



December 11, 2019

To: Christa Dumpys and the NE 43rd Street Improvement Project Team

Re: **Feedback on NE 43rd St Improvement Project**

Thank you for presenting the proposed NE 43rd Street Improvements design at the October 2019 Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board. We are happy to see a design that provide safe and convenient access for the many pedestrians who will be using the U District Link Light Rail station.

While we are also happy to see a protected bicycle lane for eastbound cyclists on NE 43rd Street, we have some concerns regarding how the lane ties in with the larger bicycle network. The University of Washington (upper campus) and the University Way business district are both major bicycling destinations, and there is a current protected bicycle lane (PBL) on Roosevelt Way (southbound) and a planned PBL on 11th Ave NE (northbound). In order for the proposed NE 43rd Street eastbound PBL to be a maximally effective use of street space, it should extend from the University of Washington Campus to Roosevelt Way. Additionally, there should be a protected bicycle facility for westbound cyclists extending from Roosevelt Way to the University of Washington campus on an adjacent street such as NE 42nd Street.

The proposed changes to NE 43rd Street will improve pedestrian access to the light rail station, university campus, and business district, but in order to improve bicycle access will need to connect directly with Seattle's network of protected bicycle facilities.

Sincerely,

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- City Council  
Resolution 25534