

APPLICANT PROBLEM

Eastlake is one of the few urban villages with cobblestone streets – two blocks each of E Boston, Edgar and Louisa streets between Eastlake Ave and Boylston Ave E. Unfortunately in '96 SDOT and DON (without notice) decided that because about 50% of Eastlake's cobblestone streets needed restoration, and would be restored except by asphalt patches or asphalt resurfacing, and that they could be "mined" to provide cobbles for other neighborhoods unless Eastlake found alternative funding sources to restore them as cobblestone streets. The 1998 Eastlake NP called for reversal of this policy and for restoration of the cobblestone streets. In response SDOT promised not to "harvest" cobblestones here, but it has done nothing to correct the inequity that its cobblestone restoration is mainly in single-family neighborhoods, not in multi-family and urban village neighborhoods like Eastlake.

APPLICANT SOLUTION

Cobblestone repair of E Boston, Edgar and Louisa streets between Eastlake and Boylston Avenues. Our proposal here is that SDOT restore all three of Eastlake's cobblestone streets (six blocks).



SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SDOT) REVIEW

E Boston Street: Eastlake Ave E to Boylston Ave E

- Remove and replace approximately 50 footx10 foot section in center of roadway near Franklin Ave.
- Remove and replace entire street between Franklin & Boylston Ave.

E Louisa Street: Eastlake Ave E to Boylston Ave E

- Remove and replace entire street
- Remove and replace 110 feet of curb on south side.

E Edgar Street: Eastlake Ave E to Boylston Ave E

- Remove and replace center 12-feet of street

Constructability

-Construction may be hampered by the availability of cobblesone materials.

-Construction will require road closures and impact neighborhood traffic. The existing drainage system would likey be impacted by demolition and need to be reconstructed.

-Outer 6 feet of E Louisa St and E Boston St between Franklin and Boylston Avenues might be saved to reduce costs.

Community Issues

-Outreach with the residents would be important since the construction will be disruptive.

-The elementary school and local business school in the area will also be impacted by the construction.

Benefits

-Restoring the cobblestone streets would provide an historic element to the neighborhood.

