



**Project Planning Notice**  
**S Henderson St Stairway Connection**

December 17, 2018

Dear Neighbor,

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is in the early phases of planning and designing a new stairway between 39th Ave S and 41st Ave S within the unimproved S Henderson St right of way. This project would add a new concrete stairway with pedestrian lighting, stairway landing areas, handrails, and a bike “runnel” to improve the connection between the South Beacon Hill neighborhood and the Rainier Beach Link light rail station.

We’re committed to making neighborhoods more walkable and connected, and stairways are an important piece of the puzzle. We have received several requests for this connection and are prioritizing it for planning based on the reduced walking distance the stairway would provide, as well as the need for walking connections in the area. While we are still early in the planning process and do not yet have a final design or full funding to construct the stairway, we are hoping to hear residents’ feedback and suggestions early on in the project.

If funding becomes available, this project could be constructed as soon as 2020. When construction is complete, residents will enjoy an improved walking connection between South Beacon Hill and light rail, the Rainier Beach Community Center, schools, and local businesses.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact our team via email at [sara.colling@seattle.gov](mailto:sara.colling@seattle.gov) or by phone at **206-727-8697**.

Sincerely,

Sara Colling  
SDOT Community Outreach Lead  
[www.seattle.gov/transportation/pedestrian.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/pedestrian.htm)

The Seattle Department of Transportation is planning a new stairway (see map) to improve neighborhood walking connections. Please call for translation: (206) 727-8697



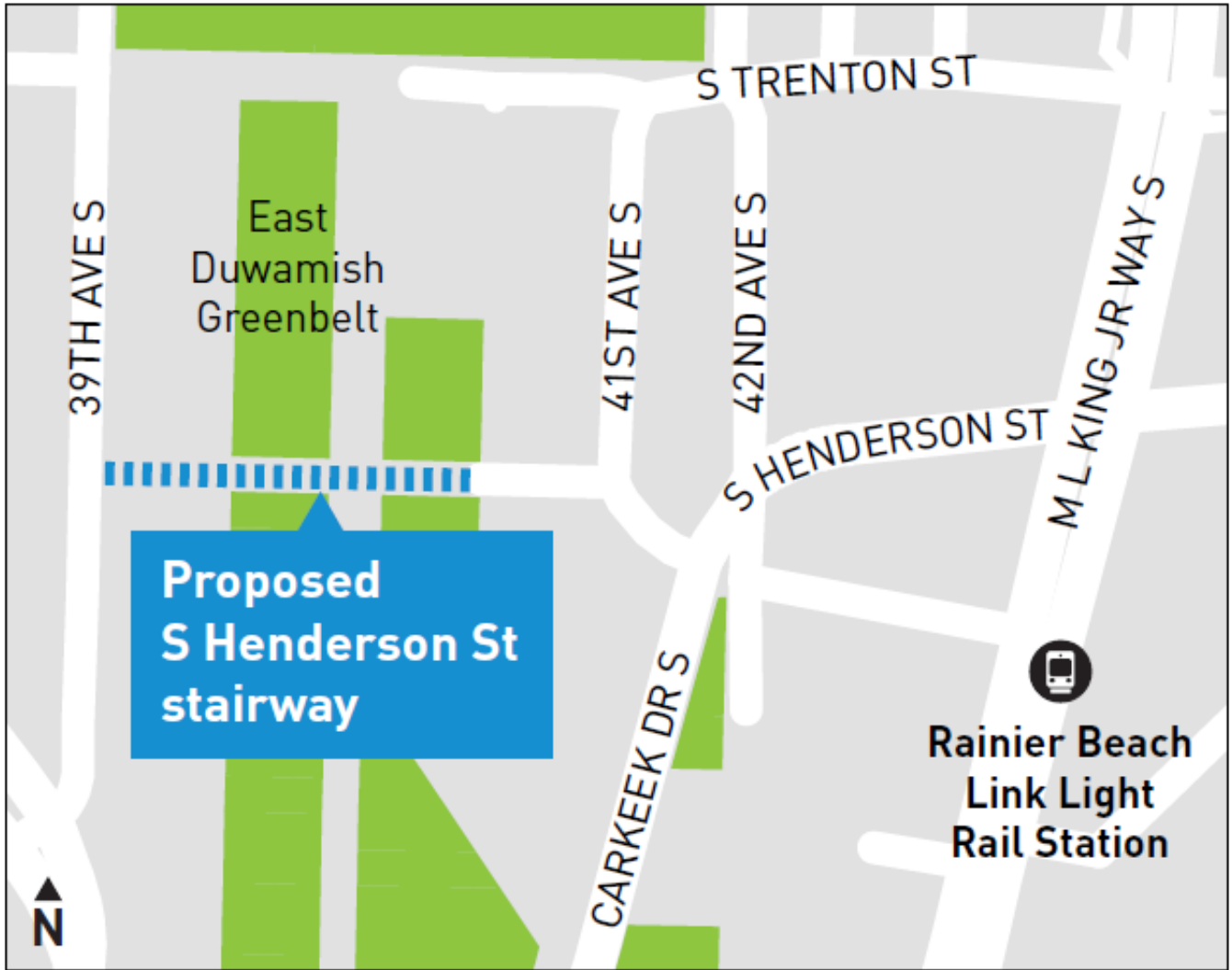
Chinese: Seattle Department of Transportation 正在計劃一種新的階梯（見地圖），以改善鄰里區步道之間的連接。請致電要求翻譯：(206) 727-8697

Vietnamese: Seattle Department of Transportation (Sở Giao Thông Vận Tải Seattle) đang lên kế hoạch xây cầu thang mới (xem bản đồ) để cải thiện các đường kết nối không gian đi bộ trong khu vực. Vui lòng gọi phiên dịch theo số: (206) 727-8697

Somali: Seattle Department of Transportation qorshaynaysaa wadojara jaro ah (eeg maabka) si loo hormariyo isku socodka lugta ee xaafada. Fadlan wac nambarkaan si aad turjumaan u codsato: (206) 727-8697

Amharic: የ Seattle Department of Transportation የአካባቢውን የአግር መንገዶችን ለማግኘት አዲስ መወጣጫ (ካርታውን ይመልከቱ) ለመስራት እያቀደ ነው። ለማስተርጎም እባክዎ በግንኙነት ስልክ ላይ ይደውሉ፤ (206) 727-8697

Tagalog: Nagpaplano ang Seattle Department of Transportation ng bagong hagdanan (tingnan ang mapa) upang pagbutihin ang mga koneksiyon para sa paglalakad sa komunidad. Mangyaring tumawag para sa pagsasalin: (206) 727-8697



*Proposed stairway connection location*



*Example of a new stairway with a bike "runnel" that allows people to roll their bikes next to them*