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Dear community member,

We're reaching out about our Interbay Trail Connections project proposed for your community. Our goal with this project is to improve the safety and predictability of everyone using the street, and improve a connection between trails in the area, including the Ship Canal Trail, the Elliot Bay Trail, and the Ballard Locks footpath. Please see our fact sheet attached to this letter for an overview map of the project area.

Our proposal would add two-way protected bike lanes on the north side of W Government Way, Gilman Ave W, the south side of W Emerson Pl, and on the east side of 20<sup>th</sup> Ave for people bicycling and walking. There are several on-street parking and turn lane impacts as part of the project, which is why I'm writing you today.

Near your location, our plan is to redesign 20<sup>th</sup> Ave W from W Ruffner St to W Dravus St, adding the two-way protected bike lanes on the east side of the street (see Figure 1). The on-street parking on both sides of the street is maintained. This means we have to remove the center left-turn lane that people use to turn onto side streets and driveways. People will still be able to make the left turn from the travel lane.

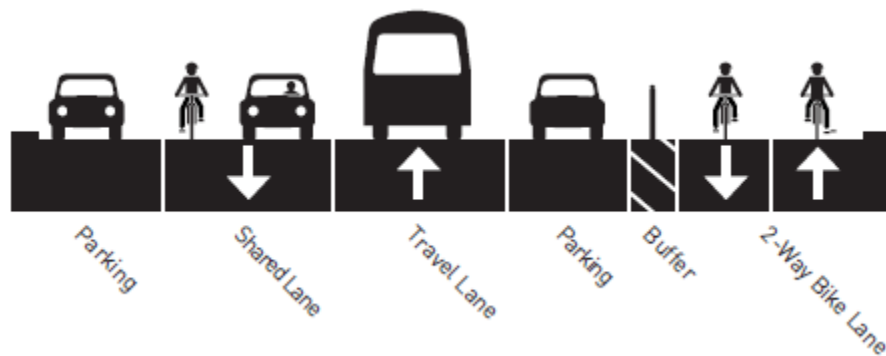


Figure 1 - 20<sup>th</sup> Ave W (W Ruffner St – W Dravus St) Concept

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The 20<sup>th</sup> Ave W redesign from W Dravus St to Thorndyke Ave W will also add two-way protected bike lanes on the east side of the street adjacent to where the gravel parking area is today (see Figure 2). Our short-term proposal is to close the gravel parking area to vehicles to prevent people from driving across the two-way protected bike lanes to access it. On-street parking on the west side of the street would remain, as well as the two travel lanes and bus access.

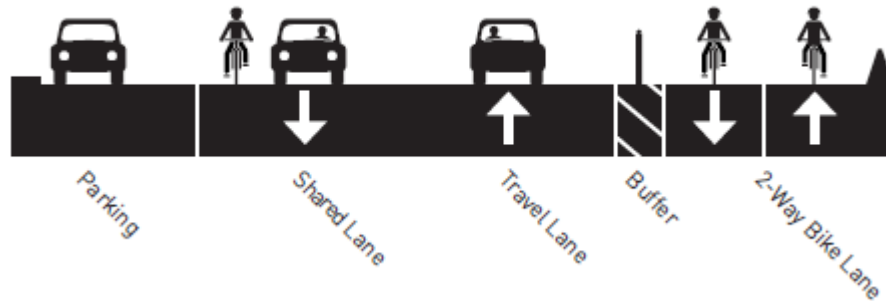


Figure 2 – 20<sup>th</sup> Ave W (W Dravus St – Thorndyke Ave W) Concept

This project is currently scheduled for construction next year. However, our long-term vision for the gravel parking area is to pave it and move the protected bike lanes there. We could then return on-street parking. A schedule for this next phase is to be determined at a later date.

Have questions or comments or want to discuss the project? Please reach out to me at the contact below. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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