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Subject: Roosevelt Paving & Safety Project Update

Dear Neighbor,

SDOT will periodically distribute project updates about the Roosevelt Paving & Safety Improvement Project.

We write today to let you know that the expected start of construction has been moved back from late September until the end of the year. Perhaps more significant, fiscal constraints have forced SDOT to remove construction of most of the curb bulbs and expanded tree pits, which we'd previously indicated would be included in the project. (The one positive benefit of dropping these elements from the project is that construction will likely be significantly shorter than the ten months previously expected.)

Curb bulbs extend the sidewalk out, typically into a parking lane at intersections, in part to ensure that curb ramps (wheelchair ramps) meet the federally mandated standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). They have the additional benefit of making pedestrians more visible to motorists, and vehicles more visible to those pedestrians. They also have the effect of shortening the crossing distance for these pedestrians. As such, curb bulbs increase safety for pedestrians, and seem to enjoy broad community support.

Sadly, the curb bulbs and enlarged tree pits were determined to be the most logical project elements that could be eliminated and bring the budget back into balance. The curb bulbs were initially included in part to provide adequate room for standard curb ramps. However, we were able to accommodate the ramps and meet design standards without the curb bulbs in most locations. A summary of the changes is as follows:

- 65th – Existing curb bulb on the southeast corner will remain. The planned bus island on the west side of Roosevelt (on the south side of 65th) will be moved a little south from the current bus stop location.
- 64th – The existing curb bulbs on all four corners of this intersection will remain unchanged.
- 63rd – Curb ramps planned for all four corners have been eliminated.
- 62nd – Curb ramps planned for all four corners have been eliminated.
- 61st - Plans to extend out the northeast corner (in front of Salvatore Ristorante Italiano) and the southeast corner (by the Budget Rental lot) have been shelved and will remain in the current configuration. (Extending, or pushing out the sidewalk reduces the curb radius, which helps to reduce the speed of turning vehicles, while also reducing the crossing distance, though not as much as with a curb bulb.)
- Ravenna Boulevard – The planned curb ramps for the northwest and southwest corners have been eliminated, as well as on the northeast corner, where the original plan had called for pushing out the sidewalk.
- 59th, 58th, & 57th – These three T-intersections have streets intersecting with Roosevelt from the west, but have no corresponding east/west street on the east side of Roosevelt. The original plan had been to bulb out the sidewalk on the east side of Roosevelt, with corresponding curb bulbs on the west side of Roosevelt at all three intersections. The updated plan would retain the east side bulb out at 58th, but would eliminate those planned for 59th & 57th. The west side curb bulbs will be retained at both 58th and 57th, but will be eliminated at 59th.
- 56th – The previous plans would have pushed out three of four corners, but did not provide for curb bulbs at each. Instead, all four corners will remain as they are today.

- 55th – Plans to build curb bulbs on the northwest and southwest corners have been eliminated. All four corners of the intersection will remain unchanged.
- 53rd – This is another T-intersection, with 53rd intersecting with Roosevelt from the west. The planned sidewalk bulb out on the east side of the street is being retained, but the companion curb bulbs on the northwest and southwest corners of the intersection have been eliminated. Instead the sidewalks on the northwest and southwest corners will be pushed out to better match the new east side ramps.
- 52nd – This T-intersection has 52nd intersecting with Roosevelt from the east. The planned curb bulbs for the northeast and southeast corners of the intersection will be constructed.
- 50th – The original construction plan would retain the existing condition on all four corners of this intersection. This remains unchanged. The existing curb bulbs on the northeast and southeast corners of the intersection will be retained.
- 47th – The curb bulbs planned for all four corners have been eliminated.
- 45th – A new bus island will be constructed on the southwest corner of the intersection. The other three corners will not be altered by the project.
- 43rd – The existing curb bulb on the northeast corner will remain unchanged, while the planned curb bulb for the southeast corner has been eliminated. The plan to bulb out the sidewalk on the east side of Roosevelt in front of the Watertown Hotel is being retained in the project plan. The northwest and southwest corners will remain unchanged by construction.
- 42nd – The planned bulb out on 42nd on the northeast corner (by Hardwick’s Hardware) is being retained in the project plan. The plan to bulb out the sidewalk further to the south (in front of Portage Bay Café), opposite the southern leg of 42nd (west side of Roosevelt) will be retained, but will be shorter than originally planned. Plans to bulb out the northwest and southwest corner into 42nd have been eliminated.
- 41st – No curb bulbs had been planned for this intersection, and that remains unchanged.

