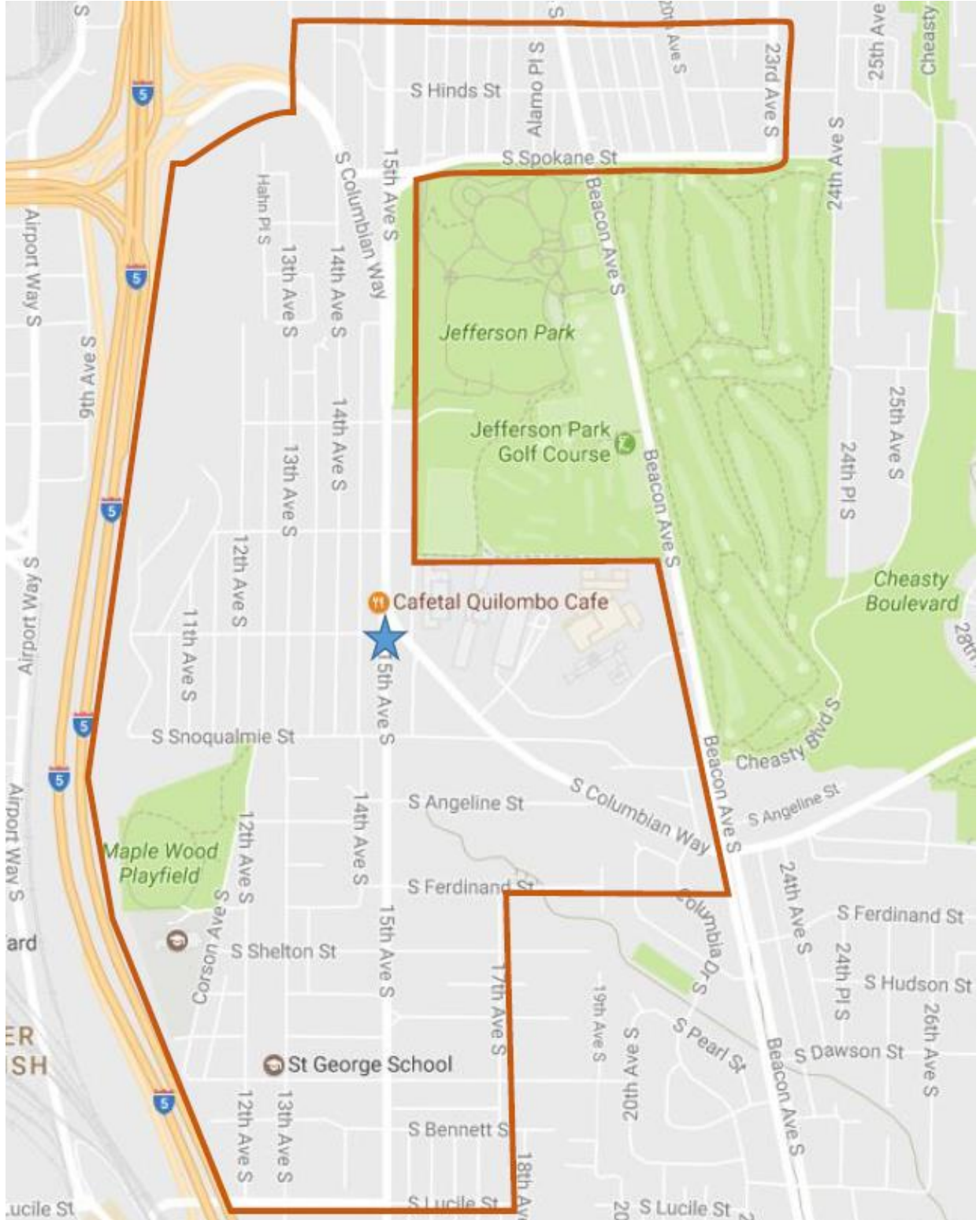
Visit the project webpage and sign up for email updates:

[www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/maintenance-and-paving/current-paving-projects/15th-ave-s-improvements](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/maintenance-and-paving/current-paving-projects/15th-ave-s-improvements)

For more information: [15thAveAAC@seattle.gov](mailto:15thAveAAC@seattle.gov), (206) 775-8719



Mailing area map



# Appendix 1.3



*Event attendees fill out comment forms and listen to the presentation*

Comment card, written responses, and transcribed comments

**15th Ave S Improvements Project  
Public Meeting  
COMMENT FORM**

Name (optional):

Email (optional):

Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

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Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

I Support Slowing Down Traffic!

I Am a new Bike commuter @ 15<sup>th</sup> was very frightening with the Traffic going very fast @ no protection @ obstacles in the Bike lane.

The improvements look good - ~~the same thing I wanted to suggest~~  
+ More @ Better Pedestrian Crossings all up @ Down 15 would be my only request.

Thank You!

Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

I'm curious @ how the signal will work @ Oregon + 15<sup>th</sup>

I'm familiar with how it works now but with bikes trying to get from Southbound 15<sup>th</sup> to Southbound Columbian, I'd start getting concerned about cars making right on red.

Wondering if there is any consideration for a pedestrian + bike only phase or restricting right on red.

Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

1 CAR PER GREEN - JUST LIKE

FREEWAY ENTRANCE

PUT IN SCHOOL DROP OFF AREA.



Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

But signage asks for ~~Traffic stop~~ School Zone.

