

# WESTLAKE CYCLE TRACK PROJECT

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## What is the Westlake Cycle Track project?

The Westlake Avenue N corridor between Fremont and South Lake Union neighborhoods connects to the Fremont Bridge, Ship Canal Trail and Lake Union Park. This unique 1.2-mile corridor is a major truck street with transit and is home to marine-related businesses, moorage areas, floating homes and more. The west side is a four lane street with one sidewalk. On the east side, people walking, using wheelchairs, biking and driving all share an undefined space. People walking and biking use the sidewalk, the parking area and a service lane meant for drop-off, pick-up and deliveries. There is no dedicated space for bicycles. This project will add predictability and create a safer, more comfortable place for drivers, walkers and bicyclists.



*The Westlake corridor is home to many water- and land-based businesses with unique loading and parking needs.*

## What are the project goal and objectives?

### Goal: Safety for all users

- **People biking:** Support bicycle riders of all ages and abilities
- **People walking:** Separate bicycles from pedestrians
- **People driving:** Provide predictability within parking area



*Example of current conditions within the Westlake corridor.*

## Objectives

- **Connectivity:** Connect with Fremont and South Lake Union neighborhoods, the Fremont Bridge and surrounding trails and parks
- **Economic vitality:** Create a space that attracts customers and supports adjacent land and water uses
- **Accessibility:** Provide a flat, low-stress bike path making this scenic corridor more accessible to residents, employees and visitors

**Safety:** At the October 2013 project public meeting, the community expressed concern about conflicts and challenges between people walking, biking and driving. The City's goal is to reach zero traffic fatalities or serious injuries in Seattle by 2030. This project helps reduce conflicts and reach this goal.

**Parking:** The bike facility will be built on the east side of the corridor, in the parking area. We want to minimize parking loss as much as possible for the businesses and people who have come to rely on it. Public meeting attendees and a committee of stakeholders appointed by Mayor Murray are helping project staff figure out the best location for the bike facility and identify creative solutions to maximize parking.

## What is the project schedule?

- Phase 1: Data collection and analysis and selection of a recommended bike route for the corridor. Began in fall 2013 and expected to continue through summer 2014.
- Phase 2: Environmental review and final design. Expected to begin in 2014 and end in 2015.
- Phase 3: Construction of the bike facility. Expected to start in late 2015.

## Funding

The Westlake Cycle Track project has an available budget of \$3.6 million. Funding is provided by a \$1.7 million Puget Sound Regional Council grant, local funds and bonds.

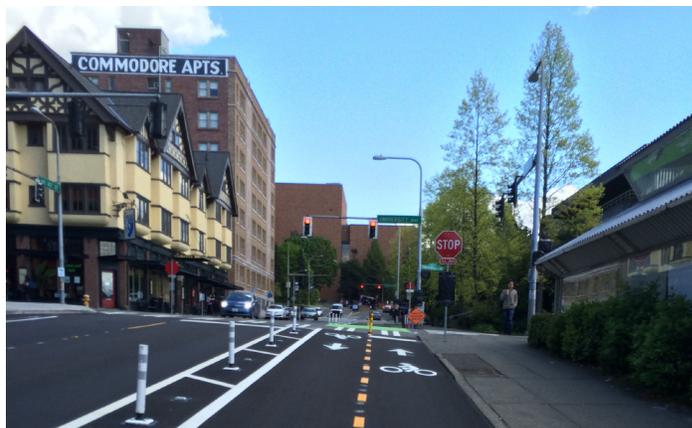
## Example bike facilities in Seattle



*Bike facilities, like this one in Alki Beach, can be built many different ways to accommodate the uniqueness of various locations and their adjacent uses.*



*Broadway*



*NE 40th Street*

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