

# Highland Park Action Coalition

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City of Seattle

# Agenda

## Highland Park Way SW and SW Holden St Safety Project

- 30% Design Update

## Reconnect West Seattle

- Home Zone Update
- Next Steps
- Question and Answer

# Highland Park Way SW and SW Holden St Safety Project

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# Update on work completed

- Completed early design outreach in summer 2020
- Installed temporary signal after bridge closure
  - Heard many requests for left-hand turn signal
- Installed 9 speed cushions and humps



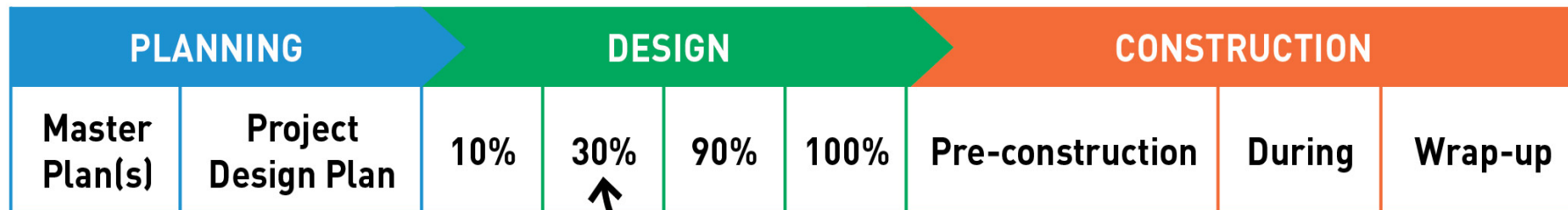
# Upcoming work

- Two radar speed signs on Highland Park Way SW
  - Will be installed by end of this year
- Locations are just north of the intersection



# 30% Design Update

- Permanent traffic signal
- Sidewalks, curb bulbs, and ramps at the intersection
- Moving from 30% - 90% design given project scope



*we are here*

# Bike Facility

- In Bicycle Master Plan, an off-street bike facility is called out for Highland Park Way SW
  - Provides connection from Highland Park to the Duwamish Valley and Duwamish Trail
  - +\$1M investment requires additional funding
- Highland/Holden project's early design included southbound, in-lane bike facility from West Marginal Way to the intersection
  - With West Seattle Bridge closure, we heard from the community that this is not desired because it requires a travel lane reduction
  - Community suggested widening the pedestrian path from the intersection to West Marginal Way – now being evaluated as part of Reconnect West Seattle

# 1% Art Funding Secured

**Early 2021:** selection of artist or artist team from roster

- Hyper-regional artists (West Seattle/South Sound) and/or indigenous artists

**Spring 2021:** artist(s) begin work with project team

- Presents design concept

**Summer 2021:** community engagement

- Continued refinement of design concept

**Fall 2021:** artwork installation (depending on construction timeline)



# Questions / Discussion

[www.seattle.gov/transportation/highlandparksafety](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/highlandparksafety)



# West Seattle Bridge and Reconnect West Seattle



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# Prioritized Projects

## Roxhill, Highland Park, Riverview, and South Delridge

Rank	#	Project Name	Project Description	Delivery Year	Status
1	W20	SR 509 NB On-Ramp Improvement	Increase the number of lanes on West Marginal Way S to access 1st Ave Bridge NB on-ramp	2021	Not Started
2	W51	West Seattle Arterial Maintenance	Repair potholes on 35th Ave SW, W Marginal Way SW, SW Delridge Way, SW Holden St	2020	Complete
3	62063	16th Ave SW and SW Holden St Improvements	Add northbound and southbound left turn lanes	2020	Complete
4	W16	16th Ave SW and SW Holden St Improvements	Updated signal timing	2020	Complete
5	W24	Highland Park Home Zone	Limit access to side streets and add traffic calming	2021	Planning
6	W60	8th Ave SW and SW Roxbury St Improvements	Add left turn signal	2021	Planning
7	W27	8th Ave SW and SW Roxbury St Signal Improvements	Update signal timing and add left turn phase	2021	Planning
8	W61	15th Ave SW and SW Roxbury St Improvements	Add SB left turn lane	2021	Planning
9	W25	Delridge Way SW/SW Orchard St Signal Improvements	Update signal timing	2020	Complete
10	W28	Highland Park Way SW and SW Holden St Improvement	Add extra traction on the uphill, SB lane on Highland Park Way SW	2021	Design

# Home Zone

**What is it?** A holistic and cost-effective approach to encouraging slower vehicle speeds and making residential streets more walkable within a neighborhood. Examples:

- Traffic circles
- Speed humps
- Stay Healthy Streets
- Cost-effective walkways
- Activation and beautification
- Treatments coordinated with other City departments



# Additional Improvements

**What is it?** Connecting pedestrians from one area to another safely along and across arterial streets. Examples:

- Sidewalk rehab
- Street trees
- Rapid Flashing Beacons at crosswalks
- Traffic signals
- Transit spot improvements



# Highland Park Home Zones

- Three focus areas with fifteen community representatives were walked through on October 20th and 21st.
  - Riverview Area
  - North Highland Park Area
  - South Highland Park Area



