



Pedestrian Master Plan Technical Update



Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board
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Overview

- Current project status
 - Public surveys
 - Ongoing outreach activities
 - Project timeline
- Toolbox
 - Review 2009 Toolbox
 - Proposed, draft updates



Public surveys

- Thanks for the reviews/comments!
- Expected release date: 10/21
- Open through end of November
- Distribution strategy
 - Project email list
 - SDOT social media
 - Circulating to City Boards and Commissions for distribution
 - District Councils (have offered briefings)
 - Existing SDOT events/outreach activities
 - SRTS program networks
 - External partners: SNG, Feet First
 - Working with OIRA on focus groups

Public outreach activities

Sept15 – Oct 7	Briefed the following City Boards and Commissions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commission for People with Disabilities• SBAB• Planning Commission• Design Commission• Urban Forestry Commission• Immigrant and Refugee Commission• Freight Advisory Board
October 14	SPAB Meeting: Toolbox outline
Week of 10/19 (tbd)	PMP survey release (open through end of November)
October 19	Joint PMP / Trails Upgrade Open House #1
October 21	Joint PMP / Trails Upgrade Open House #2
November	Focus groups with Immigrant/Refugee communities (working with OIRA to organize these)

JOINT OPEN HOUSE!

Pedestrian Master Plan and Trails Upgrade Plan

OPEN HOUSE 1:

Monday
October 19

LOCATION:

Northgate Library
10548 5th Avenue NE
Seattle, WA 98125

TIME:

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE 2:

Wednesday
October 21

LOCATION:

Hillman City Collaboratory
5623 Rainier Ave S
Seattle, WA 98118

TIME:

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is seeking feedback on two plans: The Pedestrian Master Plan Update and the Trails Upgrade Plan. We'd like to hear your thoughts on potential improvements and priorities.

COME LEARN ABOUT:

Pedestrian Master Plan Update

- Prioritizing pedestrian improvement in the city
- Updated "toolbox" for improving crossings and sidewalks
- Low cost walking improvements for neighborhoods

Trails Upgrade Plan

- Existing trail conditions
- Community survey results
- Potential improvements and priorities

PROJECT & CONTACT INFORMATION

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The Seattle Trails Upgrade Plan was funded through the voter-approved Bridging the Gap levy.

OPEN HOUSE LOCATIONS



*from Seattle Bicycle Master Plan update, April 2014

Process/schedule

	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
Public outreach								
Update prioritization								
Update toolbox								
Establish performance targets								
Develop public draft plan								
Develop implementation plan								

- Public outreach extended through end of November (was October)
- Prioritization and toolbox update likely extended through end of December (was November)
- Public Review Draft extended until end of March (was February)

2009 Toolbox

http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/pedestrian_masterplan/pedestrian_toolbox/common_issues.htm

Pedestrian Toolbox

The Pedestrian Toolbox provides information about hundreds of tools that can be used to address common pedestrian issues, with seven specific toolboxes that focus on:

- **Designing and engineering** safe and accessible roadways and pedestrian facilities
- **Educating** roadway users, property owners, and decision makers about rules, rights, and responsibilities
- **Enforcing** laws, proper behaviors, and use of roadway facilities
- **Encouraging** walking and physical activity throughout the community
- Short- and long-term **planning, land use, and zoning** for the built environment
- Ensuring **equity, health, and environmental** sustainability
- Finding **funding** to support and sustain pedestrian improvements

Using the Toolbox

To use the Pedestrian Toolbox, begin by identifying the **Common Pedestrian Issues** that most closely match your concerns. Along with an explanation of each issue, you'll find a list of categories of tools that may be used to address the problem. Within the seven toolboxes available online, you can find the appropriate categories and descriptions of the tools with web links to more information. The entire toolbox is not reproduced in this hard copy, but it is available upon request.



Proposal for updated Toolbox

- Intent
 - Forward looking
- Audience
 - Communicate the strategies we would like to consider moving forward
- Streamlined organization

Toolbox mockup

- One page per tool
- Key headings repeated

NEIGHBORHOOD GREENWAYS AS PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE

HOW THIS STRATEGY IMPROVES THE PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT

Neighborhood greenways are non-arterial streets with low motorized traffic volumes and speeds, designated and designed to give bicycle and pedestrian travel priority. A critical component of a neighborhood greenway is to provide arterial street crossing improvements for safer and more comfortable travel for both bicyclists and pedestrians. They provide people of all ages and abilities with comfortable and attractive places to walk and ride a bicycle. The planned neighborhood greenway network would direct capital funds toward building out a network of low-cost pedestrian infrastructure improvements.

CURRENT POLICY CONTEXT

- SDOT's Neighborhood Greenways Program currently exists outside of SDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs.
 - Seattle's first city-wide neighborhood greenway network was established in the 2014 Bicycle Master Plan Update
- SDOT has a goal of building 50 miles of neighborhood greenways by 2020 with almost 13 miles built to date.
- SDOT's Current Neighborhood Greenways Work Plan: <http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/greenwaysworkplan.htm>

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

Neighborhood greenways provide a comfortable environment that safely connects pedestrians of all ages and abilities to community destinations like parks, schools and community centers. Key elements of neighborhood greenways that support pedestrians include safe arterial crossings,



wayfinding/signage, lighting, amenities (i.e. benches), neighborhood character/placemaking and traffic calming installations. The pedestrian master plan also prioritizes greenways as a network of pedestrian infrastructure improvements, including providing low-cost sidewalks where currently there are none.

NEXT STEPS

- Integrate pedestrian infrastructure--and appropriate associated funding--with current and planned neighborhood greenway implementation plans.

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS

SDOT Policy and Planning, SDOT Traffic, Seattle Public Schools, Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, Seattle Parks Department, PTSAs, Lifelong Recreation Advisory Council, Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens, Neighborhood groups, Seattle Police Department

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