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Greetings!

To those able to attend the drop-in session on May 2 to learn more and share thoughts about the 15th and Columbian project—thank you. If you were unable to attend, please take a moment to fill our [survey](#) and share it with neighbors. It will be open until Tuesday, May 16. [Exhibit boards](#) used at the meeting are available on our web site if you'd like to read them. Once the survey closes, we'll compile comments and determine next steps. Look for more updates toward the end of May.

Themes we heard

We are currently reviewing the surveys completed at the drop-in session and will compile results once the online survey closes on May 16. In the meantime, here is a snapshot of key themes we heard in conversation with those who attended the drop-in:

- The signalized left turn at S Oregon St is critical to access onto northbound 15th Ave S for residents living on the west side of 15th Ave S. Otherwise, one must travel to S Lucile or S Spokane St
- Both support for and concerns about adding an all-way stop at 15th Ave S and S Snoqualmie St
- Support for making it easier for people to walk through this intersection
- It can take several minutes for drivers, including middle school parents and school buses, to exit the neighborhood at 15th Ave S on streets north and south of S Oregon St
- Traffic on 15th Ave S becomes congested when incidents occur on I-5. People driving exit at Swift/Albro looking for alternate routes
- VA Hospital employees and construction workers drive through and park in the neighborhood west of 15th Ave S

Neighborhood Plaza

There were questions as to why a neighborhood plaza was being proposed with the project. Some attendees thought the recent development at this intersection spurred the decision. We'd like to clarify that the project concept originated in 2008 when the [Southeast Transportation Study](#) was conducted. The objective of the study was to improve the walking environment. Simplifying the intersection provided additional space, which we've suggested is an opportunity to create a plaza space. The project is now being considered because of a [Neighborhood Street Fund application](#) received in 2016.

Thanks again for taking the time to participate in this project. Feel free to visit our [web page](#) for more information and we'll be in touch soon.

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