

Highland Park Way SW Connection Project Update

We're Moving Forward—Thanks to You!

Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts and ideas during the community outreach phase of the Seattle Department of Transportation's Highland Park Way SW Connection Project. Over 2,000 community members contributed through surveys, events, emails, and phone calls. Your voice makes a difference, and we're excited to share what we learned and what's next!

What We Heard

Here are the key themes from our conversations with you:

- **Concerns About Traffic**
 - Many worry that removing a driving lane may increase congestion and make driving through the area more difficult.
- **Path Usage**
 - About 40% of survey respondents use the existing path – 368 bike, 318 walk, 65 use it to get to the bus, 19 use a mobility device, and 14 use a scooter.
 - Some feel the existing path needs repairs, while others shared that its current condition— not well kept, dark at night, too close to the road, and people drive too fast—makes it unsafe and unpleasant to use.
- **Interest in Improved Options**
 - Of the three proposed concepts, the multi-use path for walking, biking, and transit received the most support with 36% of survey respondents, though some have concerns about pedestrian safety due to fast-moving cyclists.
- **Local Safety Suggestions**
 - Some people suggested other ideas including speed cameras, a center barrier in the road, and more consistent path maintenance.

What's Next?

We're now moving into the design phase!

We'll review your feedback to shape detailed concepts and will invite you to share your thoughts again once designs are ready.

Stay Updated

Follow the latest updates and get involved by visiting our **project website** at <https://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/safety-first/vision-zero/projects/highland-park-way-sw-connection>.

Your involvement is crucial as we work together to create safer, more enjoyable connections in Highland Park.