

A photograph of a city street intersection, likely 15th Ave S, with a blue semi-transparent text box overlaid in the center. The background shows a multi-lane road with yellow double lines, a concrete sidewalk, and various buildings including a modern multi-story building and a commercial strip with stores like 'Beacon Hill Foods'. Several cars are parked or driving on the street. A 'DO NOT ENTER' sign is visible on the left side of the road.

# 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.

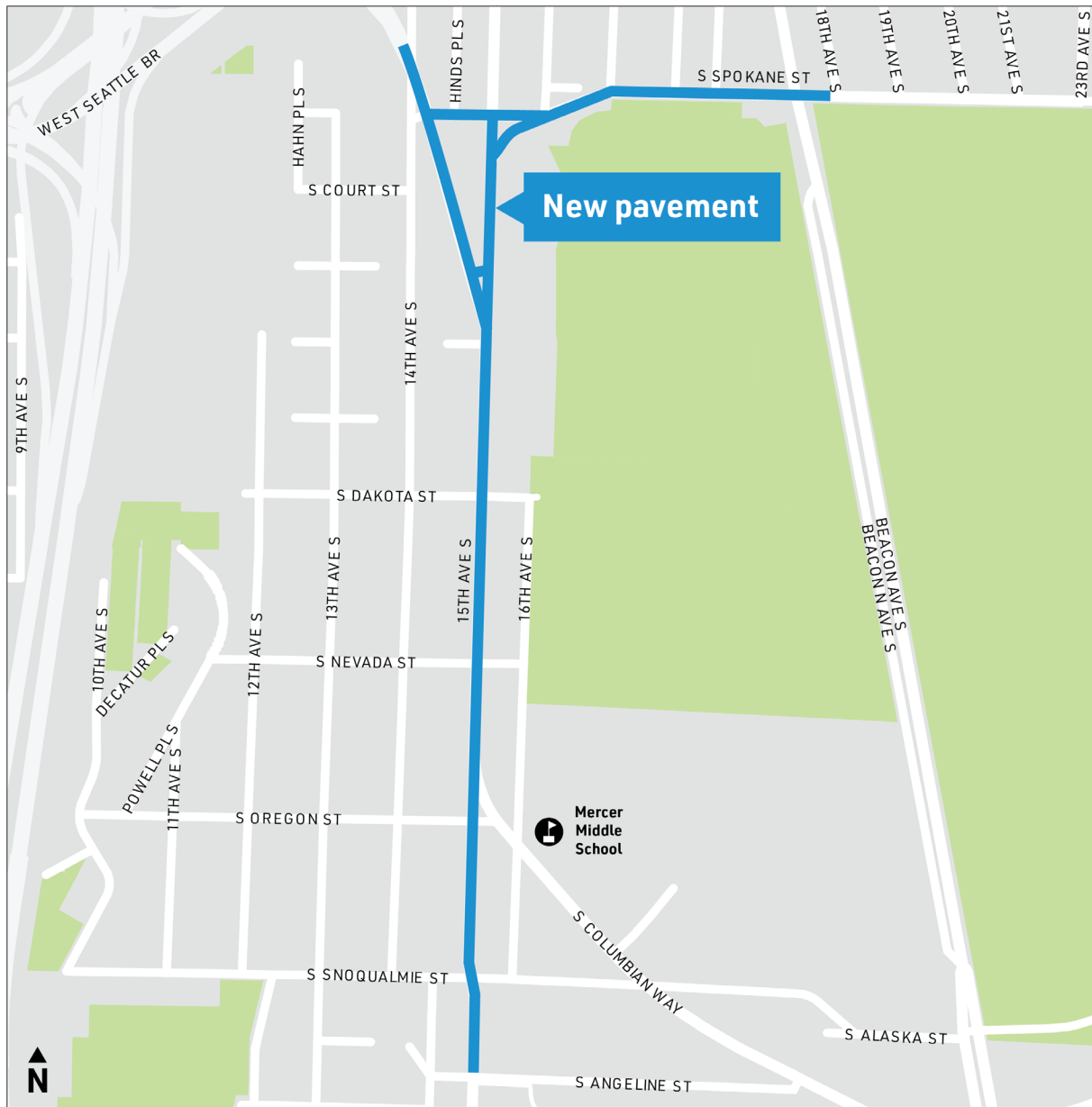
## In 2020, we'll repave:

- 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.







