



15th Ave W/NW & Ballard Bridge Paving & Safety Project

Magnolia Chamber Briefing

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Our Vision, Mission, Values, & Goals

Seattle is a thriving equitable community powered by dependable transportation. We're on a mission to deliver a transportation system that provides safe and affordable access to places and opportunities.

Core Values & Goals:

Equity, Safety, Mobility, Sustainability, Livability, and Excellence.

Meeting Norms

- Honor the agenda and time limits
- Tackle problems, not people
- Disagree without being disagreeable
- Seek first to understand, not to be understood
- Avoid repeating comments already shared
- Appreciate our neighbors

Additional norms to add?

Project Goals

- Keep people and goods moving
- Make the RapidRide D bus line more reliable
- Make travel safer for everyone



Project Overview

- As part of the Levy to Move Seattle, we are paving 15th Ave W/NW and the Ballard Bridge Deck between W Emerson St to NW 57th St
- The project will restore the road condition of a critical piece of Seattle's transportation network and contribute to SDOT's Levy commitment to pave up to 180 lane-miles of arterial streets by 2024
- This project will also improve earthquake safety by strengthening the Leary Way Bridge, located just north of the Ballard Bridge



Paving & Bridge Maintenance

- ## Rapid D Line bus reliability

- ## General improvements

- Repair sidewalks, driveways, and stormwater drainage
- Plant new trees and replace old trees in select areas



Project Elements Continued

Safety & Accessibility Enhancements

- Install a new bike and pedestrian signal and crosswalk at NW 51st St
- Add landscaped median between NW 50th St and NW 54th St to calm traffic
- Upgrade curb ramps to meet current ADA standards
- Update pedestrian crosswalk signs and refresh paint
- Improve / add new lighting under the bridge along Leary Way NW and on the pedestrian path under 15th Ave W near 15th Ave W and W Nickerson St



Schedule



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- Construction is scheduled to begin as soon as spring 2024.
- Construction will last approximately one year.
- Changes in construction timeline may be due to unforeseen circumstances (i.e., weather, soil conditions, etc.)

Pre-Construction & Community Outreach

- Pre-construction means we will be staging equipment and materials in the project corridor
- The contractor may do some prep-work such as implementing traffic control plans to create a safe work zone
- We're engaging businesses through door-to-door efforts and providing relevant information to the community on our project listserv and webpage updates



Outreach grocery store tabling event, winter 2022

What to Expect During Road Construction

- Temporary lane and street closures for people driving and during outside construction hours
- Temporary vehicle and bus detours
- Temporary sidewalk and crossing closures and detours for people walking and rolling
- Temporary bus stop relocations
- Disruptions to on-street parking
- Noise, dust and vibrations during work hours (generally Monday – Friday, 7 AM – 4 PM)
- Construction staging and parking impacts near the work sites
- Occasional night or weekend work, as needed



What to Expect During Bridge Construction

- Weekend bridge closures (TBD)
- Pedestrian, bicycle, vehicle, and bus detours to the Fremont Bridge and Aurora Bridge
- Noise, dust and vibrations during work hours (generally Monday – Friday, 7 AM – 4 PM)
- Construction staging and parking impacts near the work sites
- Occasional night or weekend work, as needed



Using Community Feedback for Detour Planning

- We spoke with the Ballard PTSA / High School and Seattle Public Schools and will continue to coordinate with them
- We collected feedback on preferred detour routes in 2023 and based on what we heard we are detouring people to the Fremont and Aurora Bridges during Ballard Bridge work
- We are coordinating with the Route 40 team to ensure the Fremont bridge stays accessible during Ballard Bridge work



Ballard Highschool parent teacher night outreach event, Fall 2022

Next steps

- We sent the construction contract to AD so contractors can bid on the project
- Once a contractor is selected, we will work with them to develop a construction schedule that includes work zones and bridge closure dates
- We're coordinating with nearby schools, King County Metro and emergency services to prepare them for construction activities and possible detour routes
- We'll encourage people to take alternative modes of transportation to reduce congestion
- We'll send out regular email updates about construction to our project listserv. Sign-up for email updates!



Bus stop on 15th Ave NW and Leary, headed northbound.

Questions?

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From the entire SDOT Team:
Thank you!