Signage at VA hospital about how to get back on I-5

Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

Thanks for listening to people's concerns & making these improvements. Good job.

Just concerned about how traffic will flow during construction. Not looking forward to that.

Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

Looks lots better. Nice work! Thanks -  
Better for all travelers - foot, bike, car, bus -

Need → Good sign<sup>s</sup> age (?) on routes to I-5 from VA Hosp. Folks from VA facility are often from outlying communities and need extra help returning to I-5.

Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

- ① Mac Pherson's Tr & Pr - will need safe large truck unloading zones
- ② S Snoqualmie St. / Columbian Wy / VA Hosp Dr. - A huge backup forms every morning for ppl trying to get to the VA Hospital. A slight realignment and extension of the VA Hospital Dr. to Snoqualmie could alleviate this.
- ③ A lot of drivers try to pass on the right on northbound Columbian by using the 15<sup>th</sup> Ave S NB through lanes. Suggest adding a lane curb to divide NB 15<sup>th</sup> from NB Columbian Way left turning traffic to deter this.

Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

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Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

Thank you for adjusting the 15<sup>th</sup> Ave design. I am happy to see you tried to incorporate the needs and opinions of lots of different groups. As a resident who primarily walks and bikes thru these intersections here are some of my concerns:

- Increase crosswalk safety at 15<sup>th</sup> Ave and Spokane, specifically crossing the slip lane
- Increase pedestrian safety at South Snoqualmie street by adding a crosswalk over 15<sup>th</sup> Ave, have a sidewalk along S Snoqualmie
- Generally work on decreasing speed of cars along 15<sup>th</sup> and S Columbian (narrowing streets, etc)

Thank you again for working on this project for so long. New design seems to take the needs of more of the stakeholders and answers a lot of the original concerns.

Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

Be sure to leave space for emergency vehicles to get thru (and for cars to pull over to let them get thru), especially ~~since~~<sup>since</sup> the area is close to the VA & the fire station. (an example<sup>is</sup> "bad" is the "new" roadway on Swift Ave that has bike posts all along it. Emergency vehicles can't get thru & cars can't pull out of the way to let them thru due to the bike posts)

Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

ADONIS - THANKS FOR KEEPING COOL AND COURTEOUS DESPITE SOME OF THE EMOTIONALLY LAIDEN QUESTIONS/COMMENTS. THANKS FOR DEMOCRACY AT WORK IN A COMMUNITY GATHERING LIKE THIS!

Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

You need to pay attention to how tree canopy obscures signage  
School zone flashes are often behind trees.  
Intersections only have one street sign instead of 4-1 at each corner - & they're usually behind trees.

(Presentations should come equipped w/ 2 meters!)

Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

Stop making it all about bikes. I had a bad accident:  
it's not an option for me

incidentally the light at 15<sup>th</sup> & Oregon doesn't change until I've driven  
a little into the crosswalk. The light at Spokane on 15<sup>th</sup> doesn't register  
my little Prius to prompt N-S light if trigger cars aren't present. (unless  
I rock up & back multiple times. :\*)

Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

We need more frequent buses if they're to be our only option  
\* Never again put bus stop where traffic can't drive fast. [bumps]  
\* Have you considered smaller shuttle buses to Light Rail stops?

→ tried to find on map but couldn't. There's one ridiculous stop opposite  
Red Apple & modern for Jeff. Giff Corner. The "peninsula" do nothing  
but stop traffic & cause back ups unnecessarily

Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

Columbian Way towards 15<sup>th</sup> from Beacon Ave —  
will we still be able to turn left onto Angelina? Is  
there any way to restore a small turn lane right there?  
Crucial pathway

Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

VEGETABLE STAND NEEDS A PLACE FOR TRUCKS

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Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

① ADD 30-FOOT "NO PARKING" ZONE ON EASTBOUND OREGON AT 15TH AVENUE S.

② ~~B~~ IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OF 15TH AVENUE S. AT SOUTH ANGELINE. ADD FLASHING LIGHTS.

③ ELIMINATE LEFT TURNS FROM NORTHBOUND 15TH AVE TO WESTBOUND SPOKANE ST.

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Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

- Please prohibit left turns from N/S 15th Ave S to W/S Spokane St. Traffic Backs up (cars are supposed to use Columbia Way)

- Concern about getting rid of the Sheriff at top of hill at 15th/Columbia.

Used down Incontinent Day Weemer.

When Spokane is closed - truck stuck

Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

RETAINED  
2 NO LANE S.

- ① CAN A BUS LANE ON 15TH AVE SOUTH BE ADDED IN?
- !! ② PEDESTRIAN FLASHING CROSSWALK @ SNOQUALMIE
- ③ WE PAVE SNOQUALMIE BETWEEN 15TH + COLUMBIAN
- ④ ART / BEAUTIFICATION ON CONCRETE ISLANDS

PLEASE ADDRESS SNOQUALMIE

Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:



1) SDOT Bike Booklet needs updating/Pronto still on there.

2) General Comment - Bike lanes that are not maintained to high standard become unusable - bikes will then have to enter car traffic when cars don't expect - because there appears to be a bike lane!

3) Keep on Working It (What You Do Matters!)  
We are all going to get there. Thank you over

Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

Pls add to project email list.  
lots of concerns re 15<sup>th</sup> Ave S / S. Spokane

Please share your comments, questions, or concerns below:

When there's construction ahead, place signs warning about disruption far enough ahead that drivers can choose another route. If you're feeling generous, give us more than 1 warning.

