

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR WAY S PROTECTED BIKE LANE PROJECT

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OVERVIEW

SDOT is building a protected bike lane on each side of Martin Luther King Jr Way S between the Judkins Park and Mt Baker Link light rail stations (S Judkins St to Rainier Ave S). We want this design to work not just for people who love to bike, but also for everyone who live and work in the area.

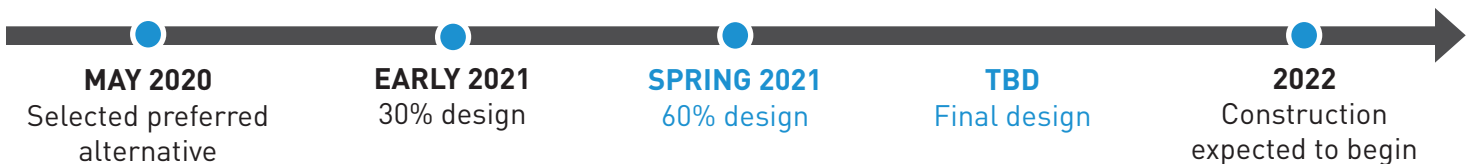
PROJECT BENEFITS

- **Connect people to transit and schools:** This will be an important connection to both light rail stations as well as the I-90 trail, Franklin High School, and the Metro Transit Center. The I-90 trail is a regional connection that will improve access to downtown and the region's growing trail network from Southeast Seattle.
- **Improve safety for people who walk, bike, and drive on MLK:** This section of MLK Way has high rates of speeding, head-on collisions, and off-the-road collisions compared to other parts of the city. Redesigning the street will help to reduce speeding and make the street safer, more predictable, and more comfortable for everyone.

PROJECT FUNDING

This project is funded by the Levy to Move Seattle, Vision Zero program, Bicycle Master Plan, Accessible Mt Baker project, and Connecting Washington Grant.

SCHEDULE



WHAT WE HEARD

During our 2020 outreach we heard the following themes:

- Support for implementing the PBL
- Need for traffic calming measures
- Desire for connections to businesses, transit and existing bike facilities and trails
- Need for increased pedestrian and bicyclist safety

DESIGN UPDATES

We have updated the design based on public input. Key updates include:

- Protected bike lanes on both sides of MLK
- Rechanelize road to create safer experience for all users
- Safer conditions for pedestrians, including widened sidewalks and crosswalks

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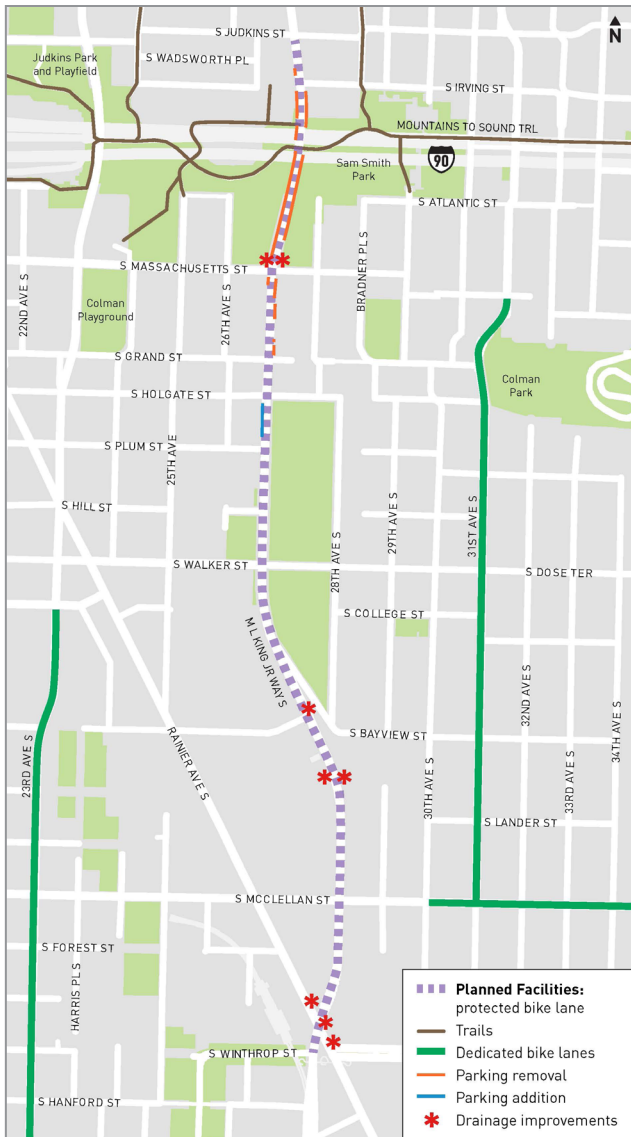
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PROJECT MAP

