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Winter 2020 construction drop-in sessions summary



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Construction drop-in sessions: January 7 – 9, 2020

Background

The Northgate Ped/Bike Bridge Project hosted 3, 90-minute public drop-in sessions on January 7, 8 and 9. Events were held at North Seattle College, Aljoia Thornton Place, and Olympic View Elementary. The events' key objectives were to kick off a new phase of the project (construction), answer questions from community members, and share information about the schedule and scope of construction. The sessions also included updates and information from Sound Transit and the Northgate Neighborhood Greenway.

Event objectives also included:

- Raising awareness of what the public can expect during the project's various construction stages
- Providing a chance to meet and engage with the project team
- Providing information on how to stay involved with the project

Event promotion

We promoted the drop-in sessions through the following methods:

- Mailers to more than 10,000 homes in the North Seattle area
- Emails to project list of more than 900 subscribers
- Social media posts (SDOT's Facebook and Twitter)
- Project webpage updates
- City-sponsored event calendar notices
- Flyers (distributed door to door and at the Northgate Transit Center)

Event accommodations

The drop-in sessions provided the following accommodations:

- Americans with Disabilities Act accessible venues that were near public transit
- Project folios translated into Russian, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Spanish, and an offer of interpretation upon request
- Bike racks at each location

We offered 3 different event locations to serve both the east and west sides of the project area and hosted a morning, midday, and early evening session (8 – 9:30 AM, 12 – 1:30 PM, and 5 – 6:30 PM) to accommodate different schedules of students, parents, and people working during typical business hours. The informal format of the sessions allowed participants to come and go at their convenience.

Summary

The drop-in sessions drew North Seattle College students, staff, and faculty; neighborhood residents and retirement community members; neighborhood businesspeople; and many project-area stakeholders, including elected officials and community organizations. Most attendees were somewhat to very familiar with the project, and we had an estimated 270 people in attendance across all events.

We heard from many drop-in session participants that they're excited the project is finally beginning construction. We also heard questions and comments about construction, timing of and coordination with the Link light rail station opening, and pedestrian safety elements, including the improvements coming to 1st Ave NE.

Other topics occasionally mentioned included environmental impacts, transit and shuttle schedules, impacts to street and residential parking, connectivity for people biking, the Northgate Neighborhood Greenway, and redevelopment of the mall property.

Each drop-in session included information on the following topics:

- Project goals and map
- Bridge design
- The North Seattle College campus connection
- Bridge construction
- 1st Ave protected bike lane and multi-use path
- Long term closure of the North Seattle Park & Ride lot

Display boards

The following display boards were used to communicate project information at each of the drop-in sessions. A project team member was positioned near each of the boards to receive comments and answer questions.

Welcome!



Northgate Ped/Bike Bridge CONSTRUCTION DROP-IN SESSION

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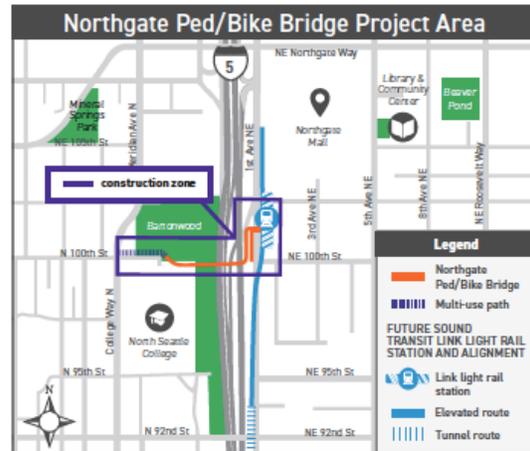




CONNECTING COMMUNITIES EAST AND WEST OF I-5

Project goals

- **Connect services and opportunities** on the east and west sides of I-5
- **Add a new, accessible walking/ biking route in Northgate** that connects to the citywide network
- **Provide better access to regional transit**, including the existing transit center and future Link light rail station



