Phase 1 Construction

Expected construction duration
~ 20 months

Zone C
E Union to E John
~ 5 months

Zone B
E Cherry to E Union
~ 5 months

Zone A
S Jackson to E Cherry
~ 10 months

Today

During construction

- Northbound traffic will be re-routed along Martin Luther King, Jr. Way
- Southbound travel on 23rd Avenue will be open, but reduced to one lane
General construction impacts

Traffic changes in the active work zone
- Work will be completed in zones to minimize impacts
- Northbound lanes will be closed with detours to Martin Luther King, Jr. Way
- Southbound traffic lanes will be reduced to one lane
- Key intersections will be closed over multiple weekends
- Transit and school bus detours will be required (routes under development now)

Temporary utility impacts

Sidewalk impacts
- Access will be provided

Short-term driveway closures
- Approximately 48 hours in most cases

Short-term loss of parking spaces on side streets

Trees
- Removal of trees in order to accommodate 5-foot, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant sidewalk
- Trees will be replaced in the project area with at least 3 trees replanted for every 2 trees removed
- A tree may also be removed if it is in poor health, causing buckling sidewalks or conflicting with bus shelters and/or lighting locations

Noise, dust, odor and vibration

Occasional night work

www.seattle.gov/transportation/23rd_ave.htm
Tools to help keep your neighborhood safe and moving during construction

**Mobility**

**Signal timing modifications**
Signals will be adjusted along 23rd Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to maximize movements through major intersections.

**Left-turn restrictions**
Left-turn restrictions will be enforced at major intersections in the area to minimize traffic backups and improve traffic flow.

**Signage**
Directional signage will be used to inform the traveling public of ongoing construction activities and detours. Temporary wayfinding signs may also be used throughout the area to direct regional commuters to alternate routes for accessing SR 520 and I-90.

**Neighborhood Greenway**
The Central Area Neighborhood Greenway will be installed prior to corridor construction. The greenway will provide a space for people to bike and walk on a residential street.

**Safety**

**Traffic speeds and volume analysis**
SDOT will conduct studies prior to construction to document existing conditions and identify any safety issues that may arise during northbound detours.

**Local Access Only signs and speed trailers**
Based on the outcome of the speed and volume studies, Local Access Only signs or speed sign trailers may be installed on streets where cut-through traffic may occur.

**Uniformed police officers (UPOs) and flaggers**
UPOs will be stationed at key intersections to assist with traffic management in construction areas. Flaggers may also be used.
How does the City support neighborhood businesses during construction?

The City works hard to minimize impacts to adjacent businesses during construction. Some of the actions our team will take to minimize impacts include:

- Dividing construction work into three zones to limit the amount of time construction is in front of any one business
- Ensuring the contractor provides continual business access for customers
- Placing “Businesses Are Open” signs to encourage patronage during construction
- Providing businesses with project information cards for front counters and/or customized maps or materials to support their individual marketing efforts
- Limiting the number of interruptions to driveway access
- Keeping the project area as tidy as possible throughout construction
- Providing advance notice about construction activities, including email updates and door-to-door flyers
- Community liaison available on-site/by phone 24 hours a day
- Maintaining a website with updated construction information

For more information about business resources, contact the Office of Economic Development directly at 206-684-8090.