I've seen countless instances over the past 20 years of only finding "workers ahead" once I'm already seeing them at work. It feels like a major "screw you, driver!" from the city - ALL THE TIME

I have NEVER seen an effective detour or closure signage here. I've remarked this endlessly

## Transcribed comments

Area	Comment
15th Ave S and Spokane St	Please prohibit left turns from northbound 15h Ave S to westbound Spokane St. Traffic backs up (cars are supposed to use Columbian Way. Concern about getting rid of the (shoulder?) at the top of the hill at 15th and Columbian. (The rest of the comment is illegible)
Oregon and 15th Ave S	Add a 30-foot "no parking" zone on eastbound Oregon at 15th Avenue S. 2) Improve pedestrian crossing of 15th Ave S at S Angeline. Add flashing lights. 3) Eliminate left turns from northbound 15th Ave to westbound Spokane St.
15th Ave S and S Columbian Way (south)	Vegetable stand needs a place for trucks
Columbian Way towards 15th Ave S from Beacon Ave	Columbian Way towards 15th Ave S from Beacon Ave - Will we still be able to turn left onto Angeline? Is there any way restore a small turn lane right there? Crucial pathway
15th Ave S	I support slowing down traffic! I am a new bike commuter and 15th was very frightening with the traffic going very fast and no protection and obstacles in the bike lane. The improvements look good. More and better pedestrian crossings up and down 15th would be my only request.
	<p>The SDOT bike booklet needs to be updated, Pronto still on there. Bike lanes that are not maintained to a high standard become unusable. Bikes will then have to enter car traffic when cars don't expect because there appears to be a bike lane.</p> <p>Keep working it. What you do matters. We are all going to get there</p> <p>I echo the comment that if you slow down cars on one street, i.e. 15th, cars will bail onto side streets, i.e. 14th, and they often won't be going residential speeds.</p> <p>Love Flip Your Trip/got to get people out of their car. There's a world out there you can't enjoy from your mobile metal coffin.</p>



<p>15th Ave S</p>	<p>Can a bus lane on 15th Ave S be added in and retain two lanes?          Pedestrian flashing crosswalk at Snoqualmie          Pave Snoqualmie between 15th and Columbian          Art/beautification on concrete</p> <p>Please address Snoqualmie</p>
<p>Oregon and 15th Ave S</p>	<p>When there's construction ahead, place signs about disruption far enough ahead that drivers can choose another route. If you're feeling generous, give me more than one warning. I've seen countless instances over the past 20 years of only finding "workers ahead" once I'm already seeing them at work. It feels like a major "screw you driver" from the city - ALL THE TIME. I have never seen effective detour and closure signage here. I've recommended it endlessly.</p> <p>Stop making it all about bikes. I had a bad accident: it's not an option for me. Incidentally, the light at Oregon doesn't change until I've driven a little into the crosswalk. The light on Spokane and 15th doesn't register my little Prius to prompt N.S. light unless I rock up and track multiple times. I have the same problem on Columbian seeking to cross MLK. I've sat through tree rotations (N-S lights go through their cycle, then do it again, without ever prompting the light I want)</p> <p>We need more frequent buses if they're to be our only option. Never again put bus stops where traffic can't drive past. Tried to find on map but couldn't. There's one ridiculous stop opposite Red Apple and another for Jeff, the peninsulas do nothing but stop traffic. Have you considered smaller shuttle buses to light rail stops?</p> <p>You need to pay attention to how the tree canopy obscures signage. School zone signs are often behind trees. Intersections only have one sign instead of four, and they are usually behind trees</p>
	<p>Adonis - Thanks for keeping cool and courteous despite some of the emotionally laden questions/comments. Thanks for democracy at work in a community gathering like this.</p>

VA Hospital and school zone	Be sure to leave space for emergency vehicles to get through (and for cars to pull over and let them through) i especially since the area is close to the VA and fire station. An example of "bad" is the "new " roadway on Swift Ave that has bike posts all along it. Emergency vehicles can't get through and cars can't pull out of the way to let them through due to the bike posts.
VA Hospital and school zone	Better signage for school zone. Signage at the VA hospital about how to get back on I5.
VA Hospital and school zone	Looks lots better - Nice work! Thanks. Better for all travelers - foot, bike, car, bus. Needs good signage on routes to I-5 from VA Hospital. Folks from VA facility are often from outlying communities and need extra help returning to I-5.
	Thanks for listening to people's comments and making these improvements. Good job! Just concerned about how traffic will flow during construction. Not looking forward to that.
15th Ave S and S Columbian Way (south)	McPhearsons will need safe large truck loading and unloading zones S Snoqualmie St/Columbian Way/VA hospital - A huge backup forms every morning for people trying to get to the VA hospital. A slight realignment and extension of the VA Hospital Dr to Snoqualmie could eliminate this. A lot of drivers try to pass on the right on northbound Columbian way using the 15th Ave S northbound through lanes. Suggest adding a lane curb to divide NB 15th from NB Columbian Way left turn traffic to deter this.
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<p>15th Ave S</p>	<p>Thank you for adjusting the 15th Ave/Oregon design. I am happy to see you tried to incorporate the needs and opinions of lots of different groups. As a resident who primarily walks and biked through these intersections, here are my concerns:</p> <p>Increase crosswalk safety at 15th Ave and Spokane, specifically crossing the slip lane.</p> <p>Increase pedestrian safety at south Snoqualmie by adding a crosswalk over 15th Ave, have a sidewalk along Snoqualmie.</p> <p>Generally, work on decreasing speed of cars along 15th and S Columbian (narrowing streets, etc.)</p> <p>Thank you again for working on this project for so long. New design seems to take the needs of more stakeholders and answers a lot of the original concerns.</p>
	<p>1 car per green, just like freeway entrance. Put in school drop-off area.</p>
<p>Oregon and 15th Ave S</p>	<p>I'm curious how the signal will work at Oregon and 15th. I'm familiar with how it works now but with bikes trying to get from southbound 15th to southbound Columbian. I'd start getting concerned about cars turning right on red. Wondering if there is any consideration for a pedestrian and bike only phase or restricting right on red.</p>

