



# GREEN LAKE AND WALLINGFORD PAVING & MULTI-MODAL IMPROVEMENTS

Safer streets for people walking, biking, driving, and taking transit

Spotlight: N 80th St

Summer 2019

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

As soon as July 2019, we're beginning construction in the Green Lake and Wallingford neighborhoods. We'll be repaving and upgrading curb ramps at many intersections for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility along N 80th St from Aurora Ave N to I-5—that's over 70 curb ramps! Nearly a mile of N 80th St will be repaved, including replacing or repairing broken concrete panels and repaving asphalt in specific areas.



New or upgraded curb ramps at some intersections along N 80th St.



Repaving N 80th St to create a smoother drive for people accessing I-5 and Aurora Ave N.

## CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE AND WHAT TO EXPECT

We anticipate beginning construction on N 80th St as soon as late 2019 or early 2020. As we get closer to construction, we'll share information about impacts and send regular construction updates via email. Our outreach team will also be available to help address concerns.

Sign up for email updates on our webpage at [www.seattle.gov/transportation/greenlakepaving.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/greenlakepaving.htm)

## INFORMATION & CONTACT

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Why aren't you making design updates on N 80th St?

While paving projects provide a cost-effective opportunity to enhance streets and accomplish our safety and mobility goals, we aren't able to make design updates everywhere. N 80th St is a high-traffic east-west throughway for people driving and accessing I-5 and Aurora Ave N. We want to keep it that way, which is why we're repaving N 80th St.

### Can you widen the street to make room for additional improvements for all modes of travel?

Unfortunately, we're not able to widen the street to make room for additional improvements. The SDOT Maintenance & Paving Program stipulates that changes to the street are to stay within the existing curbs and right-of-way. Widening the street would also require relocating underground utilities and drainage infrastructure, which would increase project duration and costs. We're designing the streets to be built within the existing curbs.

### What are you doing to improve safety for people walking and driving on N 80th St?



**WHAT WE HEARD:** Visibility for turning traffic is poor at the intersection of N 80th St and Ashworth Ave N.

We analyzed traffic data and collision rates along N 80th St and found a higher than average collision rate at N 80th St and Ashworth Ave N. In order to improve safety at this intersection, we'll add paint-and-post curb bulbs on the north side of N 80th St on either side of the Ashworth Ave N intersection to improve visibility for people walking. Preliminary data suggests that curb bulbs may reduce vehicle speeds by narrowing the street and may help reduce vehicle turning speeds by making the turning radius smaller.

## RELATED PROJECTS

### N 80th St and Corliss Ave N

Between October and December 2018, a curb bulb was installed at the intersection of N 80th St and Corliss Ave N to increase safety for people walking. This project was determined a priority by residents through the 2017 Your Voice Your Choice (YVYC) program after it was observed that people driving on N 80th St rarely stop for people walking. The new curb bulb will decrease the crossing distance, make people walking more visible, and calm traffic. For more information on the YVYC program, visit: [bit.ly/2LI2L10](https://bit.ly/2LI2L10).

### N 83rd St, Green Lake Dr N and Aurora Ave N

As a part of our Safe Routes to School program, we're adding a signalized crosswalk at the intersection of N 83rd St, Green Lake Dr N, and Aurora Ave N. Construction for these improvements will begin in fall 2019, separate from our paving program. The Safe Routes to School program seeks to encourage more kids to walk and bike to school, and improves safety in areas around schools. For more information on this program, visit: [bit.ly/2rAT8gR](https://bit.ly/2rAT8gR).

We are also repaving and updating lane layouts on **N 40th St, N 50th St, and streets around the east side of Green Lake** in the Green Lake and Wallingford communities.

For details on these other segments, please visit our webpage.



### WHAT ARE PAINT-AND-POST CURB BULBS?

Curb bulbs are effective at reducing the number and severity of traffic collisions by increasing the visibility of people walking and biking, and decreasing the distance they have to travel to get across the street. While most curb bulbs involve rebuilding the sidewalk, paint-and-post curb bulbs are faster and less expensive to implement!

The City of Seattle is paving portions of N 40th St, N 50th St, N 80th St, and streets on the east side of Green Lake as soon as 2019. To request translation of these materials call (206) 693-4151.

La Ciudad de Seattle pavimentará porciones de las calles N 40th St, N 50th St, N 80th St, y calles en el lado este de Green Lake a más tardar para el 2019. Para solicitar la traducción de este material llame al (206) 693-4151.

西雅图市政府最快将于2019年铺设以下的部分路面：N 40th St, N 50th St, N 80th St, 以及 Green Lake 东边的街道。請告訴我們如何透過修改 2019 年計劃鋪設的路線（請參看地圖）來更好地滿足您的需求。如需這些資料的譯文，或是在會議時需要口譯服務，請致電 206-693-4151。