NE 65th St Vision Zero Project

December 21, 2017

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Overview

NE 65th St is an arterial that moves people and goods throughout northeast Seattle. Since 2012, there have been 3 fatalities, 1 serious injury, and 231 collisions along this busy corridor between NE Ravenna Blvd and 39th Ave NE. Seattle is committed to Vision Zero, our plan to end traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2030.

During the second week of December, 2017, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) hosted two public drop-in sessions at Broadcast Coffee (6515 Roosevelt Way NE). Three SDOT project team members were present at each session to provide information on the current design plans to attendees. Each session was two hours.

The drop-in sessions were designed as informal sessions at an accessible, local destination where residents, business owners, and members of the community could review the latest design for NE 65th St and talk with the project team members. The sessions were hosted at varying times to provide multiple opportunities for engagement. Attendees were able to provide comments, and review maps, display boards, and technical design drawings were available. Materials are discussed in later sections (Appendix B).

The session dates and times included:

- Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 5-7 PM
- Thursday, December 14, 2017, 7-9 AM

The community input received at the drop-in sessions include comments submitted on forms during the sessions, in-person discussions, and emails. All input was collated and presented to the full project team for additional design adjustments and considerations.

Notification for the drop-in sessions included a mailer to 4,214 households near the project area (see Appendix A). Online notifications included posts on the City of Seattle and SDOT public meetings calendars, the project website, and social media outlets. Two emails detailing the event were also sent to the NE 65th Vision Zero listserv, which has just over 500 subscribers. SDOT also notified the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association and the Ravenna-Bryant Community Association.

Approximately 35 people attended Tuesday drop-in session and 28 signed in. Approximately 20 attended the Thursday drop-in session and 13 signed in.
Sessions Summary

Most attendees were familiar with the project and are looking forward to implementation of safety features. Many in the community are concerned about safety for all users and would like the corridor improvements to be implemented as quickly as possible.

Many attendees asked about specific elements included in the project’s design scope. Over half of the attendees suggested alternatives to the current design plans. All attendees agreed that improvements must be made to make NE 65th St a safer corridor for all modes of travel, but specific suggestions varied from person to person. There were 7 comments submitted via comment forms and 29 emails as a result of the drop-in sessions. These themes include:

- Concern about design of the transit islands, particularly the 4-foot sidewalks
- Desire for additional new marked crosswalks
- Concern about visibility and operations at intersections
- Concern that restriping crosswalks will impact the safety of people walking
- Preference for additional bike improvements
- Preference for reduced speed limit on NE 65th St
- Desire for left turn signals at intersections

These themes are reviewed and expanded in the following section.
Common Themes
Those who attended the drop-in sessions expressed their ideas towards a few common themes. Feedback received includes comments submitted on forms during the sessions, in-person discussions, and emails. The comments can be organized into the various categories:

• Concern about design at transit islands, particularly 4-foot sidewalks
  - Preference for wider sidewalks and reference to Streets Illustrated guidelines
  - Concern that current design will not accommodate a high number of users during peak times, such as school hours
  - Improve integration between buses, people walking, and people biking

• Desire for additional new marked crosswalks
  - Crossing 65th between 15th Ave NE and 20th Ave NE is challenging
  - Interest for additional crossings east of 20th Ave NE, mainly at the bus stops because the streets do not align north/south at intersections.
  - Desire for crossing improvements at NE 65th St and NE Ravenna Blvd

• Concern about visibility and operations at the intersection of NE 65th St and 20th Ave NE causing conflicts between people walking and driving.
  - Concern about the angles of the intersection and visibility for people driving to see oncoming traffic
  - To cross 20th on the north side of 65th, people frequently must walk behind cars due to people driving queuing in the crosswalk to make a right turn
  - Concern that crossing signals don’t allow adequate time for the elderly or children to cross the street safely

• Preference for additional bike improvements
  - Desire to extend bike lanes on NE 65th St to the east end of the project corridor to 40th Ave NE.
  - Concern that NE 68th St could prove challenging as a neighborhood greenway rout for families and people biking due to the grade
  - Concern that the current design prioritizes people driving over people biking
  - Desire for additional protection for people biking where the protected bike lane crosses intersections

• Concern that the restriping east of 20th Ave NE will have limited impact to vehicle speeds or safety of people walking and biking
  - Desire to increase parking on NE 65th St east of 20th Ave NE to prevent people from using the parking lane to pass other people driving

• Preference to reduce the vehicle speed on NE 65th St to 20 miles per hour

• Desire for protected left turn signals at intersections
Next Steps

Our next steps include reviewing design options for the 4 transit stops in project area and reviewing operations and potential improvements at the intersection of NE 65th and 20th Ave NE.

