

# THOMAS ST: 5TH AVE N TO EASTLAKE AVE E INTERIM IMPROVEMENTS

Fall 2019

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Thomas St is an important new east / west green street and public realm connection, linking the Cascade neighborhood through South Lake Union to the Seattle Center. The 2013 Thomas Green Street Concept Plan prioritized pedestrians, cyclists, and the public realm. A 2019 update to that coordinated design was created to further realize that vision. These interim improvements will establish that pedestrian and bicycle priority, whilst still allowing vehicular access. SDOT is working in coordination with the WSDOT North Portal project to make changes to the way east-west streets operate as 7th Ave N construction re-connects the street grid. This project will change access to Thomas Street at two locations:

1. 5th Ave N – Thomas St will be closed to vehicle traffic east of 5th Ave N to the alley.
2. Dexter Ave N – Thomas St will function as a right in – right out street

The goal of this project is to enhance the pedestrian and bicyclist connection between South Lake Union and the Seattle Center.

## PROJECT BACKGROUND

Thomas St 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. This project will begin implementation of the Thomas Street Redefined vision by establishing the vehicular use of Thomas St as defined by the vision in coordination with the 7th Ave N project. More intermediate and permanent improvements will follow as early as spring 2020.

Thomas St Redefined consists 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). This project is the first phase of the East of Seattle Center connection.

## SCHEDULE AND FUNDING

The interim improvements of this project are funded by the 9-year Levy to Move Seattle, approved by voters in 2015. Project construction will begin as early as early November with an anticipated completion date of late December 2019.

## PROJECT FEATURES

- Install two parallel diverters/median islands across Thomas St east of 5th Ave N
  - The diverters will extend between the two bike lanes on either side of Thomas St, maintaining bike access in both directions
  - Maintain existing vehicular access restriction at Thomas St and 5th Ave N
    - ~ No westbound or eastbound at this intersection
  - Remove existing signal for westbound traffic
  - New signage to indicate new changes
  - New planters at diverters
- Install diverter and pedestrian shielding islands in existing two-way left turn lane on Dexter Ave N at Thomas St
  - Establish Thomas St as right-in and right-out only at the intersection of Thomas St and Dexter Ave N
  - Restrict through movements for vehicles on Thomas St
  - Restrict all left turn movements at Thomas St and Dexter Ave N

## PROJECT INFORMATION & CONTACT

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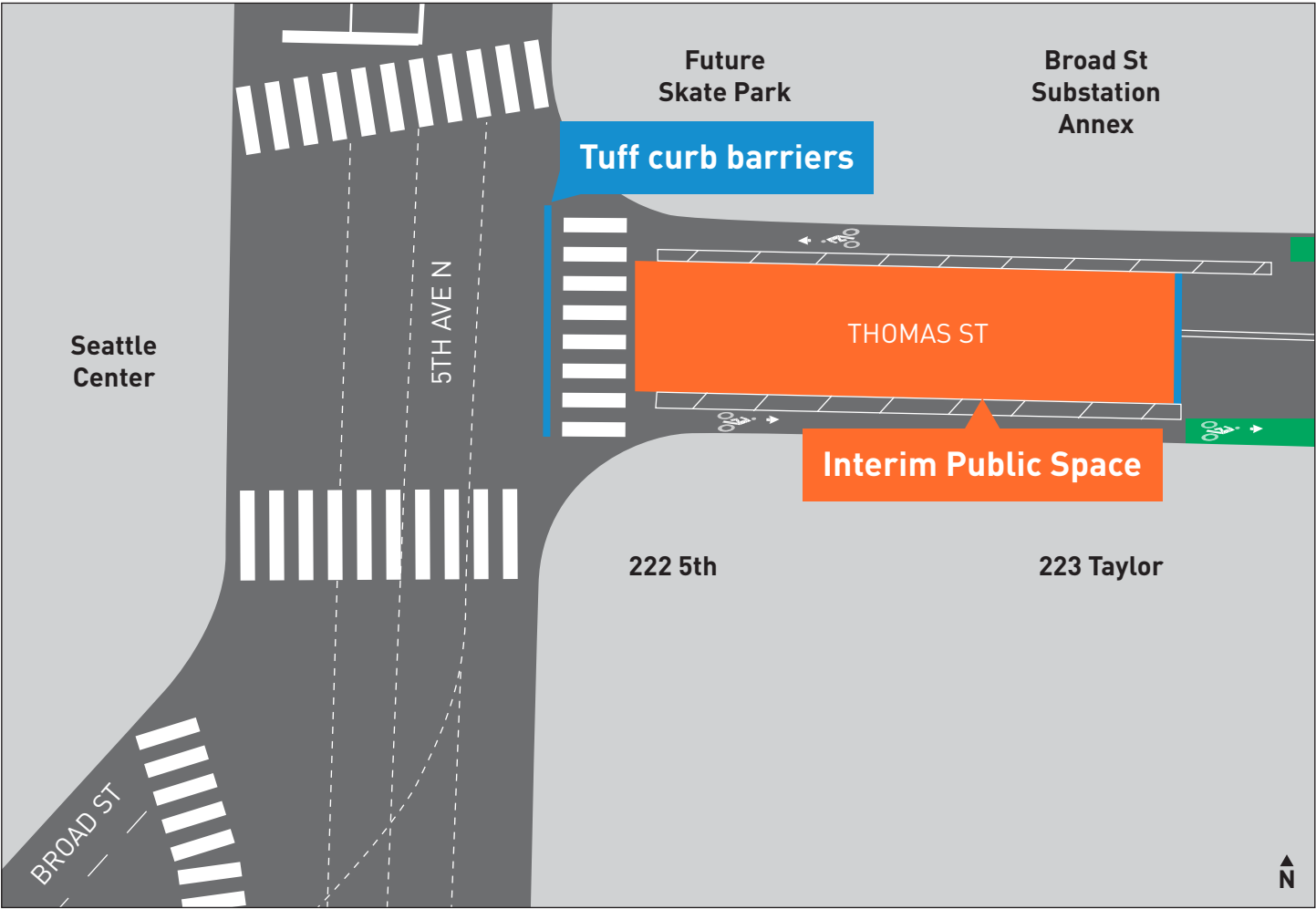
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