# Appendix 1.4



*Event attendees add comments to the roll plot maps*

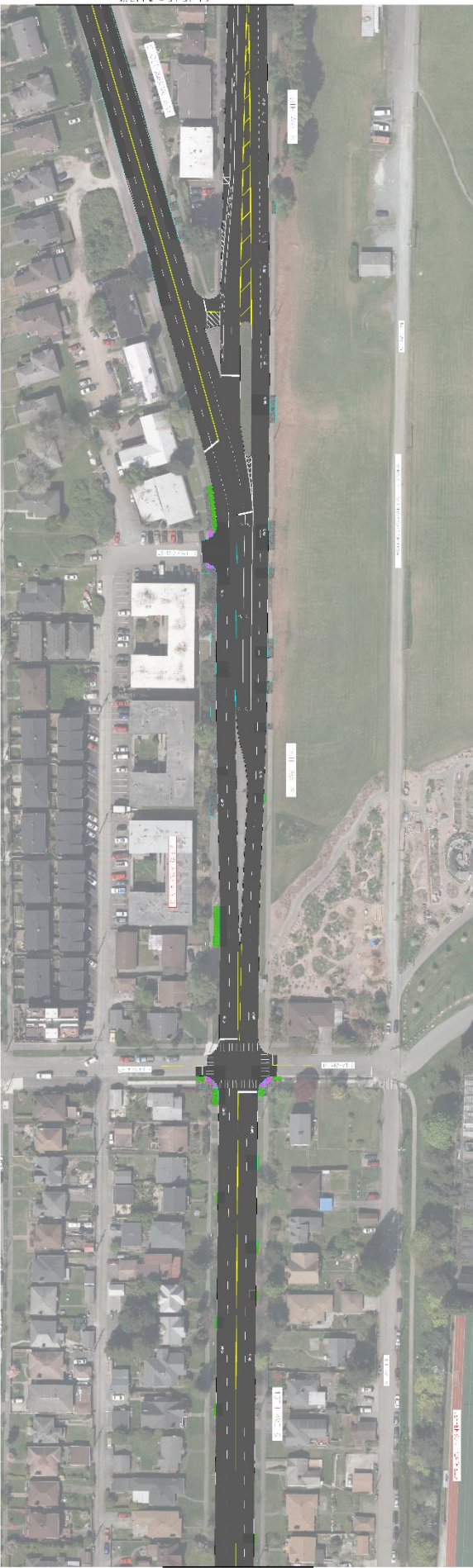
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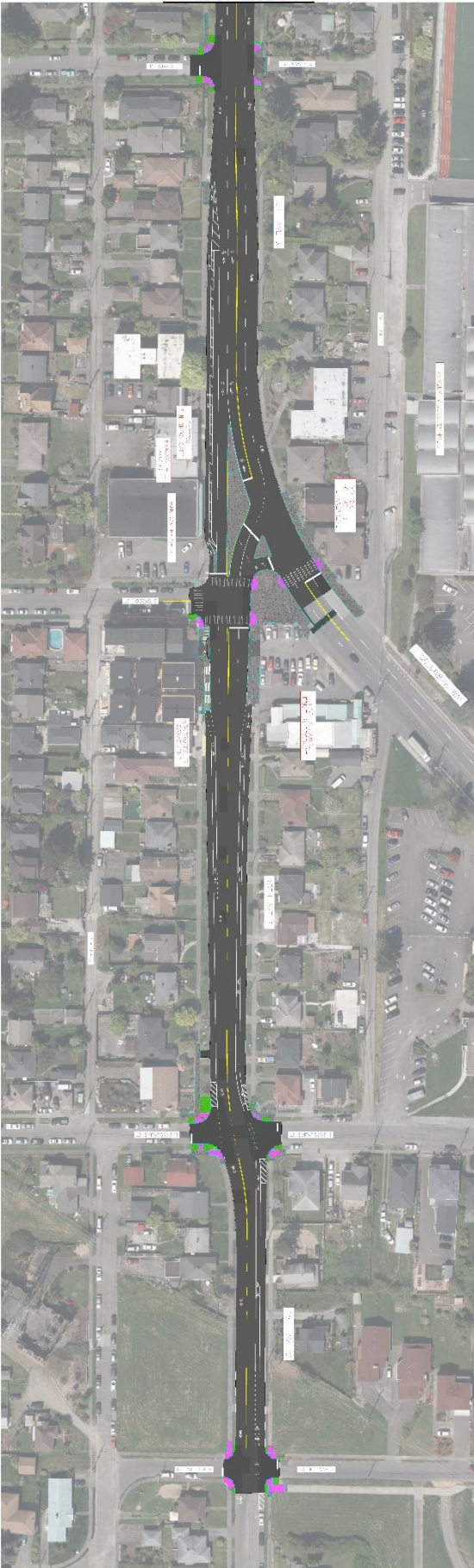