# Paving

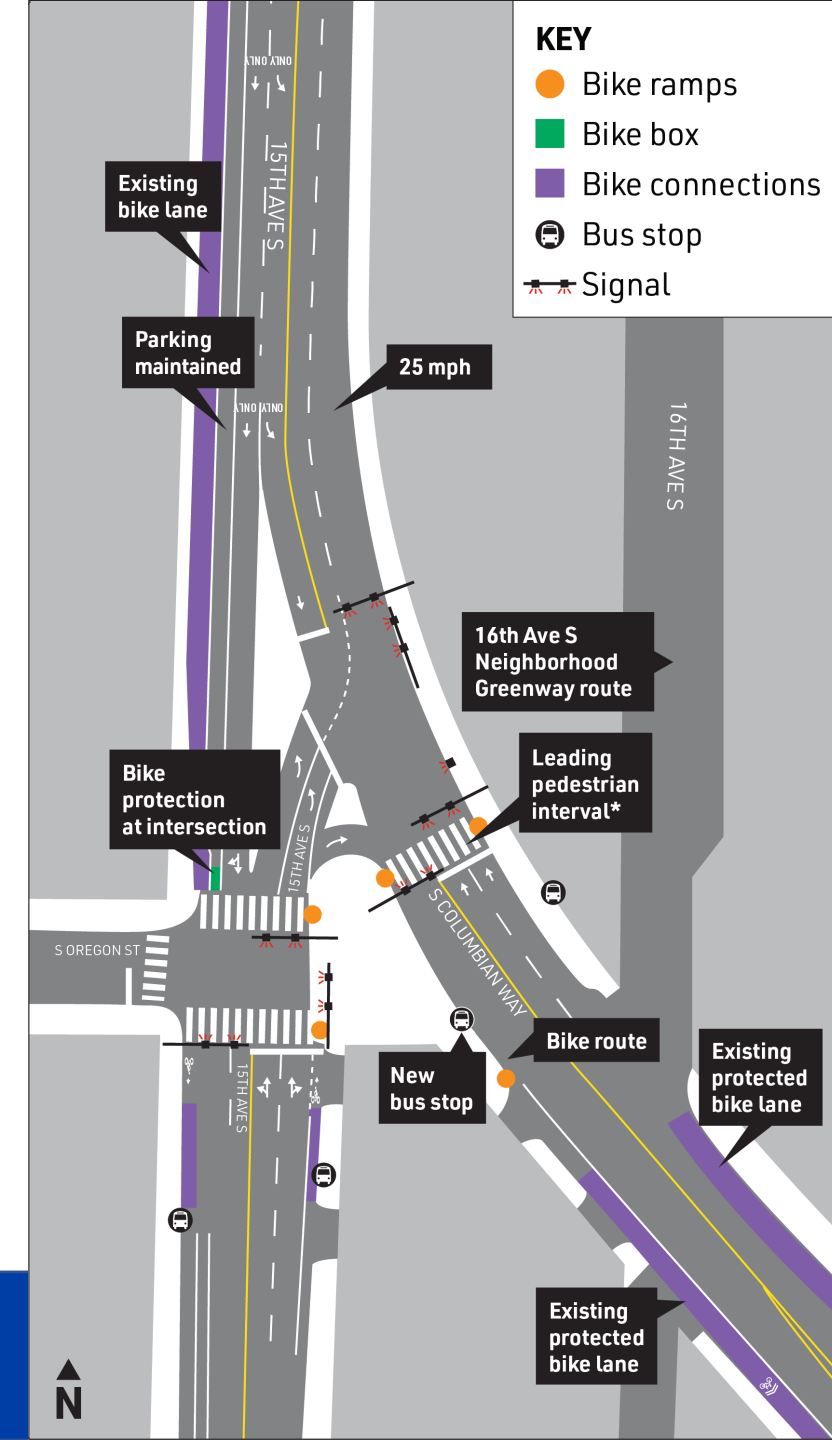
## Key elements

- 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

<b>EARLY 2020</b>	Finish design
<b>SUMMER AND FALL 2020</b>	Pre-construction coordination with the community
<b>EARLY 2021</b>	Begin construction
<b>2021</b>	Complete construction

# 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.



*Crews perform paving work in Seattle*

# 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

**Email:** [15thAveAAC@seattle.gov](mailto:15thAveAAC@seattle.gov)

**Subscribe to email updates:**

[www.seattle.gov/transportation/15th-Ave-S-AAC](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/15th-Ave-S-AAC)

# Other City of Seattle efforts in your area



**Beacon Hill  
Bike Route Project**  
[seattle.gov/transportation/BeaconHillBike](https://seattle.gov/transportation/BeaconHillBike)

(206) 900-8728  
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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](https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/safety-first/vision-zero/projects/12th-ave-s)

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# Q&A

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