

## **Project Name**

Burke-Gilman Trail Missing Link Project

### **Proposed Action**

The Burke-Gilman Trail (BGT) is a regional trail that runs east from Golden Gardens Park in Seattle and connects to the Sammamish River Trail in Bothell, except for a missing segment through the Ballard neighborhood. Currently, the regional trail ends at 30<sup>th</sup> Ave NW by the Hiram M. Chittenden (Ballard) Locks on the west, and begins again at the intersection of 11<sup>th</sup> Ave NW and NW 45<sup>th</sup> St on the east. The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) proposes to connect these two segments of the BGT with a marked, dedicated route that would serve all users of the multi-use trail. The proposed project to complete the regional facility is referred to as the Missing Link.

## **Project Proponent and SEPA Lead Agency**

Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)

### **SEPA Responsible Official**

Scott Kubly, Director

## **Date of Issue**

June 16, 2016

### **Public Comment Period**

This Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be available for a 45-day public comment period. Comments must be received or postmarked by August 1, 2016.

### **Date Comments are Due**

August 1, 2016

### **Comment Submittal and Contact Information**

Comments can be sent by email to: <u>BGT\_MissingLink\_Info@seattle.gov</u>

Written comments can be mailed to:

Scott Kubly, Director Seattle Department of Transportation c/o Mark Mazzola, Environmental Manager P.O. Box 34996 Seattle, WA 98124-4996

# **Public Meeting**

Two public meetings will be held to provide updated project-related information and receive comments from the public and interested parties on the DEIS.

The public meetings will be held at the Leif Erikson Hall, located at 2245 NW 57<sup>th</sup> Street in Ballard.

Meeting 1: Thursday July 14, 2016

6:00 to 9:00 pm

# Meeting 2: Saturday July 16, 2016

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Court reporters will be available to receive oral testimony.

# **Document Availability**

The DEIS is available online at: <u>http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/BGT\_Ballard.htm.</u>

Printed copies of the DEIS are available for review at no charge at:

Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections Public Resources Center 700 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 2000 Seattle, WA 98124

Seattle Public Library, Central Library 1000 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Seattle, WA 98104

Ballard Neighborhood Customer Service Center 5614 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave NW Seattle, WA 98107

Seattle Public Library, University Branch 5009 Roosevelt Way NE Seattle, WA, 98105

Seattle Public Library, Fremont Branch 731 N 35<sup>th</sup> Street Seattle, WA 98103

Seattle Public Library, Wallingford Branch 1501 N 45<sup>th</sup> Street Seattle, WA 98103

Seattle Public Library, Greenwood Branch 8016 Greenwood Ave N Seattle, WA 98103 Seattle Public Library, Magnolia Branch 2801 34<sup>th</sup> Ave W Seattle, WA 98199

Seattle Public Library, Queen Anne Branch 400 W Garfield Street Seattle, WA 98119

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Various forms of the document are available by calling 206-615-0786.

Draft EIS: \$50

Technical Appendices: \$50

Executive Summary: Free

CD with DEIS and Technical Appendices: Free

The Executive Summary is available in braille free of charge by contacting SDOT at 206-615-0786.

# Permits, Licenses, and Approvals Likely Required for Proposal

- State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)
- Seattle Shoreline Master Program Review
- NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit

### **Authors and Contributors**

A list of authors and contributors is provided in Chapter 13 of the DEIS.

### **Location of Background Materials**

Background materials used in the preparation of this DEIS are listed in Chapter 12, References. Several documents are available online at the project website: http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/BGT\_Ballard.htm.

### **Timing of Additional Environmental Review**

After the DEIS comment period concludes, SDOT (lead agency) will review and respond to comments. A Final EIS will be prepared that contains the responses to the comments and potential updates to the environmental document. SDOT anticipates releasing the Final EIS in early 2017.