



Stairway handrail replacement at S Ferdinand St & 54th Ave S

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IMPROVING SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY AT S FERDINAND ST BETWEEN 53RD AND 54TH AVE S

Several public stairways were built in the 50s through the 90s and do not include a standard handrail. The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) conducts periodic inspections to inventory the condition of each stairway and identify repairs.

We prioritized the stairway at S Ferdinand St between 53rd and 54th Ave S for installing new handrails. We will install new handrails on each side of the stairway, with a second handrail at a lower height to accommodate both adults and children.

BENEFITS

Installing new handrails will ensure the stairs meet current safety standards and is a step forward in improving pedestrian connections and accessibility in our city.

SCHEDULE

We expect construction will begin as soon as August 2016 and will take approximately 1 month 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.

Existing stairway – Crews will install new handrails on each side of the stairway



PROJECT INFORMATION & CONTACT

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