COLLEGE CONNECTION

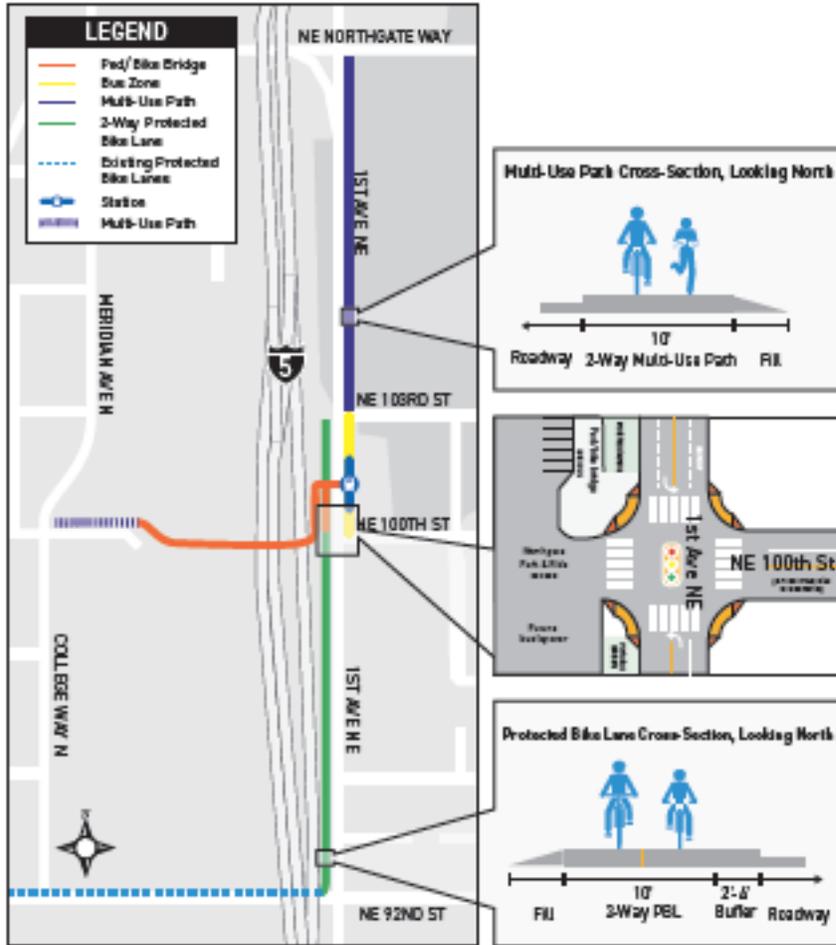
- Excellent views across bridge
- Multi-use path from bridge to College Way N at N 100th St
- Connects to North Seattle Neighborhood Greenway and existing protected bike lane on College Way N
- Bridge slope: 0-4.9%, gentle enough for people of all abilities



Access to the bridge while traveling east (via the multi-use path at the north end of North Seattle College) rises gently at a grade of approximately 4% and allows for direct connection and open sightlines.

