

SEATTLE CENTER TO WATERFRONT WALKING AND BIKING CONNECTION

Spring 2020

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Seattle Center to Waterfront Walking and Biking Connection will build an important connection between the Thomas Street Overpass and Seattle Center providing a safer, more comfortable way to walk and bike between some of Seattle's most popular destinations.

The project is identified and funded by the North Downtown Mobility Action Program and Bicycle Master Plan. Using the vision from Thomas Street Redefined and in coordination with the opening of the new arena at Seattle Center, currently mid-2021, this project will construct an all ages and abilities walking and biking connection between the Thomas St Overpass and the Seattle Center via Harrison St, Thomas St, Queen Anne Ave N, and Republican St in the Uptown Neighborhood. This project will extend the bicycle facility to connect with the future 1st Ave N and Queen Anne Ave N protected bike lanes that will be constructed in association with the new arena at Seattle Center.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The North Downtown Mobility Action Program (NODO MAP) was developed in late 2018 to support access and livability in North Downtown, which includes the Uptown, Belltown, and South Lake Union neighborhoods. The program builds on existing community planning efforts, reviews existing community plans, planned projects, and is closely linked to the redevelopment of the Seattle Center arena.

Thomas Street Redefined is a community-driven, visionary concept plan for a pedestrian and bicyclist-oriented corridor connecting the Waterfront, Uptown, Seattle Center, South Lake Union, and Eastlake neighborhoods. Thomas Street Redefined consist of two parts: West of Seattle Center (connecting Seattle Center to the Elliott Bay Trail via Thomas St Overpass) and East of Seattle Center (connecting Seattle Center to Eastlake).

Based off of public feedback in late 2019 and early 2020, the route was modified to have a more direct connection on Harrison St, to utilize planned PBL facilities on Queen Anne Ave N, and to provide a less steep route.

SCHEDULE AND FUNDING

This project is funded through the North Downtown Mobility Action Program (NODO MAP) and the Bicycle Master Plan (Neighborhood Greenways Program). This project is in the design phase and targeting to start construction in early 2021.

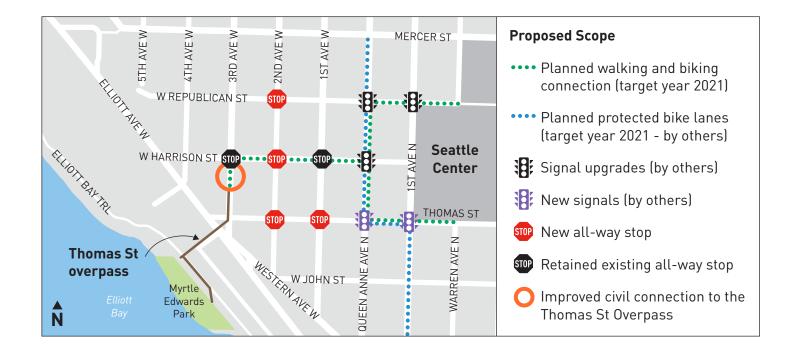
PROJECT FEATURES

This project will construct a bicycle connection between the W Thomas St Overpass and the Seattle Center. Features will include extending existing bike facilities, adding bike ramps, crosswalks, signage, striping, speed humps, civil improvements, curb ramp modifications, curb bulbs, etc.



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