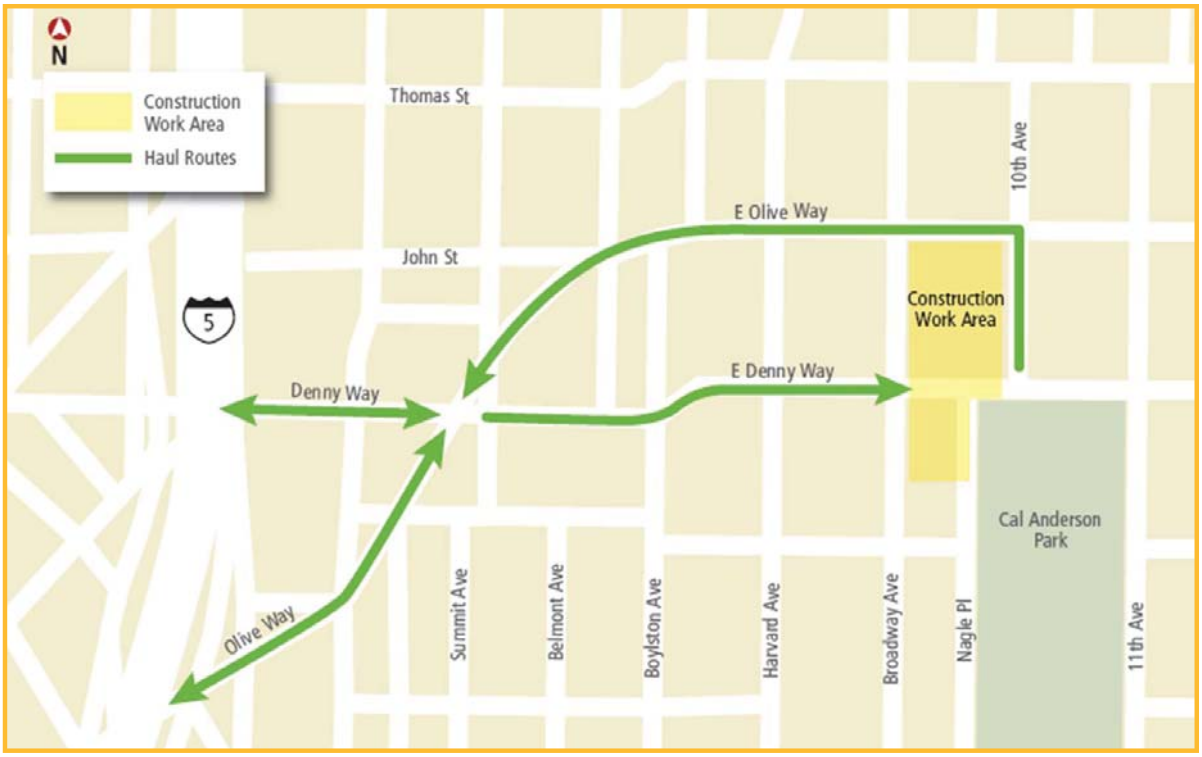
The first segment of light rail began operating from SeaTac Airport to Downtown Seattle in July 2009. Over the next six years Sound Transit is extending the line through Capitol Hill to the University of Washington with service expected to start in 2016.



Keeping Pedestrians Safe During Construction

Last year, Sound Transit demolished buildings where the Capitol Hill station is being built. Starting in April and lasting for several years, trucks will be hauling dirt and other materials to and from the construction site. This activity will add traffic along the designated haul routes on E Olive Way and Denny. This fact sheet describes steps we are taking to ensure people can safely walk near the work zone and along haul routes.

Here's what we're doing

- Installing a temporary signal at Broadway and Denny to manage truck movements in to the work zone and to help people cross safely
- Adding flaggers at other locations the trucks enter and exit
- Queuing trucks on-site
- Maintaining good street lighting
- Adding a crosswalk on E Olive Way at Boylston Avenue
- Building a curb bulb at E Denny Way and Boylston Ave E

Here's what you can do

- Watch for sidewalk closure signs and remain alert to posted notices of temporary walkways
- Cross only at intersections and make eye contact with drivers when crossing busy streets
- Wear bright colors or reflective clothing if you are walking near traffic at night
- Be cautious around construction areas where large dirt-hauling trucks enter and leave work zones

