



FACT SHEET

# 15TH AVE S AND S COLUMBIAN WAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

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## PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) will make improvements to the 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way Intersection to improve safety for people walking and biking around this intersection in Beacon Hill. Currently, people walking and biking, including Mercer Middle School students, must contend with confusing routes for getting from one side of the street to the other and may have to cross streets three times. The intersection can also be confusing for people driving.

In 2016, the 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way Intersection Improvements project was one of 12 selected by the Levy to Move Seattle Oversight Committee to be funded through the SDOT's Neighborhood Street Fund (NSF) program. The NSF program funds projects requested by the community.

## PROJECT ELEMENTS

- New curb bulbs
- Crossing and signal consolidation
- Turn restrictions at 15th Ave S and S Oregon St; motorists will only be able to make right turns into and out of S Oregon St from 15th Ave S
- A new public space at the northwest and southwest corners of the redesigned intersection
- Improved connections to bicycle facilities to the north, west and south

## PROJECT BENEFITS

- Increased safety at the intersection for students and other people walking and biking
- Reduced confusion for drivers at the intersection
- Improved transit stops
- New public space for the community to enjoy



A small pedestrian "island" sits in the middle of 15th Ave S and S Columbian Way, near fast-moving vehicles.

## PROJECT LOCATION



## RELATED PROJECTS

There are a number of improvements being made in this area, including:

- Paving a section of S Columbian Way in 2018
- Considering if we can improve the bike connection along S Columbian Way between this intersection and Beacon Ave S, where the paving project is happening
- Creating a family friendly connection (neighborhood greenway) between Beacon Hill and the Mt Baker neighborhood

Email us (below) for more information on these projects!

## PROJECT INFORMATION AND CONTACT

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## EARLY DESIGN OPTION



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Email us to let us know:

- What is your experience at the intersection?
- For the new public space that will be designed:
  - How would you like to use the new space?
  - What features would you like to see here? Places to sit? Places to play? Space for art or plants?



Example of public space on Bell St, downtown.

## SCHEDULE

2016	2017	2018	2019
NSF applications and project selection			
	Project design		
		Project construction	
			NSF applications and project selection (new cycle)

## FUNDING

Funding comes from the 2015 voter-approved, nine-year Levy to Move Seattle, which will improve safety for all travelers, maintain streets and bridges, and invest in reliable, affordable travel options for a growing city. The levy includes \$24 million to continue the Neighborhood Street Fund program over the nine years.

This project also is receiving funding from SDOT's Safe Routes to School Program, which makes it easier and safer for students to walk and bike in Seattle.

## STAY INVOLVED!

We are committed to keeping you informed throughout the life of the project. Feel free to contact us, and be on the lookout for more information.

**Sign up to receive email updates:**  
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