



BELL ST PROTECTED BIKE LANE

September 2019

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will install traffic calming elements including a protected bike lane (PBL) on Bell St between 5th Ave and Denny Way. As a nonarterial street with a gentle grade, Bell St is an ideal connection between Downtown, Belltown, and South Lake Union. This project includes a two-way protected bike lane on the north side of the street, concrete curb barriers with ground plane landscaping, and bike lane markings on Bell St between 5th Ave and Denny Way. Additional traffic calming measures will be implemented in Bell Street Park and bicyclists will be able to ride both ways.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Bell St Protected Bike Lane (PBL) is part of the city's Vision Zero goal to eliminate transportation-related serious injuries and fatalities by 2030, and the Bicycle Master Plan which encourages and accommodates increased bike ridership for people of all ages and abilities.

The Bell St PBL will be the final connection in a bicycle network in the north end of downtown. It builds upon the 2nd Ave, 9th Ave N and the Westlake PBLs. The Bell St PBL will complete an "all ages and abilities" network that extends nearly 4 miles through the heart of Seattle connecting Downtown to Fremont.

This project's goals stemmed from the Bell Street Concept Plan. It aims to create a pedestrian-focused and cohesive corridor along Bell St.

SCHEDULE AND FUNDING

The Bell St PBL project is funded by the 9-year Levy to Move Seattle, approved by voters in 2015. Project design will continue throughout 2019 with construction scheduled to begin as soon as summer 2020.

PROJECT FEATURES

New two-way bike lane on the north side of Bell St, between 5th and Denny Way*

- Bell St to rechannelize to one vehicular throughlane between Denny Way and 5th Ave, with right turn lanes at 6th and 7th Ave
- Concrete curb barriers with ground plane landscaping between two-way bike lane and vehicular travel lane
- Vehicular traffic will not be able to enter Bell St from 5th Ave, except for emergency vehicles
- King County Metro bus stops and layovers along Bell St will be relocated with the start of construction. Bus routes will no longer operate through Bell Street Park
- Parking removal on north side of Bell St between 6th Ave and Denny Way

*An interim bike facility on the north side of Bell St from 7th Ave to Denny Way will be designed and installed by Amazon in late 2019.

PROJECT INFORMATION & CONTACT

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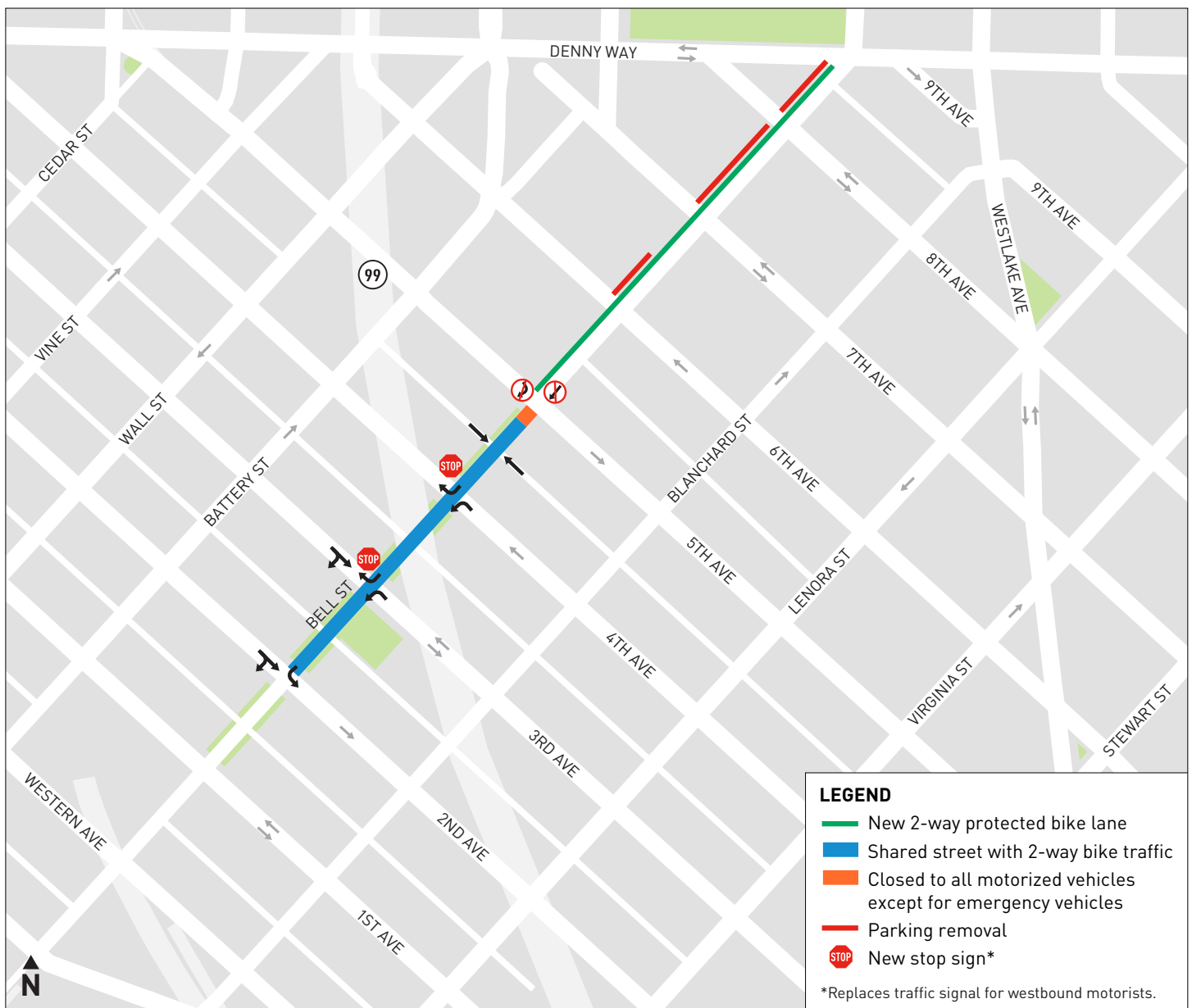
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DESIGN ELEMENTS MAP / PROJECT AREA



This project will have minor impacts to Bell Street Park located between 5th Ave and 1st Ave:

- Minor revisions to signs and markings at the intersections of Bell St with 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Avenues that will require permanent changes within Seattle Parks & Recreation property:
 - New stop signs and stop bars at 3rd Ave and 4th Ave to replace traffic signal for westbound motorists
 - New signs at 3rd Ave to clarify that westbound traffic must turn right
- Minor changes within Bell Street Park have been determined to be de minimis under Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Act of 1966. Compliance with Section 4(f) is required for projects receiving federal funding.
- Changes at Bell St and 5th Ave to provide an east-west connection for bicyclists
 - No right turn from 5th Ave onto Bell St
 - New bike crossing ramp and signal heads at 5th Ave to connect the protected bike lane and Bell Street Park