Highland Park Action Coalition

October 28, 2020
Agenda

Highland Park Way SW and SW Holden St Safety Project
  • 30% Design Update

Reconnect West Seattle
  • Home Zone Update
  • Next Steps
  • Question and Answer
Highland Park Way SW and SW Holden St Safety Project

Madison Linkenmeyer
Update on work completed

• Completed early design outreach in summer 2020
• Installed temporary signal after bridge closure
  • Heard many requests for left-hand turn signal
• Installed 9 speed cushions and humps
Upcoming work

- Two radar speed signs on Highland Park Way SW
  - Will be installed by end of this year

- Locations are just north of the intersection
30% Design Update

• Permanent traffic signal
• Sidewalks, curb bulbs, and ramps at the intersection
• Moving from 30% - 90% design given project scope
Bike Facility

• In Bicycle Master Plan, an off-street bike facility is called out for Highland Park Way SW
  • Provides connection from Highland Park to the Duwamish Valley and Duwamish Trail
  • +$1M investment requires additional funding

• Highland/Holden project’s early design included southbound, in-lane bike facility from West Marginal Way to the intersection
  • With West Seattle Bridge closure, we heard from the community that this is not desired because it requires a travel lane reduction
  • Community suggested widening the pedestrian path from the intersection to West Marginal Way – now being evaluated as part of Reconnect West Seattle
1% Art Funding Secured

Early 2021: selection of artist or artist team from roster
  • Hyper-regional artists (West Seattle/South Sound) and/or indigenous artists

Spring 2021: artist(s) begin work with project team
  • Presents design concept

Summer 2021: community engagement
  • Continued refinement of design concept

Fall 2021: artwork installation (depending on construction timeline)
Questions / Discussion

www.seattle.gov/transportation/highlandparksafety
West Seattle Bridge and Reconnect West Seattle
## Prioritized Projects
### Roxhill, Highland Park, Riverview, and South Delridge

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Home Zone

What is it? A holistic and cost-effective approach to encouraging slower vehicle speeds and making residential streets more walkable within a neighborhood. Examples:

- Traffic circles
- Speed humps
- Stay Healthy Streets
- Cost-effective walkways
- Activation and beautification
- Treatments coordinated with other City departments
What is it? Connecting pedestrians from one area to another safely along and across arterial streets. Examples:

- Sidewalk rehab
- Street trees
- Rapid Flashing Beacons at crosswalks
- Traffic signals
- Transit spot improvements
Highland Park Home Zones

• Three focus areas with fifteen community representatives were walked through on October 20th and 21st.
  • Riverview Area
  • North Highland Park Area
  • South Highland Park Area
Home Zone River View – What we heard

• Non-arterial street priorities:
  • Mitigate cut-through traffic coming off SW Holden St
    • 11th Ave SW from SW Portland Riverview Playfield
    • SW Webster from 11th Ave SW to 18th Ave SW
    • 12th Ave SW from SW Webster to SW Holly St
    • East-west streets between 12th Ave SW and 16th Ave SW
  • Walkway and lighting on south side of Riverview Playfield

• Arterial Street priorities:
  • Control speeding and improve pedestrian facilities on Dumar Way SW
  • Improve crossings of SW Holden St
Home Zone HP North - What we heard

• Non-arterial street priorities:
  • Reduce speeding and cut-through traffic on streets south of SW Holden St
    • SW Thistle St from 17th Ave SW to 10th Ave SW
    • 10th Ave SW from SW Trenton to SW Portland St
    • 14th Ave SW from SW Holden St to SW Thistle St
  • Provide additional pedestrian space on 14th Ave SW
  • Upgrade 10th Ave SW/11th Ave SW to neighborhood greenway

• Arterial Street priority is 9th Ave SW, ped crossings at:
  • SW Portland St, SW Kenyon St, SW Elmgrove St, SW Thistle St
Home Zone HP South - What we heard

• Non-arterial street priorities:
  • Improve pedestrian environment and reduce speeding and cut-through traffic coming off SW Roxbury St
    • 14th Ave SW between SW Roxbury St and SW Henderson St
    • 15th Ave SW between SW Roxbury St and SW Barton St
    • SW Barton St between 11th Ave SW and 16th Ave SW
    • SW Cambridge St between 12th Ave SW and 16th Ave SW
    • 9th Ave SW between SW Roxbury St and SW Barton St
    • Residential grid east of 8th Ave SW

• Arterial Street Priorities:
  • Improve crossings of SW Henderson St and 8th/9th Ave SW
  • Reduce speeding and improve crossings and lighting on SW Roxbury St
Next Steps

• **November 2020**
  • Continue to collect neighborhood traffic data.

• **December 2020**
  • SDOT to present draft home zone proposal to HPAC.
  • Collect additional feedback from neighborhood walk representatives and community members.

• **January 2021**
  • Continue project engagement to collect resident feedback.
  • Finalize home zone plan.

• **2021**
  • Implement priority projects.
  • Continue neighborhood collaboration on long-term improvements.
  • SDOT will work with the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) and other City Departments on to develop an integrated area-wide plan.
Community Planning in Westwood/Highland Park

OPCD Community Planning Overview -
A community-informed, place-based and proactive approach to addressing displacement risk, increasing access to opportunity, and maximizing community benefit associated with capital investments.

Outcome: Equitable Development Strategy and Action Plan

Draft Work Plan Elements
1. Organize and Partner - (now through end of year)
2. Strategy Development with Community – 2021
3. Identify Desired Outcomes and Action Plan – Q1 2022
4. Implementation – Q1 2022 and beyond
Questions / Discussion

www.seattle.gov/transportation/WestSeattleBridge
HIGHLAND PARK WAY SW & SW HOLDEN ST SAFETY PROJECT

We’re working to make Highland Park safer for everyone by installing speed humps and cushions to reduce speeds and calm traffic. **This work is expected to start as early as 6/22/2020** and is scheduled to be completed by 2020. Schedule changes are expected due to limited crew resources during the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to follow statewide guidelines to ensure employee safety.

**Speed humps** are designed to slow traffic speeds on low volume, low speed streets. They are a solid hump across the travel lane and are installed near streetlights where they will be visible to people driving and biking.

**Speed cushions** are typically installed where average speeds are 5 mph higher than the speed limit. Speed cushions leave space for emergency vehicles to pass through quickly and are used on designated fire and emergency routes on residential streets.
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Feedback received

- **Speed concerns.** Community members noted concern with speed at several intersections, calling for modified speeds and signage, and better enforcement throughout the neighborhood. Of specific concern:
  - The speed bumps along 13th are causing additional speed concerns
  - SW Barton (community members expressed this area is already busy with pedestrians and vehicles due to the shopping center and Park & Ride, and traffic on the street has gotten worse since it was chosen as a detour route)
  - Webster, near 12th
  - 15th and Roxbury
  - Highland Park Way SW and SW Holden St intersection

- **Alternative transportation options.** Community members expressed interest in alternative forms of transportation and being part of future conversations around bike route planning and connection routes.

- **Signal timing and pedestrian crossings.** Residents shared a variety of specific suggestions for signal timing and pedestrian crossings in the neighborhood and asked to be involved in future work.

- **Wayfinding recommendations.** Residents recommended:
  - Request for Park & Ride in South Park/Georgetown
  - Consider traffic coming from Myers Way into the neighborhoods

- **Interventions.** Request to move the Stay Healthy Streets on Trenton to Cloverdale or 16th and Delridge