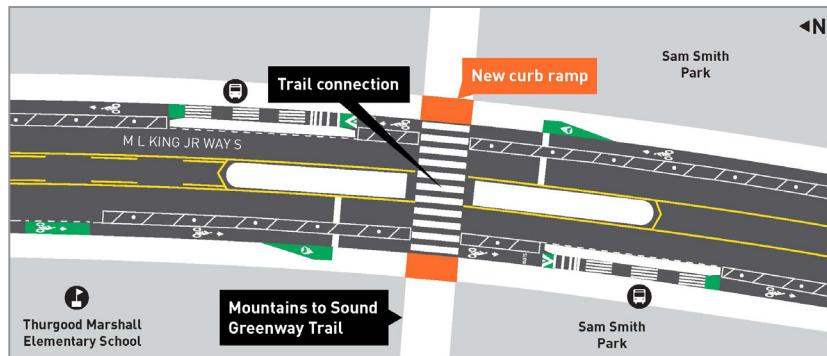
See the map below for the latest project map and overhead diagrams to see design options for major intersections. Please visit the project webpage for more design details.



I-90 TRAIL

We've designed a raised protected bike lane and bus island to accommodate people biking, walking, taking the bus, or driving. The shared bus stop will:

- reduce interactions between bikes, cars and buses on the corridor
- provide improved safety and predictability for all users
- help keep transit moving to improve travel time for people riding buses.



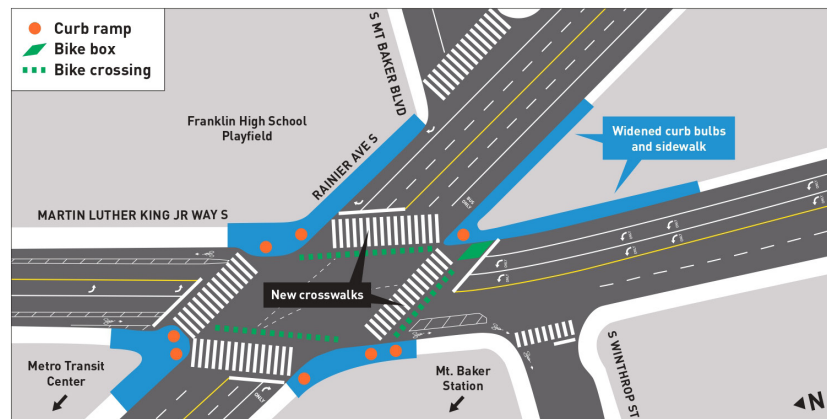
Example of tactile strip and crosswalk used at shared bus stops.



Example of slow markings and signage at shared bus stops.

WIDENED CURB BULBS AND SIDEWALKS

The MLK Way S and Rainier Ave S intersection will have wider curb bulbs and sidewalks in response to what we heard from the Accessible Mount Baker Project's community engagement process. These changes will improve safety for the students and commuters traveling to and from Franklin High School, the light rail station, transit stops, and local businesses.



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