Thomas Street Redefined



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Presentation overview

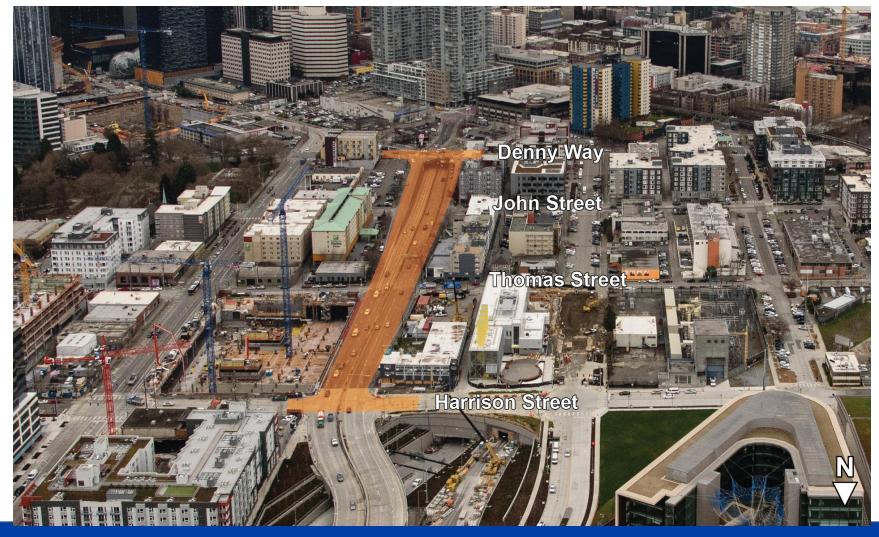
- Context within other plans & projects
 - North Portal Connections
 - Overview of Concept Plans
 - Thomas Green Street Concept Plan (2013)
 - Bicycle Master Plan
 - Streets Illustrated
 - North Downtown Mobility Action Plan
- Thomas Street Redefined
 - 5th to Dexter
 - Eastlake to Elliott
- Next Steps





Context within other plans & projects

WSDOT North Portal: Street Grid Reconnection

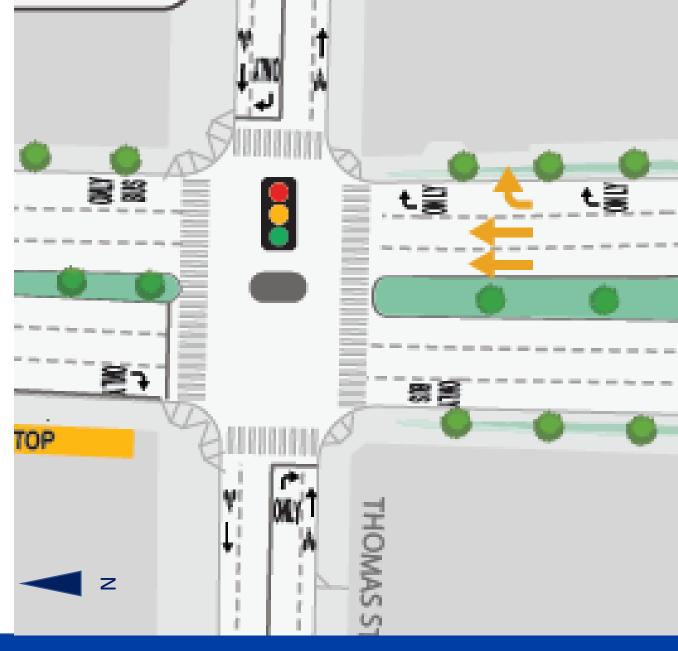


7th Ave N: Design Context



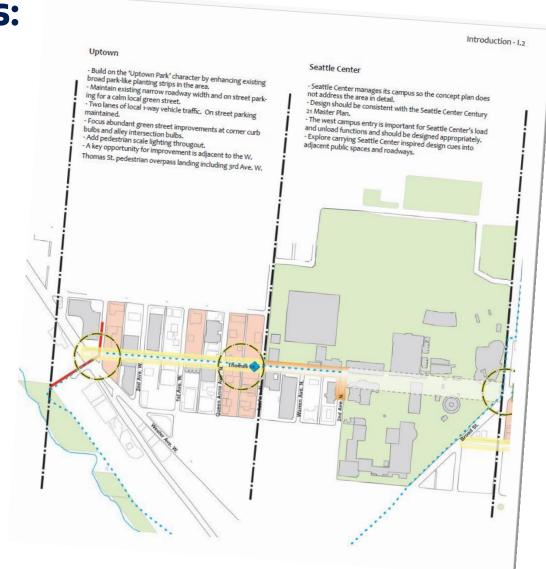
Walking and Biking Priority

- No through movement for vehicles on Thomas Street
- No left turn from 7th Ave N to Thomas Street
- Crossing signal for people walking and biking



Overview of Street Concept Plans: Purpose

- Solidify a vision for the street and guide physical improvements
- Useful in discussions with private development proponents and the City about bold visions that go beyond Streets Illustrated typologies
- Vetted and approved by SDOT, which helps to minimize delay and/or reduce risk to applicant

