

MLK PROTECTED BIKE LANE

Creating a safer, more inviting street for everyone

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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.

ACCESSIBLE MT BAKER NEAR-TERM WALKING/BIKING IMPROVEMENTS

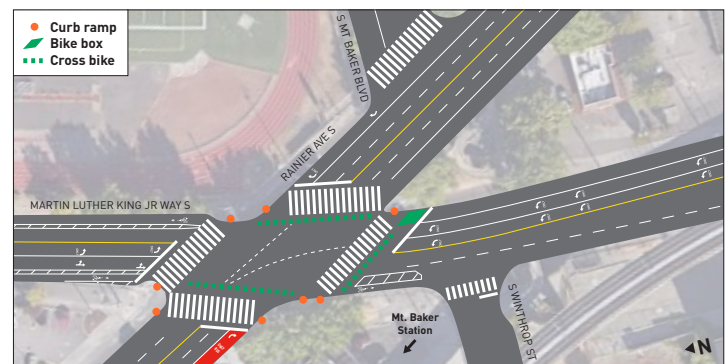
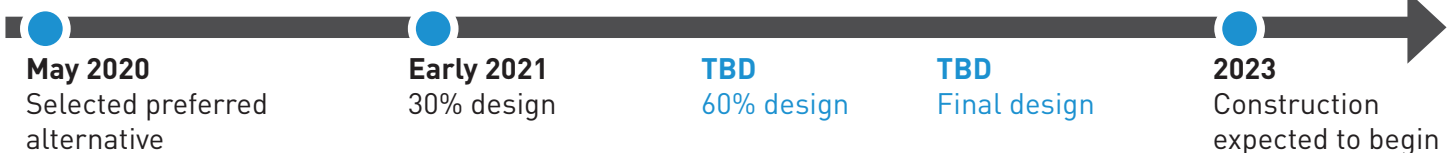
In 2020, SDOT needed to reassess funding and determine which Accessible Mt Baker improvements are feasible to implement. Because 6 projects overlap with the MLK Protected Bike Lane project, our project team is taking the lead on design and then procuring funding for construction. Visit our website for more information.

RELATED PROJECTS

We’re coordinating closely with other projects in the area, including:

- Route 7 Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridor and Metro RapidRide

SCHEDULE



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WHAT WE HEARD

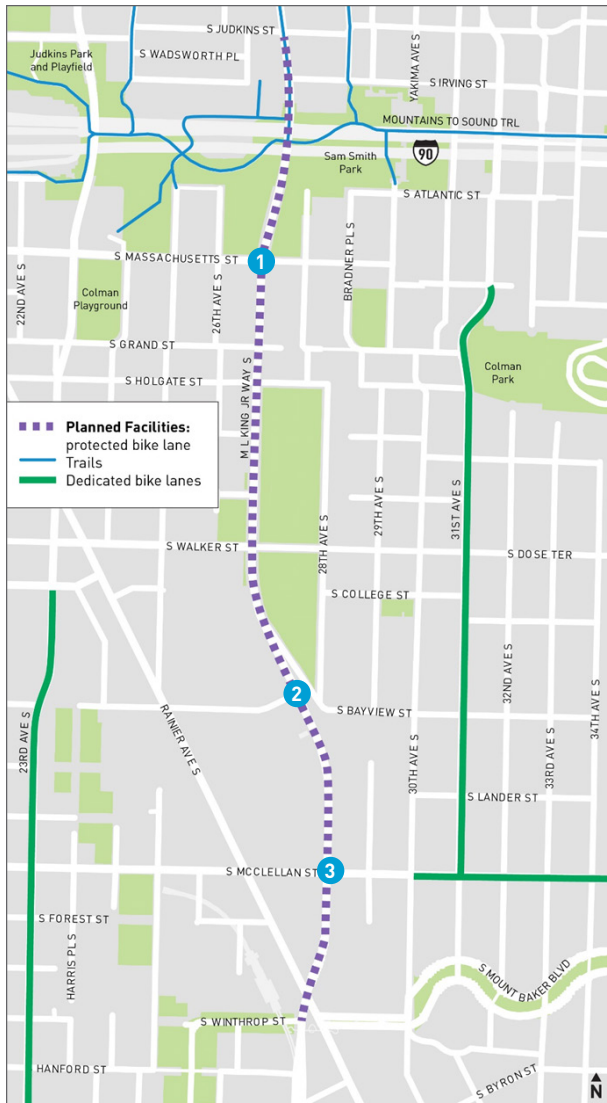
During 2020 outreach we heard the following themes:

- Support for implementing a protected bike lane
- Concern for vehicle speeding, collisions and near misses along the corridor
- Need to keep new bike lanes clear of debris
- Concern for increased safety for the large concentration of Blind and Deafblind residents and employees in the neighborhood
- Need for increased pedestrian and bicycle safety

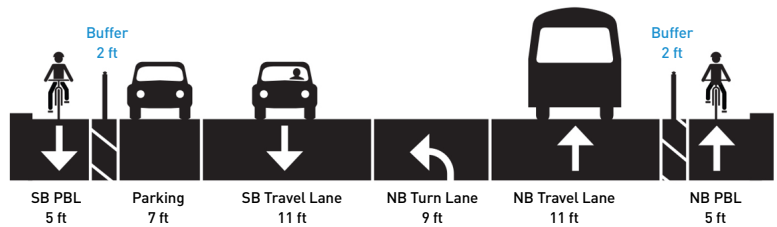
PROJECT MAP

Based on community input we received in 2020, we are designing a protected bike lane on each side of the street along MLK.

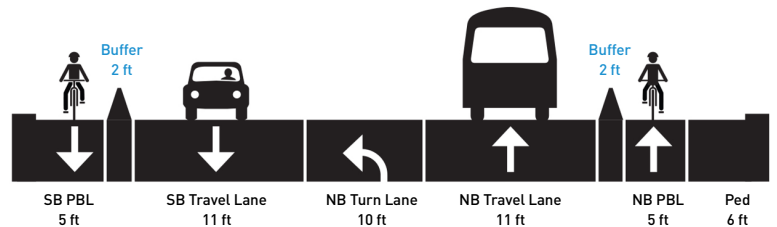
See the map below for the latest project map and cross-section diagrams at right to see design options for each intersection.



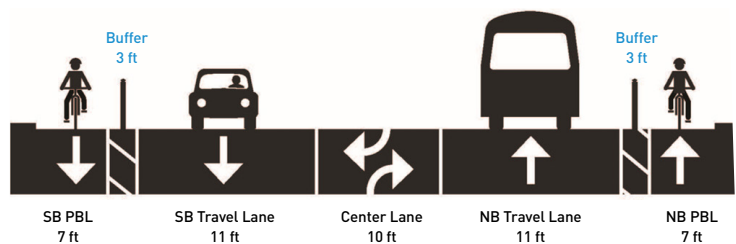
1 MLK Way and S Massachusetts St



2 MLK Way and S Bayview St



3 MLK Way and S McClellan St



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