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SHEET 3 OF 3

## Roll plot comments

Location	Comment
S Spokane St between 16th Ave S and 15th Ave S	Please encourage westbound traffic into left lane. Evening rush hour makes it impossible to get into my home at the corner of 15th Ave S and S Spokane St, and all houses between 16th Ave S and 15th Ave S
	Add a sidewalk on the south side of S Spokane St between 15th Ave S and 16th Ave S
15th Ave S and S Spokane St	Change traffic timing signals at 15th and Spokane from 10 pm - 5 am to flashing yellow W/B and flashing red N/B. Noise from waiting at 2:00 am wakes me.
	Please move metro bus stop to SE corner of 15th Ave S and S Spokane St. Add a bus cut out for the moved bus stop.
	Add "No right turn on red" on SB 15th onto S Spokane St, to avoid filling up and blocking upstream W/B traffic. Takes me 30 minutes to get into my driveway from 16th to 15th.
	No left turn NB 15th Ave S to WB Spokane St
	Please... No left turn from NB 15th Ave to S Spokane Westbound
	Safe pedestrian crossing at the 15th Ave S and Spokane intersection (on south side)
	Sidewalk and sliplane along slip lane and jefferson park floods and is commonly overgrown. Needs better drainage and maintenance.
S Spokane St and Hinds PI S	Add a physical barrier to prevent left turns onto Hints PI S from S Spokane S
S Spokane St and 14th Ave S	Add "No left turn" for semi-trucks uphill (EB S Spokane) Frequently get stuck
15th Ave S and S Columbian Way (North)	Many years of commuting South on 15th to Georgetown. Transition across Columbian Way is critical and dangerous. Clear traffic signage needed so cars are aware of bikes
	This shortcut (referring to right turn from SB 15th to NB Columbian) is critical during incumbent weather
	Pedestrian crossing improvement



15th Ave S between S Bradford St and S Dakota St	Suggested lane dividing curb leading up to 15th and Columbian intersection to deter dangerous last minute lane changes trying to turn left down Columbian Way
	Maybe add physical separation S Columbian traffic and 15th S NB
	Better idea: get rid of gore (or make much smaller) 80% of traffic wants to go onto S Columbian, make it easier. Make NB 15th less obvious
S Dakota St, west of 15th Ave S	No parking - yes, no parking
	No parking - gets jammed up when light is red
15th Ave S between S Dakota St and S Nevada St	Protected southbound bike lane between S Dakota St and S Nevada St
S Nevada St, west of 15th Ave S	No parking within 30 feet
15th Ave S and S Columbian Way (South)	Bus lane on southbound 15th
	Southbound 15th will back up during busy times
	Clearly mark no left turn on southbound 15th
	No right at red from NB 15th to SB Columbian to protect kids
	Art on peninsula
	Truck access to fruit stand
	Put shelters on bus stops
	Move cross walk back (direction of "back" not specified)
	Wide turn caution (referring to trucks on Columbian)
	Consider traffic light phasing and or restricting right on red
	Need safe truck unloading for MacPhearson's delivery
15th Ave S and Oregon St	No parking within 30 feet of corner along Oregon St (x3)
15th Ave S and S Snoqualmie St	4-way stop
	Needs a safe pedestrian crossing
	Need clear marking to show skew in street
	Needs crosswalks
	This is a neighborhood access point for the chief Sealth Trail and we need a safe crossing here. A pedestrian light would be

	great. Crossing here is on a rise and the intersection needs a light
	Need sidewalks on Snoqualmie now that it's a primary path from Columbian way to 15th Ave S southbound
	Improve Snoqualmie. Possible extend VA Hospital Dr to Snoqualmie. Traffic and uneven pavement
	No sidewalk on north side of Snoqualmie
	Sign that road curves and a flashing light
15th Ave S between S Snoqualmie St and S Angeline S	Can we get a shelter at this (east) bus stop or at least the other side?
15th Ave S and Angeline St	Improve pedestrian safety at Angeline St crossing. Flashing lights

# Appendix 1.5



*Presentation Q&A*

Presentation



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## Our vision, mission, and core values

**Vision:** Seattle is a thriving equitable community powered by dependable transportation

**Mission:** to deliver a transportation system that provides safe and affordable access to places and opportunities

Committed to **6 core values:**

- Equity
- Safety
- Mobility
- Sustainability
- Livability
- Excellence

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# Presentation overview

- Project purpose
- Project elements and benefits
- Construction
- 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way
- Q&A

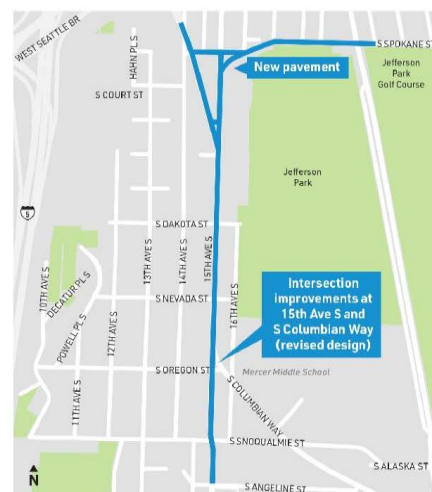
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### In 2020, we'll repave:

- About 1 mile of 15th Ave S between S Spokane St and S Angeline St
- A section of S Spokane St between S Columbian Way and 18th Ave S

We'll also make changes to the intersection of 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way.



