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11TH & 12TH AVE PAVING PROJECT



Project Overview

The 11th and 12th Ave NE paving project was originally included as part of the RapidRide J Line project. In 2020, as Covid-19 reduced budgets, the RapidRide J Line was amended to terminate service at the U District light rail station. During J Line outreach, community involvement was considered as updates were proposed for the channelization of 11th and 12th Ave NE.

With the shortening of the RapidRide project, we moved the safety and maintenance elements of that project into a separate paving project. Now part of our paving program, we'll pave approximately 1.8 miles of 11th and 12th Ave NE to make it safer and more comfortable to travel on, and to extend the useful life of the pavement. We expect work to begin in 2023.

Project Elements

- Paving between NE 43rd St and NE 67th St
- New protected bike lanes
- New exclusive left-turn pockets and signals
- Signal improvements
- Stormwater drainage improvements
- Sidewalk repair and curb ramp upgrades
- Removal of public on-street parking along the corridor to make room for the addition of protected bike lane

Benefits

This project is part of our Vision Zero initiative to end traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2030. Traffic collisions are preventable through smarter street design, targeted enforcement, and thoughtful public engagement. In addition to taking community feedback, we analyzed traffic and parking data and reviewed freight, transit, bike, and pedestrian master plan recommendations. In the last 5 years, this project area has experienced a considerable number of injuries from collisions.

All these factors informed our designs; therefore, we are adding various safety features to this project, including protected bike lanes and updated traffic signals.

Scheduling and Funding

These improvements are scheduled for 2023 and to be complete in fall 2025. This project is part of SDOT's Arterial and Asphalt and Concrete (AAC) Paving Program. Design and construction of our paving projects, as well as the safety and mobility improvements shown, are funded by the Levy to Move Seattle, approved by Seattle voters in November 2015. We also seek additional funding through grants, when available.

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