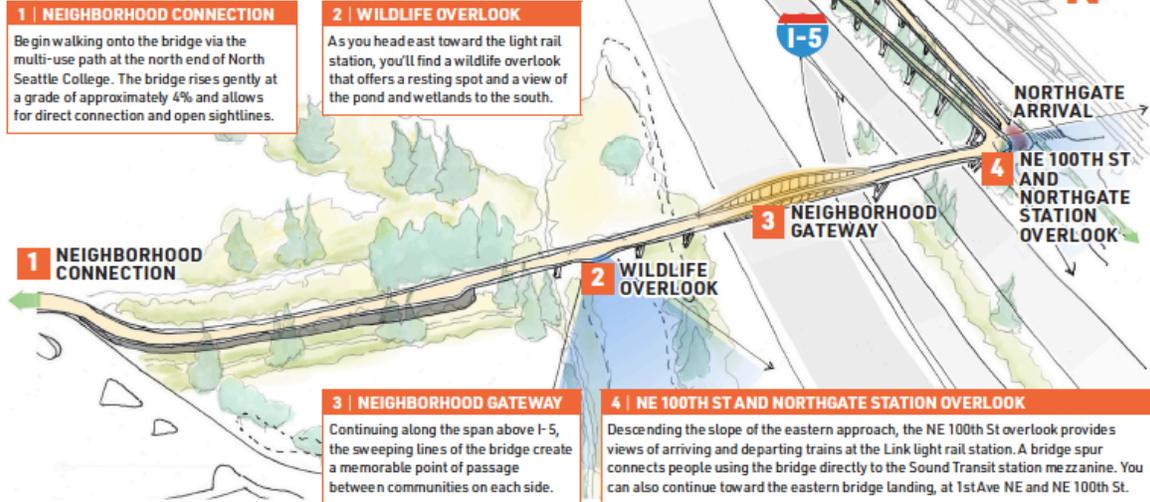


1ST AVE NE PROTECTED BIKE LANE AND MULTI-USE PATH





BRIDGE DESIGN



1 | NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTION
 Begin walking onto the bridge via the multi-use path at the north end of North Seattle College. The bridge rises gently at a grade of approximately 4% and allows for direct connection and open sightlines.

2 | WILDLIFE OVERLOOK
 As you head east toward the light rail station, you'll find a wildlife overlook that offers a resting spot and a view of the pond and wetlands to the south.

1 | NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTION

2 | WILDLIFE OVERLOOK

3 | NEIGHBORHOOD GATEWAY

4 | NE 100TH ST AND NORTHGATE STATION OVERLOOK

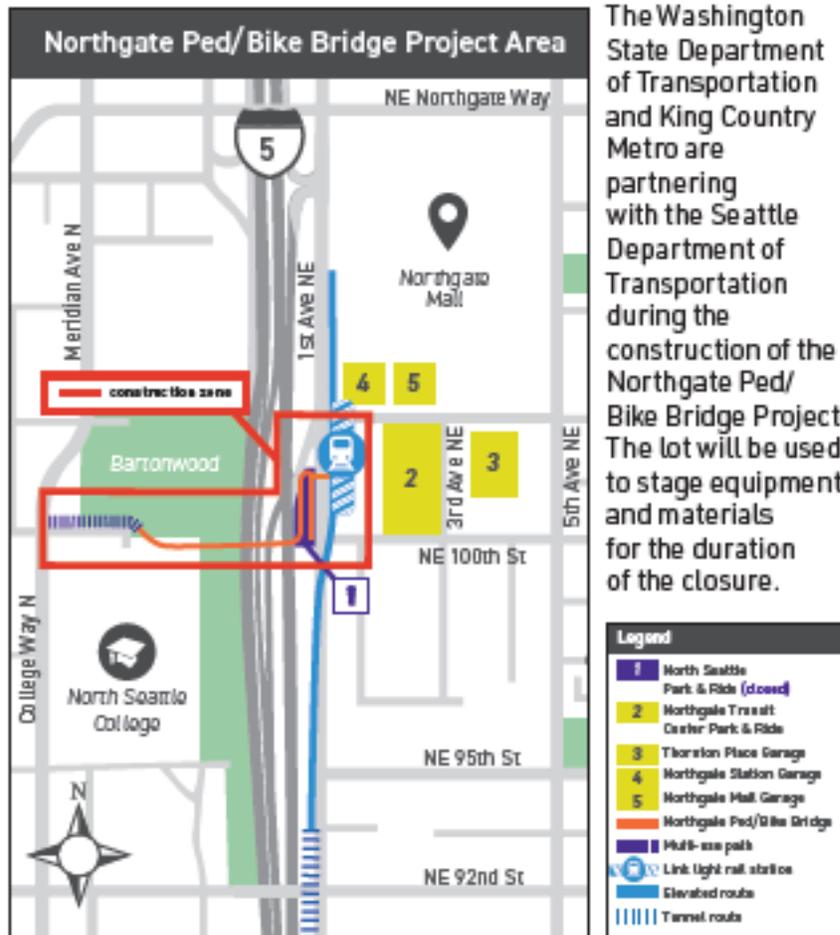
3 | NEIGHBORHOOD GATEWAY
 Continuing along the span above I-5, the sweeping lines of the bridge create a memorable point of passage between communities on each side.

