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New safety enhancements are coming to Rainier Ave S

FACT SHEET | Spring 2018

PROJECT OVERVIEW

In 2014, we launched the Rainier Ave S Corridor Improvements Project to review safety conditions along Rainier Avenue S between S Alaska St and S Henderson St. Our goals are to:

- Reduce the average vehicle speed and incidents of speeding
- Reduce the number of serious injury or fatal collisions
- Improve intersections
- Maintain bus efficiency and reliability

This project is part of Seattle's Vision Zero program to reach zero traffic fatalities or serious injuries by 2030. We're planning this project in tandem with RapidRide Rainier to maintain bus efficiency and reliability while also improving safety along Rainier Ave S.

UPCOMING IMPROVEMENTS

In 2015, we completed Phase 1 of this project when we redesigned Rainier Ave S between S Alaska St and S Kenny St from four to three lanes. In 2017, we asked for your feedback on two potential designs for Phase 2 of this project - from S Kenny St to S Henderson St. The two most common themes heard were support for center turn lanes and a need for frequent and reliable Metro Route 7 service.

After reviewing community feedback, working with our partners at King County Metro Transit, and traffic modeling, **we're recommending Alternative 1 for implementation from S Kenny St to S Henderson St**. This alternative could be installed as soon as fall 2018*.

We also considered changes at the S Henderson St intersection. Due to the complexity of the bus overhead wires at this location, we'll use the next year and a half to work on a design and identify funding so that improvements can be installed with the RapidRide Rainier project.



Today



After construction (fall 2018)

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

VISION

Construction is expected to happen this year (fall 2018)* and will likely occur over a few weekends. Lane line removal would occur at night, while painting and signal adjustments would happen during the day. We'll work to minimize impacts to the public as much as possible and no detours are anticipated. Check your mailbox for more information on construction this summer.

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*Schedule subject to change.

Funded by the 9-year Levy to Move Seattle, approved by voters in 2015. Learn more about the levy at www.seattle.gov/LevytoMoveSeattle.



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RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE



Vision Zero Improvements (looking north) to be installed as soon as Fall 2018* from S Kenny St – S Henderson St.

The RapidRide Rainier project will construct new stations and may build other civil improvements. We're monitoring the street continuously and will make additional changes as we see fit.

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PROJECT MAP

