PROJECT DESCRIPTION
We’re launching the Melrose Promenade project to create a safer, more inviting street for everyone.

Our goals build off the community-driven promenade vision, focusing on connecting people and places and improving transportation safety. The corridor is a key walking and biking connection in our citywide network.

Right now, there are crash patterns, streets can be difficult to cross, people driving use Melrose Ave as a cut-through to I-5, and sidewalks can be missing or narrow.

Ideas for updating Melrose Ave have included:
- traffic calming
- street crossings
- lane redesign
- lighting
- bike facilities
- sidewalk upgrades
- public space
- wayfinding signs
- seating
- pavement repair

PROJECT BACKGROUND
The construction of Interstate 5 created a barrier between Capitol Hill and its downhill neighbors. Melrose Ave was rebuilt atop a high retaining wall with western views and a trail through the park at the north end, and remained a neighborhood street among historic buildings and a business district at the south end.

Starting about 8 years ago, Capitol Hill residents, businesses, and regional safe streets advocates worked to reimagine what Melrose Ave could mean to the community. Their vision saw potential in the street and proposed a “vibrant and visually stunning promenade.”

Since this concept aligns with our mission and vision for Seattle, we applied for and were awarded a grant to continue developing the vision and construct as much of it as possible.

Melrose Ave is in our Bicycle Master Plan and part of the project area is a designated pedestrian zone.

GET INVOLVED
We’re engaging with the community this spring to learn what’s working and what’s not with the corridor, and to better understand what people want us to invest in and where. Construction starts as soon as 2020.

We want to hear from you today. Please visit our website to learn more, take a survey, and get in touch with the team.

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These projects are funded by the 9-year Levy to Move Seattle, approved by voters in 2015. Learn more about the levy at: www.seattle.gov/LevytoMoveSeattle