All other elements of the project previously released to the public will remain unchanged. The protected bike lane along the west side of Roosevelt from NE 65th to the University Bridge will remain, as will plans to replace sidewalks buckled by tree roots.

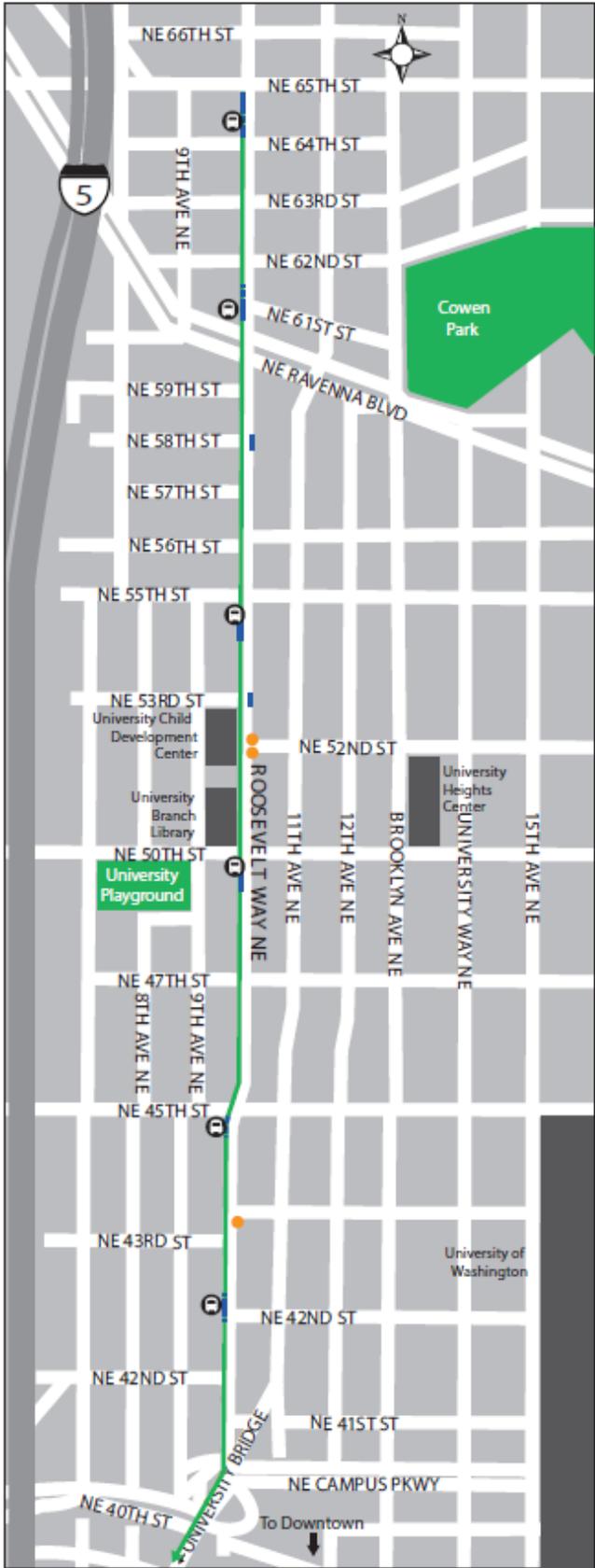
As mentioned at the beginning of this email, construction is now scheduled to begin at the end of the year. SDOT will hold a pre-construction open house for the public, and will see that adjacent property owners and/or tenants will be informed of the schedule for construction in front of their property along with the expected impacts.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email or call and we’ll do our best to provide answers.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



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- LEGEND**
- New Curb bulb
 - | New Sidewalk extension
 - Ⓟ New in-lane bus stop
 - | New protected bike lane