Yesler Way Protected Bike Lane Project

Project Description

Following the construction of the Waterfront bicycle path and protected bike lanes on the short block of Yesler Way between Alaskan Way and Western Ave, there is now just a 600 foot gap separating the Waterfront from the downtown protected bike lane network.

SDOT is evaluating how to fill this gap with a protected bike lane on the north side of Yesler Way between Western Ave and Occidental Ave S. Following construction, there would be a seamless route comfortable for riders of all ages and abilities between Downtown Seattle, the Waterfront Path, and the region's largest ferry hub.

This work is coordinated with the Office of the Waterfront's Pioneer Square East/West Pedestrian Improvements Project which is making sidewalk repairs and other enhancements to Yesler Way.

Project Goals

- Complete a bike route linking the new Waterfront bicycle path with the downtown protected bike lane network
- Avoid doubling construction impacts by building the bike lane at the same time as the Pioneer Square East/West Pedestrian Improvements project
- Repair or enhance portions of the existing bike lane on Yesler Way

Project Elements

- 620 feet of new protected bike lanes on the north side of Yesler Way between Western Ave and Occidental Ave S, including revisions to intersections at either end
- Turn restrictions prohibiting right turns over the bike lane at 1st Ave and Yesler Way and left turns from Yesler Way to James St in order to enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety without extensive signal modifications
- 100 feet of repaired protected bike lanes between Occidental Ave S and 2nd Ave as well as Alaskan Way and Western Ave

Schedule

Spring 2024: Design

Summer 2024: Construction west of 1st Ave Late 2024/2025: Construction east of 1st Ave

Project Map

