S Henderson St School Safety Project

Walking, biking, and public art to support students getting to school safely



What's happening?

We're building safety improvements along S Henderson St between Martin Luther King Jr Way S and Seward Park Ave S to support students to walk and bike to school and to make the street safer and more inviting for walking, biking, and taking transit.

This includes near-term improvements such as speed cushions, crossing beacons, and public art as well as a bike connection that we expect to build in 2025.

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Why are these changes happening here?

S Henderson St connects people to schools, essential services (like the community center, Rainier Valley Food Bank, and library) and more.

The City has a Vision Zero goal to end traffic related serious injuries and fatalities on our streets and S Henderson St is one of our priorities for meeting that goal. Between 2018 and 2022, there were at least 5 traffic-related serious injuries along this stretch.

Community-based organizations, like the Rainier Beach Action Coalition and Rainier Beach Link2Lake, are working hard to beautify the community and improve access to Lake Washington's waterfront for residents of Rainier Beach.

This project includes walking and biking safety improvements as well as community-designed art that will not only make the street safer but also more inviting and enjoyable to walk, bike, and gather.

What does it include?

2023

- Installed speed cushions to slow down people driving
- Installed push button crossing beacons on S Henderson St at 53rd Ave S and at 52nd Ave S by Rainier Beach High School to make crossing easier

2024 (expected)

- Install push button crossing beacons at S Henderson St and 50th Ave S and "no turn on red" signs at Rainier Ave S and S Henderson St by South Shore PK-8 to make crossing easier
- Install public art along
 S Henderson St (design led by Rainier Beach Action Coalition)

2025 (expected)

 Build a protected bike lane on S Henderson St between MLK Jr Way S and Seward Park Ave S (it will likely be a two-way bike lane on the north side of S Henderson St with raised sections to accommodate bus accessibility)