Traffic studies conducted in the area have determined that pedestrian volumes area are under the threshold for adding more crosswalks. While there will not be any additional crosswalks to the scope of this project, that does not preclude future improvements in the area.

We will share the final project design in early 2018 and communicate how community feedback was incorporated.
Appendix A: Notifications

Mailer and notification area:

YOU'RE INVITED!
NE 65TH ST VISION ZERO
DESIGN UPDATE DROP-IN SESSIONS

We want to keep you informed!
Sign up for email updates and learn about the project at:
www.seattle.gov/transportation/NE65thVisionZero.htm

Seattle Department of Transportation

In early 2017, we launched a collaborative process in resin street conditions along NE 65th St with the goal of improving safety for all
modes. We developed a proposed street design concept based on
community feedback, analytical modeling, and the results of our traffic modeling. We expect to start construction to implement these improvements in summer 2018.
The project is still in design and we welcome you to stop by one of our
drop-in sessions to see the latest design for NE 65th St. Stop by
anytime during one of the drop-in sessions to ask project
questions, review materials, talk with project staff, and share your feedback!

NE 65th St Vision Zero design update drop-in sessions
Tuesday, December 12, 6-8 PM
Thursday, December 14, 7-9 PM

Broadway Coffee
4531 Roosevelt Way NE
Seattle, WA 98105

PROJECT INFORMATION & CONTACT
www.seattle.gov/transportation/NE65thVisionZero.htm
NE65thVisionZero@cityofseattle.net / 206-250-4100

For translation and interpretation, please call 206-250-6642.
Appendix B: Drop-in Session Materials

Project Fact Sheet:

**NE 65th St Vision Zero Project**

**FIND DESCRIPTION**

NE 65th St is a arterial that moves people and goods throughout north Seattle. The street supports a diverse range of retail shopping, restaurants, services, parks, and activity centers, and the Roosevelt Light Rail station will bring additional transit to the street in 2021.

**VISION ZERO AND SAFETY**

Since 2012, there have been 3 fatalities, 1 serious injury, and 21 collisions along this key corridor between NE 80th Ave and NE 36th Ave NE. Seattle is committed to Vision Zero, our plan is to end traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2030.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE**

- **February 19, 2017:** 1st Community Forum to review current conditions, share input, exchange ideas, and gather input on possible safety strategies.
- **March-May 2017:** Implement short-term safety improvements.
- **May 18, 2017:** 2nd Community Forum to review progress and get input on what to include in final concept.
- **Summer fall 2017:** Finalized preliminary corridor vision plan.
- **Winter 2017:** Finalize design and construct asphalt in existing intersection.
- **February 2018:** Implement corridor safety improvements.

**DESIGN PROCESS**

Earlier this year, we launched a collaborative process to review current condition along NE 65th St with the goal of improving safety for all modes along NE 65th St.

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

- 65th Vision Zero: Project Description
- Project Website: [www.65thvisionzero.com](http://www.65thvisionzero.com)
- Contact: NE 65th Vision Zero Project Team
- 206-684-3000
- SE 65th Roadway

**65TH VISION ZERO: PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

- **Project Name:** NE 65th St Vision Zero Project
- **Project Location:** NE 65th St
- **Project Type:** Roadway
- **Project Duration:** 2017-2018
- **Project Scope:** Safety improvements along NE 65th St between NE 80th Ave and NE 36th Ave NE
- **Project Cost:** $4.5 million
- **Project Timeline:**
  - **February 2017:** 1st Community Forum
  - **March-May 2017:** Short-term safety improvements
  - **May 2017:** 2nd Community Forum
  - **Summer 2017:** Finalized preliminary corridor vision plan
  - **Winter 2017:** Final design and construction

**CONSTRUCTION:**

- **Starting Date:** Fall 2017
- **Completion Date:** Winter 2018

**FUNDING:**

- **State:** $1.5 million
- **City:** $2.5 million

**CONTACT:**

- NE 65th Vision Zero Project Team
- 206-684-3000
- SE 65th Roadway

**WEBSITE:**

[www.65thvisionzero.com](http://www.65thvisionzero.com)
Display Board:

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Street illustration at NE 65th St and 15th Ave NE:

Street improvements include:
1. Transit island
2. Bicyclist crossing
3. 11th Ave NE to 15th Ave NE
4. 3rd Ave NE to 9th Ave NE
5. 2nd Ave NE to 8th Ave NE
6. 1st Ave NE to 6th Ave NE
7. Grass pavement indicates mixing zone between people biking and driving at intersections and crosswalks