

West Marginal Way SW Update May 2022

Hello West Marginal Way SW stakeholders,

Thank you for your continued engagement in transportation issues in your community. We're looking forward to reopening the West Seattle Bridge mid-2022 and will keep you updated as we get closer to reopening.

As part of the safety and mobility work in the area, we've been planning to update the lane layout on West Marginal Way SW after the West Seattle Bridge reopens. The project seeks to improve safety and predictability for everyone, maintain freight priority on a major truck street, and complete the regional walk/bike network.

Moving freight and goods remains the priority for this major truck street which serves port facilities, cargo yards, and major businesses. We carefully considered this distinction and the importance of maintaining freight reliability during the high bridge closure as we planned the updated street design and lane layout.

The updated design will further separate vulnerable people from faster-traveling traffic and trucks. This project will also enhance safety for everyone driving by encouraging slower driving speeds, eliminating high-speed passing, improving visibility for people entering from side streets, and improving the predictability of all people using West Marginal Way SW.

Given that we're getting closer to the West Seattle Bridge re-opening, we thought now would be a good time to check in with community members and give you an update on where things stand.

The West Seattle Bridge is expected to reopen in mid-2022. After the bridge reopens, we'll conduct an additional round of data collection and analysis. We anticipate traffic will return to pre-closure patterns on West Marginal Way once the high bridge is open, and we'll be analyzing the corridor to inform final design.

Transportation data to be collected (after the West Seattle Bridge opens) includes:

- Vehicle speeds
- Traffic volumes
- Walking and biking counts
- Safety assessment of driveways and intersections

Individual property owners along the West Marginal Way corridor will be contacted to discuss driveway crossings and explore ideas for improvements, as needed. The final analysis is anticipated to be complete this fall, and results shared by the end of the year.

For more information, please visit the [West Marginal Way SW Improvements website](#). If you have questions, please contact WestSeattleBridge@seattle.gov or call 206-400-7511.