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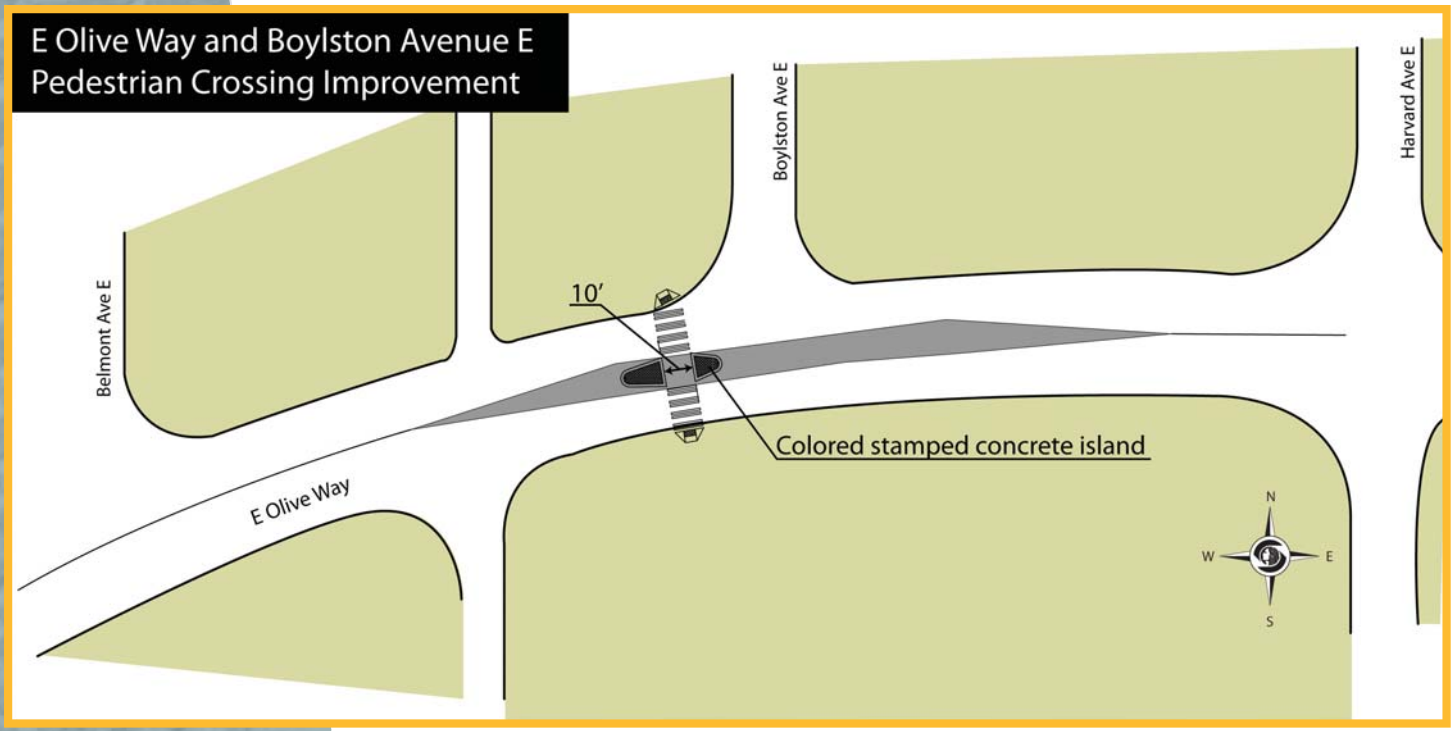
A New Crosswalk on E Olive Way

SDOT is making pedestrian improvements to the E Olive Way corridor in anticipation of the Capitol Hill Sound Transit light rail construction project. The work is scheduled to begin in mid March and, weather permitting, will end the beginning of April. The changes will remain in place after the hauling project is complete.



Improvements

- Install a marked crosswalk and curb ramps at the intersection of E Olive Way and the east leg of Boylston Ave E
- Construct a median island in the center of the street
- Consolidate bus stops by removing three on Olive Way:
    - E Olive Way far side of Boylston Avenue E heading southwest
    - E Olive Way far side of Boylston Avenue heading northeast
    - E Olive Way far side of E Howell St heading northeast
- Adjust peak period parking restrictions along E Olive Way to allow two-hour parking while maintaining one lane of travel in each direction

Benefits

- Alert drivers that pedestrians are crossing the street
- Provide refuge for pedestrians in center of the street
- Improve reliability of buses with fewer stops
- Provide buffer between street and pedestrians by allowing parking

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