# Project elements and benefits

## Paving and improvements:

- New pavement
- Drainage improvements
- Upgraded pedestrian push buttons
- New ADA-compliant curb ramps
- Improved and updated sidewalks, where needed
- Leading pedestrian intervals at crossing
- Pedestrian improvement at 15th Ave S and S Spokane St

# Construction

## What to expect during construction:

- Noise, dust, vibration, and large equipment
- Traffic lanes and sidewalks reduced or detoured
- Driveways may be temporarily blocked but business access will be maintained
- Temporary intersection closures

## Ways we minimize impacts:

- Project hotline and email
- Advance notice through email updates and other promotions
- Ensuring clear and effective detour and closure signage
- Up-to-date website

# Construction schedule

<b>EARLY 2020</b>	Finish design
<b>EARLY TO MID-2020</b>	Pre-construction coordination with the community
<b>FALL 2020</b>	Begin construction
<b>2021</b>	Complete construction

## 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way

Over the last two years, we've engaged with neighbors and businesses to develop an intersection design that fits the needs of everyone.

Based on feedback we heard, we developed a new proposed concept for the 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way intersection.

### What we heard:

- Keep pedestrians safe
- Retain the traffic signal at the intersection of 15th Ave S and S Oregon St
- Use space for traffic improvement, not landscaping
- Business parking along 15th Ave S should be maintained
- Maintain traffic operations
- Provide safety and accessibility benefits for people walking, biking, driving, and rolling



\*Leading pedestrian interval gives pedestrians more time to cross before vehicle traffic signals change

# 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way

## Elements:

- Crossing and signal consolidation, plus revised peninsula design, make travel safer for people walking
- Allowing a left turn from S Oregon St to 15th Ave S offers better navigation for people driving
- New bus stop increases convenient access for students, residents, and customers of local businesses
- Protected bike lanes make riding safer for people biking, and connection to greenway makes travel easier
- New curb bulbs improve accessibility for people with mobility challenges

## Q&A

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# Appendix 1.6

Q&A comments

- What you wanted to hear, not what you heard.
- Construction not during school seasons (- we will look at contract specs)
- Slow traffic concerns } not communicated on what we heard
- Don't want plaza
- Keep left turn
- Speeding tickets → ~~does~~ Does slow down/works
- Desire for 30ft 'No Parking' on Oregon
- 15<sup>th</sup> Ave N @ Spokane — Need no left turn on Spokane
- Improvements needed @ 15<sup>th</sup> / Snoqualmie
- Were bus lanes considered on SB 15<sup>th</sup>, north + south of Oregon St?

Will there be improvements to S. Snoqualmie. Nice to add ped improvements. v2 Connections to Chief Seattle Trail.

- No park on Dakota/Oregon with 15<sup>th</sup> back to alley
- No park west side of 15<sup>th</sup> by Dakota.
- People leaving VA cannot turn left at 15/out. Need better signage + direction's suggested
- Appreciate safety improvements
- 15<sup>th</sup>/Spokane intersection feels dangerous (line of sight issues) (signage, or a stop)
- What are you doing to mitigate traffic on side streets
- Signage more clear, more abundant, and in advance
- 15<sup>th</sup> + Spokane — violating left turns. Need to fix (U-turns at court)
- SRTS on 16<sup>th</sup> + Jefferson Park — hard to access SRTS as ped. No sidewalk (west side of 15<sup>th</sup> @ Spokane)
- No way to cross slip lane @ 15<sup>th</sup>/Spokane
- MacPherson's concerns about delivery trucks making turn
  - His load zone won't be impacted.

- Will you maintain same lane widths? YES. 12A
- Worry about signal timing, and conflicts with buses and kids.
- Need to observe parent pick-up
- Traffic Backups from I-5 (timing of lights)
- \* How far along 15<sup>th</sup> is 25MPM (follow up)
- Current intersection confusing
- If bus stop is moved • Bus stop signal timing so people aren't on peninsula long
- Will there be a personal contact to hold you accountable?
- Need to address how to get back into our neighborhood?

- NB Columbian Way tree overgrowth over flashing signage
- Make Spokane + 15<sup>th</sup> as safe as we can.

Question/comment	Response in the room
"This" (what was presented by SDOT) "is what you wanted to hear, not what you heard"	
Will construction impact school, when it starts in the fall?	There are ways to minimize those impacts. SDOT can make contract specifications about the phase of work.
These are things that were said in earlier rounds of community meetings and feedback that are not reflected in SDOT's presentation: volume of traffic; there should be no plaza; keep the left turn from Oregon. Instead of hearing, you're just telling us what you're doing in a gracious way.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For safety reasons, the city does not want traffic moving at high speeds through the area</li> <li>2. There is no plaza in the new design.</li> <li>3. The left turn was maintained.</li> </ol>
Representing the school traffic safety committee: There have been hundreds of speeding tickets issued in the area near the school. We want cars to be slowed in the area, to help protect children.	
At Oregon and 15th, where the new apartment building is, there is no 30-foot "no parking" buffer approaching the corner. Cars get backed up or stuck trying to approach or leave the curb, and pedestrians can't see around the parked cars. Can a 30-foot "no parking" sign be added there?	
At 15th and Spokane, going north, there should be a "no left turn" sign for cars attempting to go west on Spokane.	
	Improvements needed @ 15th/Snoqualmie
	Were bus lanes considered on SB 15th, north + south of Oregon St?
Some of the lanes seem to be up to 14 feet wide -- too wide, like lanes on the highway. Will the lane widths be maintained in this project?	The widest lanes as part of this project will likely be 12 feet.
Have concerns about safety when it comes to the signals, and the timing of signals. Buses have trouble moving through the area, and they should be able to get where they're going.	We are working on the signal timing so that kids are safe. We met with the Mercer principal, who suggested that SDOT do a site visit after school, to see how kids move through the area.

