



Stairway replacement at 5th Ave W & W Dravus St

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IMPROVING SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY AT 5TH AVE W & W DRAVUS ST

Several City-owned stairways were built in the mid-1900s, with some built as early as the 1920s. The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) conducts periodic inspections to inventory the condition of each stairway and identify repairs.

We prioritized the stairway between 5th Ave W & W Dravus St for safety improvements to ensure it meets safety standards.

PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

The planned improvements include:

- Removing and replacing the existing stairs with a new staircase made of reinforced concrete, with even heights for each step
- Replacing the landings
- Installing new handrails on each side, with a second handrail at a lower height to accommodate adults and children

Existing stairway – Crews will replace the stairway, landings, and handrails



SCHEDULE

We expect construction will begin as soon as August 2016 and will take approximately 2 months to complete. Watch for additional construction information in the coming weeks.

FUNDING

The Stairway Maintenance Program is funded by the SDOT Stairway Rehabilitation Fund and the 9-year Levy to Move Seattle, approved by voters in 2015. Learn more about the levy at www.seattle.gov/LevytoMoveSeattle.

STAIRWAY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

SDOT owns and maintains more than 500 stairways as part of our Stairway Maintenance Program. Totalling over 6 miles, these City-owned stairways are used by pedestrians to "shortcut" their way up or down a hill; to get from one street to another; to serve a public area such as schools, parks, playgrounds, senior centers, or bus stops; or even as a place to exercise.

Due to the steep and sloping nature of Seattle's landscape, many of Seattle's streets are connected by these pedestrian stairways, serving as a vital resource to our communities.

PROJECT INFORMATION & CONTACT

www.seattle.gov/transportation/stairways.htm

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