4 | NE 100TH ST AND NORTHGATE STATION OVERLOOK
 Descending the slope of the eastern approach, the NE 100th St overlook provides views of arriving and departing trains at the Link light rail station. A bridge spur connects people using the bridge directly to the Sound Transit station mezzanine. You can also continue toward the eastern bridge landing, at 1st Ave NE and NE 100th St.



NORTH SEATTLE PARK & RIDE

The North Seattle Park & Ride will be closed starting January 9, 2021 for construction of the Northgate Ped/Bike Bridge project.



The Washington State Department of Transportation and King County Metro are partnering with the Seattle Department of Transportation during the construction of the Northgate Ped/Bike Bridge Project. The lot will be used to stage equipment and materials for the duration of the closure.



BUILDING THE BRIDGE



LEFT:
An oscillator will be used for drilling shafts. This method causes minimal vibration.

BELOW:
The main spans over I-5 will be assembled in the median of I-5. Once assembled, they will be moved into position using transporters and lifted into place using cranes.





BUILDING THE BRIDGE

What to expect during construction

- Typical construction hours are weekdays, 7 AM to 5 PM, with occasional weekend and night work
- Loud noise and vibrations
- Street and/or lane closures
- Crane and truck activity
- Dust and debris
- Construction staging and parking impacts near work sites
- Trail closures on the North Seattle College campus
- 2 freeway closures, on weekends and at night only, with detours
- Lane reductions on Northgate express lane on/off ramp



BUILDING THE BRIDGE

Minimizing impacts

We're committed to working closely with project neighbors during construction and will:

- Be available for questions
- Provide advance notice about construction through email updates and other promotions
- Work closely with North Seattle College to communicate major milestones to students, faculty, and staff
- Ensure project signage is clear and effective to encourage safety and caution near active work zones





