FAIRVIEW AVENUE NORTH
Bridge Replacement Project

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Project description

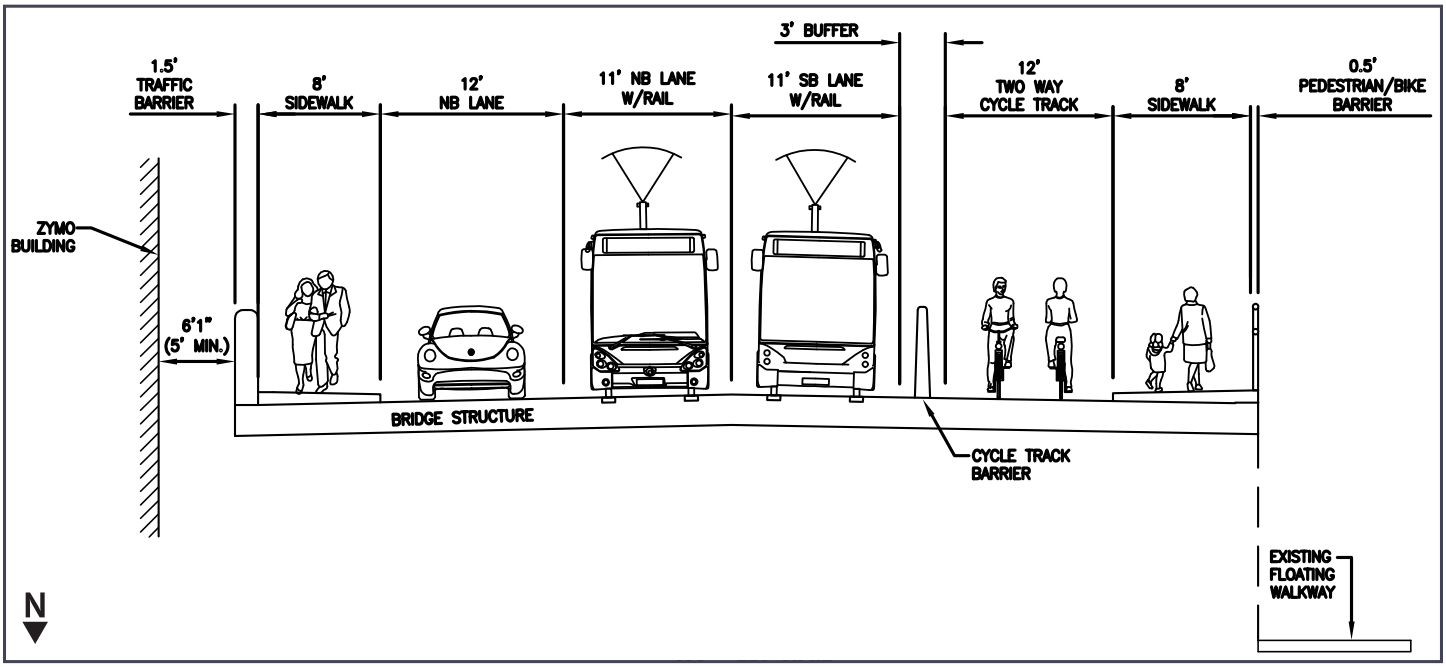
The Seattle Department of Transportation is committed to maintaining safety for all users of Fairview Avenue North. The current bridge was built 65 years ago and needs to be replaced to meet current seismic standards. Located on the southeast shore of Lake Union near the 1200 block of Fairview Avenue North in Seattle, the bridge is adjacent to the historic Lake Union Steam Plant building, which is occupied by ZymoGenetics.

Proposed features

The new roadway configuration will better accommodate all users making it safer for people to drive, walk, bike, and access transit along Fairview Avenue North.

Project improvements will include:

- A new bridge structure that will accommodate three lanes of traffic (the same as today)
- Sidewalks buffered from moving traffic by additional sidewalk width
- Improved access to the existing floating walkway on Lake Union that connects to the Cheshiahud Lake Union Loop
- A separated cycle track on the west side of the bridge
- Improved pedestrian lighting, landscaping and wayfinding



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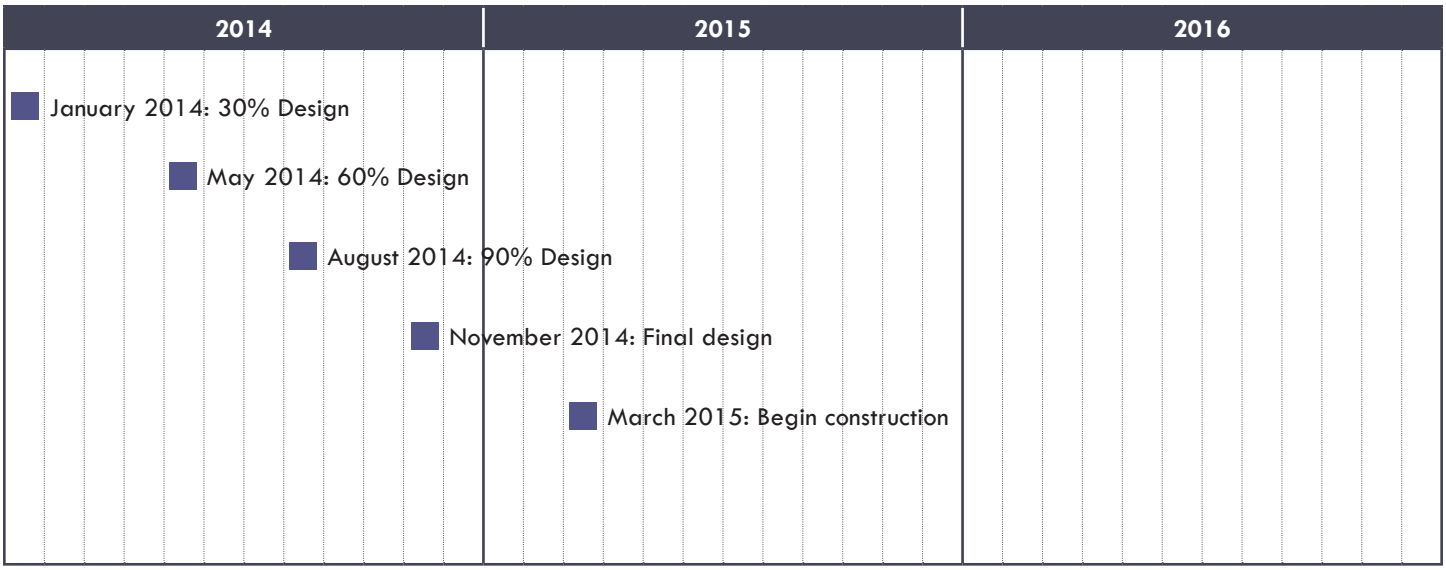
Project schedule



Project budget and funding

The total project budget is $31 million and is funded in two ways: Bridging the Gap, a nine-year levy for transportation maintenance and improvement, and state funding through the Bridge Replacement Advisory Committee (BRAC).

Bridging the Gap is a $365 million levy that was passed by Seattle voters in November 2006. The goal of the program is to create a strong foundation for Seattle's transportation future by reducing the infrastructure backlog and investing in major transportation projects.

BRAC provides advice to help inform selection of bridge replacements or rehabilitation of bridges owned by cities or counties.

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