



## Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board

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**To: Belén Herrera, Seattle Department of Transportation**  
**From: Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board**

The Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board (SPAB) would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the preliminary right-of-way allocation scheme for the NE 43rd St project.

The SPAB would like to express a strong preference for Option 1, a full pedestrianization of NE 43rd St within the project area. With an estimated 12,000 average daily Link Light Rail boardings and alightings at the University District station by 2030 there is a clear need for more space allocated to people walking to and from the Brooklyn light rail station at NE 43rd and Brooklyn Ave. NE 43rd is an important connection between the station and the university campus. Given the proximity to the University of Washington campus and the student-heavy demographic in the area, it can be anticipated that the majority of trips between campus and the station will be on foot.

However, should Option 1 prove infeasible, the SPAB would strongly support Option 2 above Options 3 and 4. Option 2 still provides more space to pedestrians than currently exists and creates transit and bike connections to the light rail station.

The SPAB would like to continue to weigh in on options as they are developed as well as any evaluation criteria used to select an option. This project is a unique opportunity to create a place for people in one of the most heavily used pedestrian areas in the city. We encourage SDOT to be bold and make the most of this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board

*The Seattle Pedestrian Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor and all the offices of the city on matters related to pedestrians and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon the pedestrian environment; and shall have the opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning insofar as they relate to the pedestrian safety and access.*

*-City Council Resolution  
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