HOW TO STAY INVOLVED

Learn more: Sign up for email updates on our webpage:
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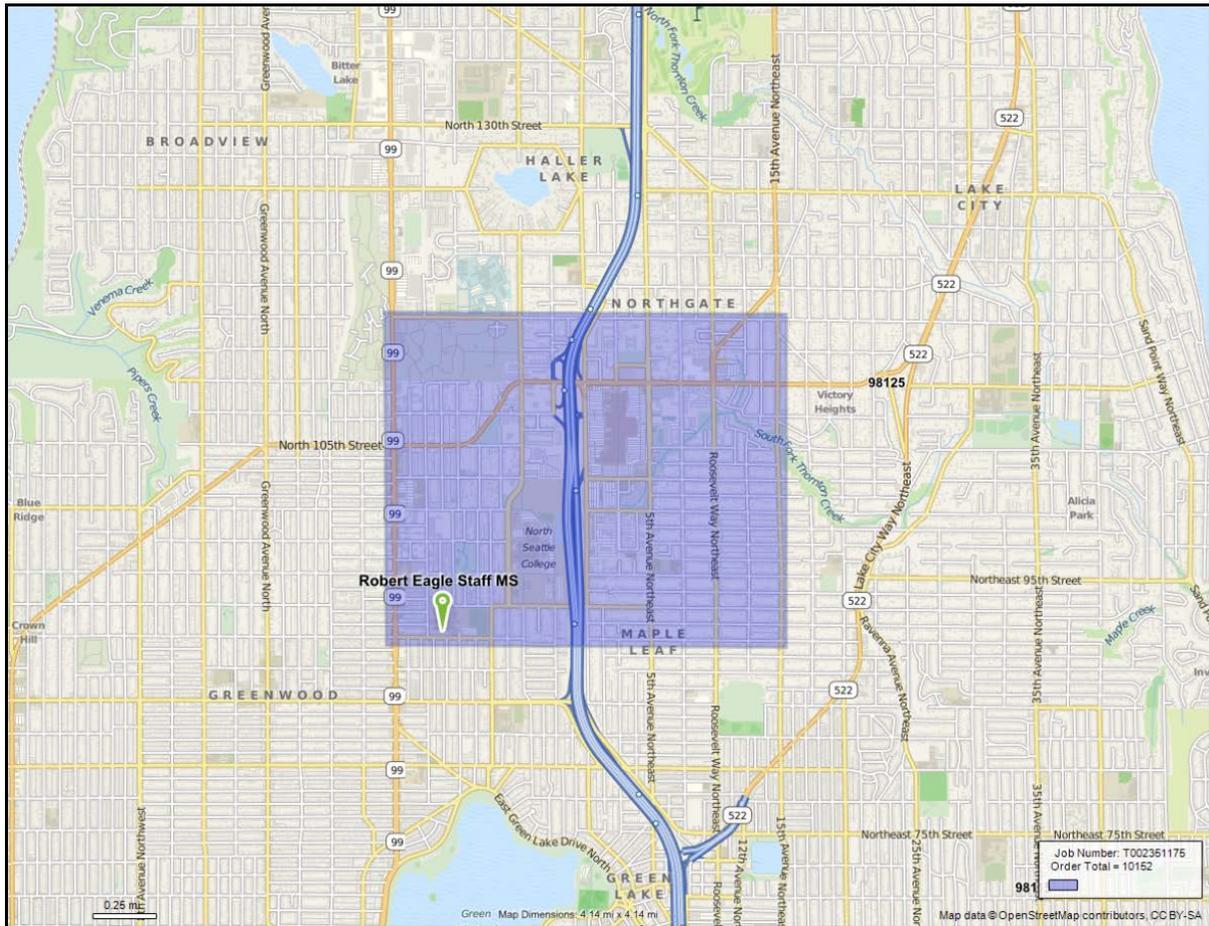
Questions during construction? Email us: NorthgateBridge@seattle.gov
 Call us on our construction hotline: (206) 905-3620

Schedule:

PHASES	2019	2020	2021
Permitting and pre-construction			Sound Transit Link light rail station opens
Bridge construction			 Bridge opens!

Mailer boundaries

A mailer publicizing the drop-in sessions (shown on p. 13) was sent to more than 10,000 addresses on both sides of I-5 within the boundaries shown on the map below





We're starting construction!

**LEARN ABOUT THE NORTHGATE PED/BIKE BRIDGE PROJECT
VISIT ONE OF OUR DROP-IN SESSIONS
January 7, 8 & 9**

Get your questions answered in person at our drop-in sessions!

Attend a drop-in session and:

- learn about how this project will connect communities on the east and west sides of I-5 in north Seattle
- review information at your own speed and get one-on-one engagement from project experts
- learn about the project schedule and what to expect during construction

JOIN US IN PERSON

Tuesday, January 7:

Noon – 1:30 PM

North Seattle College (The Grove)
9600 College Way N

Wednesday, January 8:

8 – 9:30 AM

Aljoia Thornton Place
450 NE 100th St

Thursday, January 9:

5 – 6:30 PM

Olympic View Elementary School
504 NE 95th St

- Venues are ADA-accessible
- Visit triplanner.kingcounty.gov to plan your trip
- To request an interpreter or accommodations for persons with disabilities, please contact (206) 905-3620 at least 5 working days prior to the event.

For more information:

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