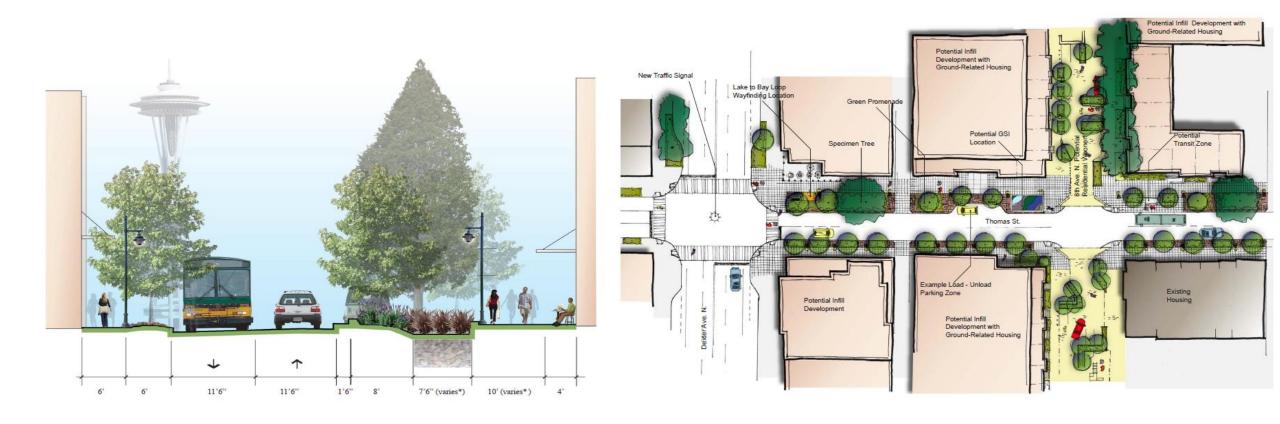


2013 Thomas Green Street Concept Plan: The Triangle



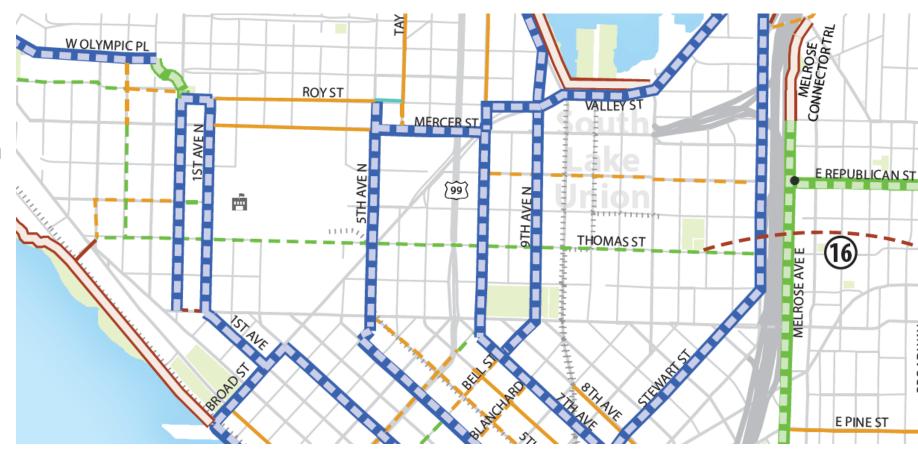


2013 Thomas Green Street Concept Plan: South Lake Union



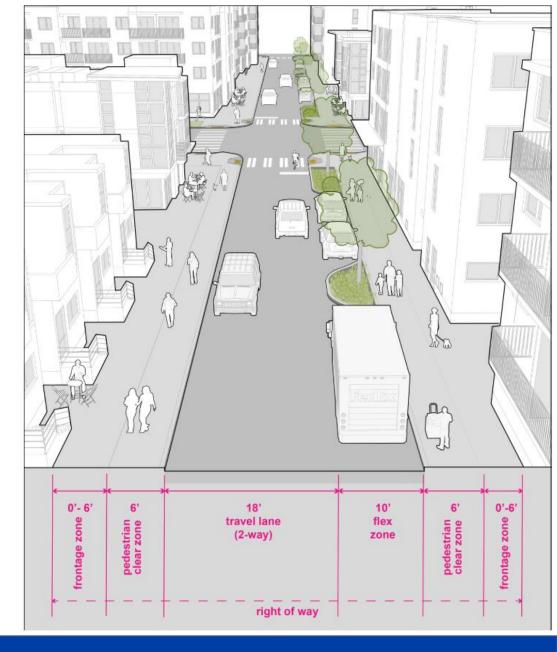
2014 Bicycle Master Plan

- Neighborhood Greenway on Thomas Street
- East West connection
- 2019 Imp. Plan:
 - Eastlake to 5th
 - Seattle Center to Waterfront



2018 Streets Illustrated

- Urban Village Neighborhood Access
- 2-way Travel lane: 18' min 20' max
- More visionary than the 2013 Streetscape Concept Plan
 - Narrow vehicle lanes
 - Surplus ROW prioritized for: greening, public space programing, parking or widened sidewalks
- Implementation of 2013 Concept Plan Cross-Sections added protection to bike lanes
 - Based on pre-construction AWDT selected PBL over NGW treatment