Parents bringing their kids to and from school are having a difficult time. You should observe after-school pick-up.	
Consider I-5 traffic coming into the neighborhood. Buses can't get proceed and are blocking intersections. Take that into consideration with the timing of signals.	
How much of 15th will have the 25 mph speed limit?	We will get back to you on that.
The existing intersection is confusing. I liked the previous design, but I'm OK with this one. I want 15th Ave S to be slower. If the bus stop is moved, will a student be able to get across from west to east? There should be good sequencing of the pedestrian signals so that people aren't stuck on the peninsula for long.	
Is there someone we can contact directly? Who is the personal contact to hold SDOT accountable?	You can call our project hotline and email our project email. Adonis Ducksworth is the SDOT lead to the public.
The design helps with getting out of the neighborhood, but you need to address how we're going to get back in to the neighborhood.	There will be no westbound left turn from Columbian.
Will there be improvements at S Snoqualmie St for pedestrians? Cars are coming that way to get back into the neighborhood.	We hear feedback about that.
On Dakota, on the west side of 15th, there is a problem with parking related to the alley. There should be no parking there.	
The crossing at Snoqualmie needs attention. It's a connection to the Chief Sealth Trail and a major pedestrian access point. There is also a hill there, that reduces visibility for pedestrians and drivers, as well as a slight turn in the road. There should be pedestrian safety improvements there. We appreciate the safety improvements to help slow things down at the 15th and Columbian intersection, but more work is needed at Snoqualmie.	

<p>People leaving hte VA are turning left illegally, from Columbian onto Oregon. There needs to be better signage to prevent that. Work with the people at the VA to ensure visitors know how to get back from the VA onto I-5 safely.</p>	
<p>Concerns about the 15th and Spokane intersection: The slip lane from northbound 15th onto eastbound Spokane is dangerous. Drivers have limited vision of oncoming traffic and can't slow down in time. Maybe there should be better signage and a stop sign.</p>	<p>We are putting in a curb bulb there, so people won't fly up to the crossing. We can look into the visibility issue.</p>
<p>When you slow down traffic on 15th and on Columbian, consider how people will divert to side streets.</p>	
<p>If you are changing the lane channelization, make sure the signage is clear and back far enough along the road so that people can anticipate what they need to do. People aren't warned soon enough before they get to the school zone. Signage should be more clear, more abundant, and in advance [on 15th Ave S].</p>	
<p>At 15th and Spokane, drivers are violating a no-left-turns sign that is there. They cut onto 14th and do a U-turn at Court. This should be prevented.</p>	
<p>There is a Safe Route to School with rapid flashing beacon at 16th and Jefferson Park, but it's hard to access as a pedestrian because there is a lack of sidewalks.</p>	<p>We are adding a sidewalk and handrail in that area.</p>
<p>There is no crosswalk for pedestrians across the slip lane at 15th and Spokane.</p>	
<p>Were bus lanes considered going south on 15th? Traffic gets slowed down because cars can't go around the buses.</p>	<p>The road there is still wide enough for a bus to pull over and a car to go around.</p>
<p>The owner of MacPherson's is concerned about his loading zones and delivery trucks being able to access the business.</p>	<p>The MacPherson's load zone will not be impacted.</p>

<p>On Columbian, going northbound, there is tree overgrowth that obscures the flashing signs near the school. Can that be trimmed and maintained?</p>	
<p>Representing Beacon Hill Safe Streets: Make the Spokane and 15th intersection as safe as you can.</p>	

# Appendix 1.7

Fact sheet



FACT SHEET

# 15TH AVE S IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

February 2020

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Each year, we pave arterial streets in poor condition to make them safer and smoother and to extend their useful life. Keeping our transportation system in a state of good repair helps lower the cost of future maintenance. In 2020, we'll repave about 1 mile of 15th Ave S between S Spokane St and S Angeline St and a section of S Spokane St between S Columbian Way and 18th Ave S.

The project also makes changes to the intersection of 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way. It adds protections for people biking, improved signals for people walking or rolling, and a bus stop. This design has minimal impacts to on-street parking and retains a signal for those accessing 15th Ave S from S Oregon St. A new pedestrian-friendly peninsula will be created where Oregon St crosses Columbian Way.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

- We're reaching out to neighbors to let them know that this project is moving forward and construction will begin this year. Please sign up for our emails to receive ongoing information about this project on our website.
- The intersection update and paving are scheduled to begin construction as early as fall 2020.

## CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Dates are subject to change.

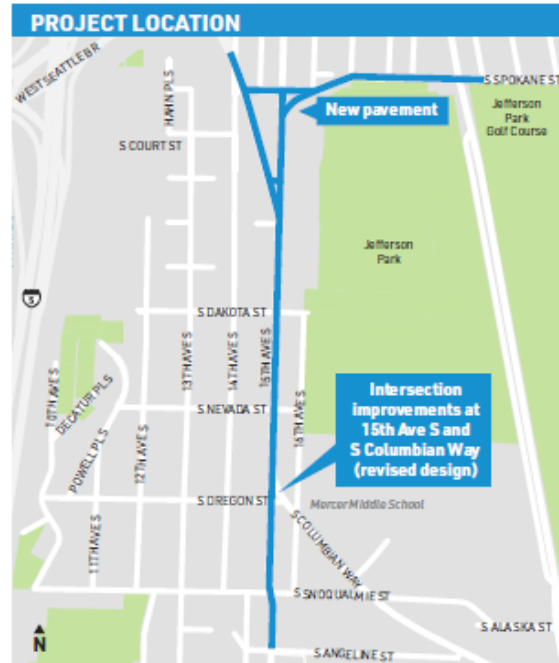
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## PROJECT ELEMENTS

- New pavement
- Drainage improvements
- Upgraded pedestrian push buttons
- Upgraded curb ramps
- Improved and updated sidewalks
- 15th and Columbian intersection:
  - Pedestrian-friendly peninsula
  - New curb bulbs
  - Crossing and signal consolidation
  - Retained left turn from S Oregon St to 15th Ave S
  - Improved connections for bicycles
  - Pedestrian improvement at 15th Ave and S Spokane St

## PROJECT INFORMATION AND CONTACT

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### PROJECT BENEFITS

- Roadway improvements
- Sidewalk repairs
- New, visible lane markings
- Increased safety at the intersection for students and other people walking, rolling and biking
- Simplified intersection for drivers
- Improved transit stops

### FUNDING

Funding comes from the 2015 voter-approved, nine-year Levy to Move Seattle, which provides funding to improve safety for all travelers, maintain streets and bridges, and invest in reliable, affordable travel options for a growing city.

This project also is receiving funding from SDOT's Safe Routes to School program, which makes it easier and safer for students to walk and bike in Seattle, as well as funding from our paving program.

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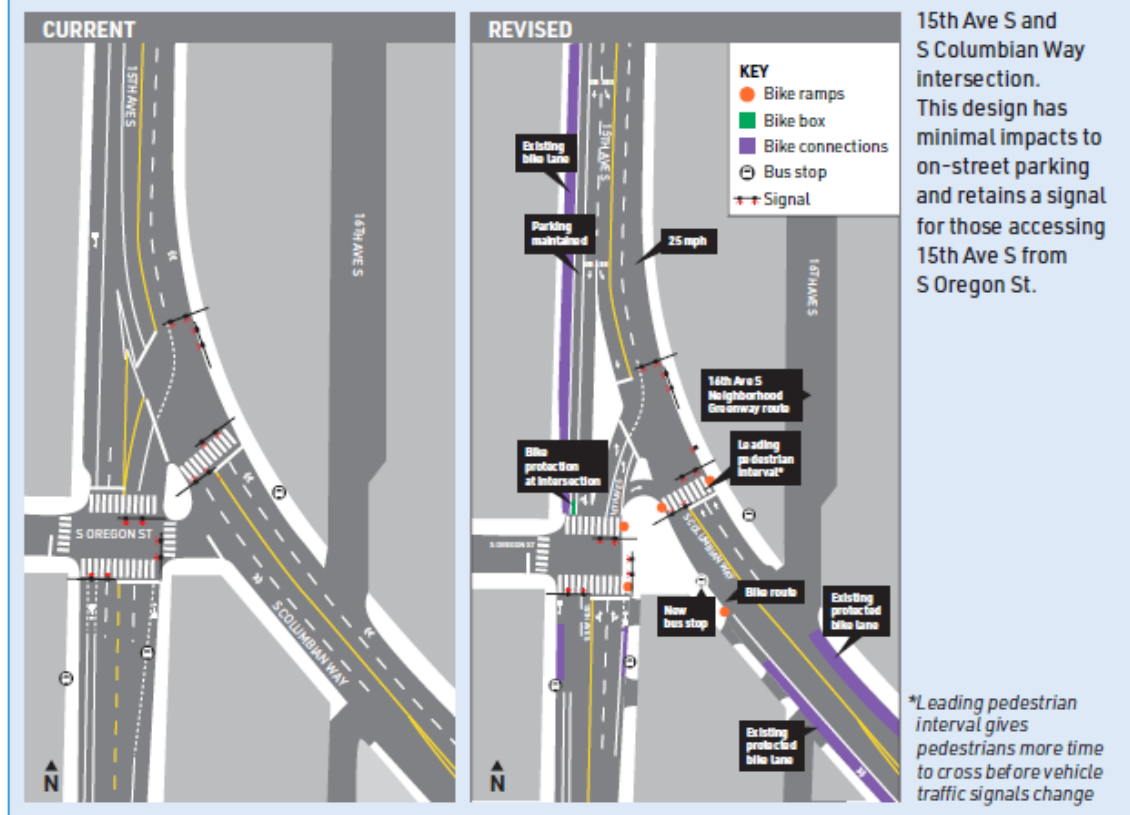
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### INTERSECTION DESIGN



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