15th Ave S Improvements Project
Drop-in Session
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Presentation overview

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Our vision, mission, and core values

**Vision:** Seattle is a thriving equitable community powered by dependable transportation

**Mission:** to deliver a transportation system that provides safe and affordable access to places and opportunities

Committed to 6 core values:
- Equity
- Safety
- Mobility
- Sustainability
- Livability
- Excellence
Existing conditions

15th Ave S provides an important connection for people traveling between Beacon Hill and Rainier Valley.

The street needs to be repaved and restriped to extend its useful life.

The roadway along 15th Ave S will be repaved as part of this project.
Existing conditions

The intersection of 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way is confusing for people walking, rolling, biking and driving.

Through this project, we’ll make the intersection safer, bringing us closer to Vision Zero: Seattle’s plan to end traffic deaths and serious injuries on city streets by 2030.

The existing pedestrian island at the intersection of 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way will be modified as part of this project.
Project background

Over the last several years, we’ve engaged with neighbors and businesses about designing an intersection at 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way that fits the needs of everyone.

What we heard:

• Keep pedestrians safe
• Retain the traffic signal at the intersection of 15th Ave S and S Oregon St
• Use space for traffic improvement, not landscaping
• Maintain business parking along 15th Ave S
• Maintain traffic operations
• Provide safety and accessibility benefits for people walking, biking, driving, and rolling
Project background

Each year, we pave arterial streets in poor condition to make them safer and smoother and to extend their useful life.

In 2020, we’ll repave:

• About 1 mile of 15th Ave S between S Spokane St and S Angeline St

• A section of S Spokane St between S Columbian Way and 18th Ave S

We’ll also make changes to the intersection of 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way.
Key elements

- Installing new pavement
- Making drainage improvements
- Making pedestrian improvements at 15th Ave S and S Spokane St, and improving the right-turn-only lane at that intersection
Intersection design

Key elements

• Safety improvements on 15th Ave S, including:
  ▪ Installing a pedestrian-friendly peninsula at S Columbian Way
  ▪ Constructing new curb bulbs
  ▪ Creating improved connections for bicycles at 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way
Project benefits

• New paving allows for a safer, smoother drive in this well-traveled corridor.
• Crossing and signal consolidation, plus revised peninsula design, make travel safer for people walking
• Allowing a left turn from S Oregon St to 15th Ave S offers better navigation for people driving
• New bus stop increases convenient access for students, residents, and customers of local businesses
• Protected bike lanes make riding safer for people biking, and connection to greenway makes travel easier
• New curb bulbs improve accessibility for people with mobility challenges
## Schedule

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Construction

- In most areas, we will replace the top 2-3 inches of roadway. Some areas will require deeper repair.
- Phasing and sequencing the work will be up to the contractor, but we’re recommending that they start on the south end of the project area.
- Each section takes 1 to 3 weeks to complete.
Construction

What to expect during construction:

• Noise, dust, vibration, and large equipment
• Traffic lanes and sidewalks reduced or detoured
• Driveways may be temporarily blocked but business access will be maintained
• Temporary intersection closures

Ways we minimize impacts:

• Project hotline and email
• Advance notice through email updates and other promotions
• Clear and effective detour and closure signage
• Up-to-date website
Outreach during construction

• Email updates
• Website updates
• Door-to-door
• “Office hours” (virtual)
• Flyers and signage
• 1:1 conversations with property owners

SDOT outreach materials
Stay in touch during construction

Call: (206) 775-8719
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Subscribe to email updates:
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Other City of Seattle efforts in your area

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12th Ave S Vision Zero Project
https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/safety-first/vision-zero/projects/12th-ave-s

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