2019 North Downtown Mobility Action Plan (NODO MAP)

- Identified implementation of crossing signal/protected intersection at Dexter and Thomas
- Renewed interest in a completed connection for people walking and biking between South Lake Union and Seattle Center



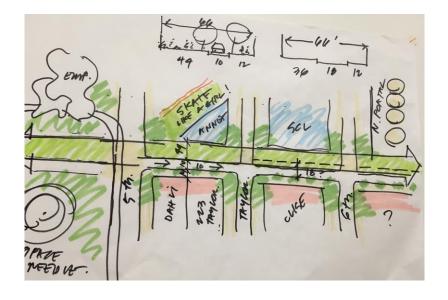
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2019 Thomas Street Charrette

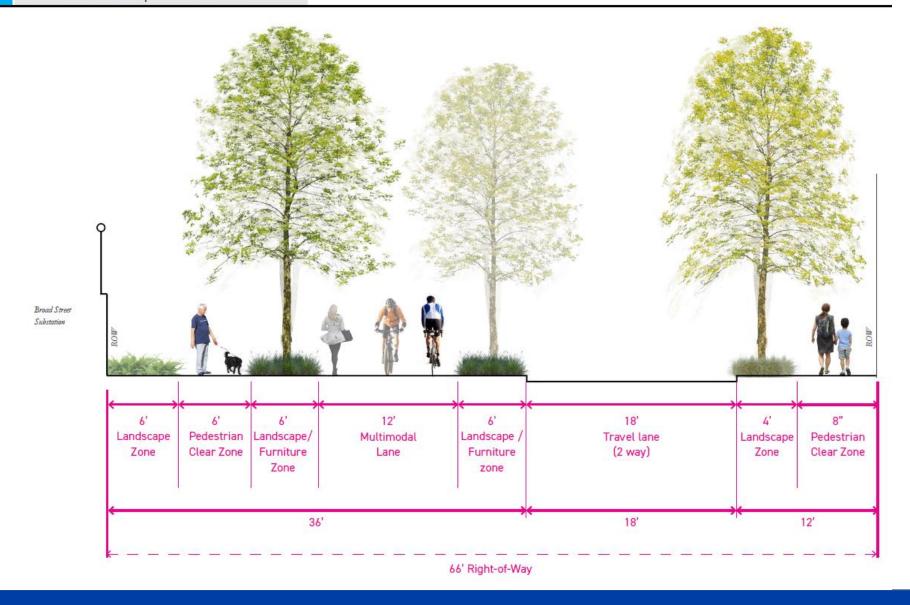
- 1. Go big and bold, be city-defining and make it unique
- 2. Prioritize people and place, support walking, biking and getting to transit
- 3. Build for all ages and abilities





Thomas St Redefined - 5th to Dexter





3 Key Transformative Elements

- Plaza connecting Seattle Center
 - Skate park connection
 - Half Block closure 5th to alley
- North Promenade Cross-Section
 - 36' pedestrian and bicycle promenade
 - Multi-use pathway, sidewalk and landscaping
 - 18' roadway
- Dexter Ave Protected Intersection
 - Bike facility connection
 - Transit connection

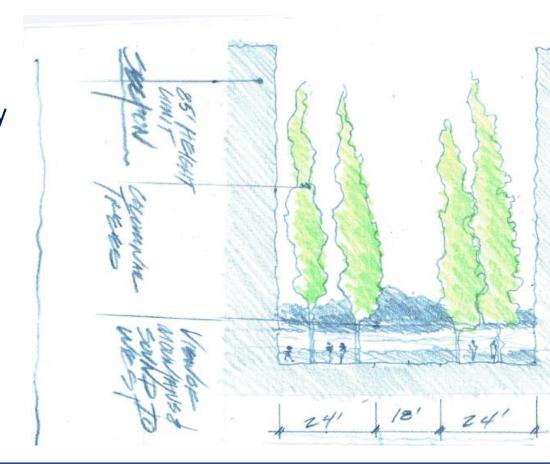


5th to Eastlake



Elliott to Seattle Center

- Build upon
 - Streets Illustrated
 - Seattle Center to Waterfront Neighborhood Greenway
- Improve connection to Thomas Street Overpass



Next Steps

Action Item	
Continue stakeholder engagement	Ongoing
Complete Thomas St Redefined Concept Plan from Elliott to Eastlake	Q1 2020
 Construct Interim Changes 5th Ave N & Thomas St – Half Block Closure Dexter Ave N & Thomas St – Right In/Right Out Diverter 	Q1 2020
Advance design of Dexter & Thomas Protected Intersection	Construction 2021
Advance design of Seattle Center to Waterfront Neighborhood Greenway	Construction 2021
 Advance Thomas St Redefined Design concepts at: 5th Ave N to Taylor Ave N along Thomas 6th Ave N to 7th Ave N along Thomas (adapt WSDOT work on northern block face) Dexter to Terry 	Design 2020



Questions?

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