# Home Zone River View - What we heard

- Non-arterial street priorities:
  - Mitigate cut-through traffic coming off SW Holden St
    - 11th Ave SW from SW Portland Riverview Playfield
    - SW Webster from 11th Ave SW to 18th Ave SW
    - 12th Ave SW from SW Webster to SW Holly St
    - East-west streets between 12th Ave SW and 16th Ave SW
  - Walkway and lighting on south side of Riverview Playfield
- Arterial Street priorities:
  - Control speeding and improve pedestrian facilities on Dumar Way SW
  - Improve crossings of SW Holden St



# Home Zone HP North - What we heard

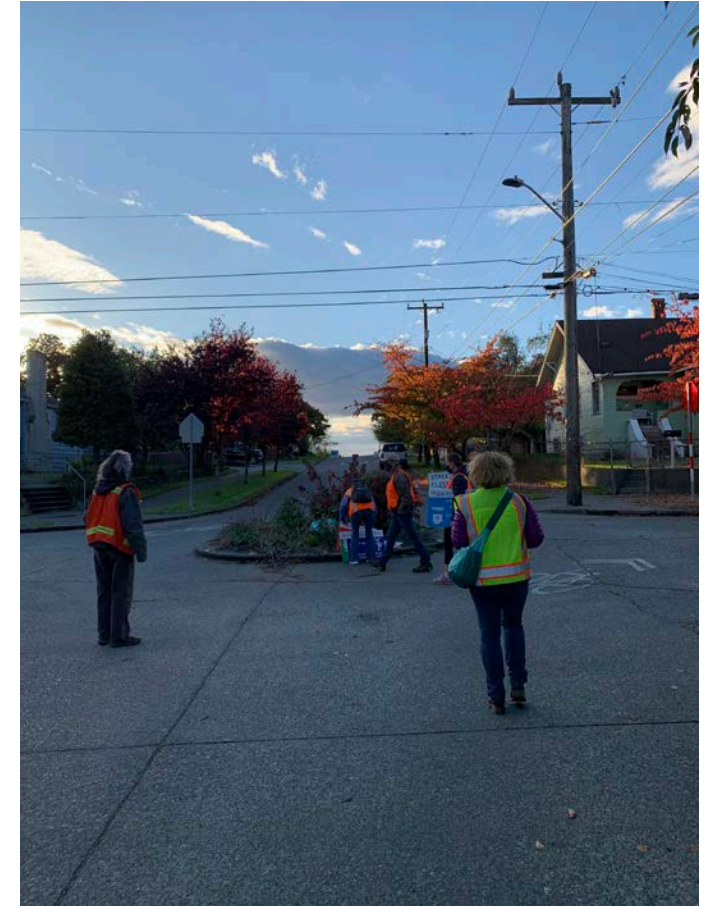
- Non-arterial street priorities:
  - Reduce speeding and cut-through traffic on streets south of SW Holden St
    - SW Thistle St from 17th Ave SW to 10th Ave SW
    - 10th Ave SW from SW Trenton to SW Portland St
    - 14th Ave SW from SW Holden St to SW Thistle St
  - Provide additional pedestrian space on 14th Ave SW
  - Upgrade 10th Ave SW/11th Ave SW to neighborhood greenway
- Arterial Street priority is 9th Ave SW, ped crossings at:
  - SW Portland St, SW Kenyon St, SW Elmgrove St, SW Thistle St





# Home Zone HP South - What we heard

- Non-arterial street priorities:
  - Improve pedestrian environment and reduce speeding and cut-through traffic coming off SW Roxbury St
    - 14th Ave SW between SW Roxbury St and SW Henderson St
    - 15th Ave SW between SW Roxbury St and SW Barton St
    - SW Barton St between 11th Ave SW and 16th Ave SW
    - SW Cambridge St between 12th Ave SW and 16th Ave SW
    - 9th Ave SW between SW Roxbury St and SW Barton St
    - Residential grid east of 8th Ave SW
- Arterial Street Priorities:
  - Improve crossings of SW Henderson St and 8th/9th Ave SW
  - Reduce speeding and improve crossings and lighting on SW Roxbury St



# Next Steps

- **November 2020**
  - Continue to collect neighborhood traffic data.
- **December 2020**
  - SDOT to present draft home zone proposal to HPAC.
  - Collect additional feedback from neighborhood walk representatives and community members.
- **January 2021**
  - Continue project engagement to collect resident feedback.
  - Finalize home zone plan.
- **2021**
  - Implement priority projects.
  - Continue neighborhood collaboration on long-term improvements.
  - SDOT will work with the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD) and other City Departments on to develop an integrated area-wide plan.

# Community Planning in Westwood/Highland Park

## OPCD Community Planning Overview -

A community-informed, place-based and proactive approach to addressing displacement risk, increasing access to opportunity, and maximizing community benefit associated with capital investments.

**Outcome:** *Equitable Development Strategy and Action Plan*

### **Draft** Work Plan Elements

1. **Organize and Partner** - (now through end of year)
2. **Strategy Development with Community** – 2021
3. **Identify Desired Outcomes and Action Plan** – Q1 2022
4. **Implementation** – Q1 2022 and beyond

# Questions / Discussion

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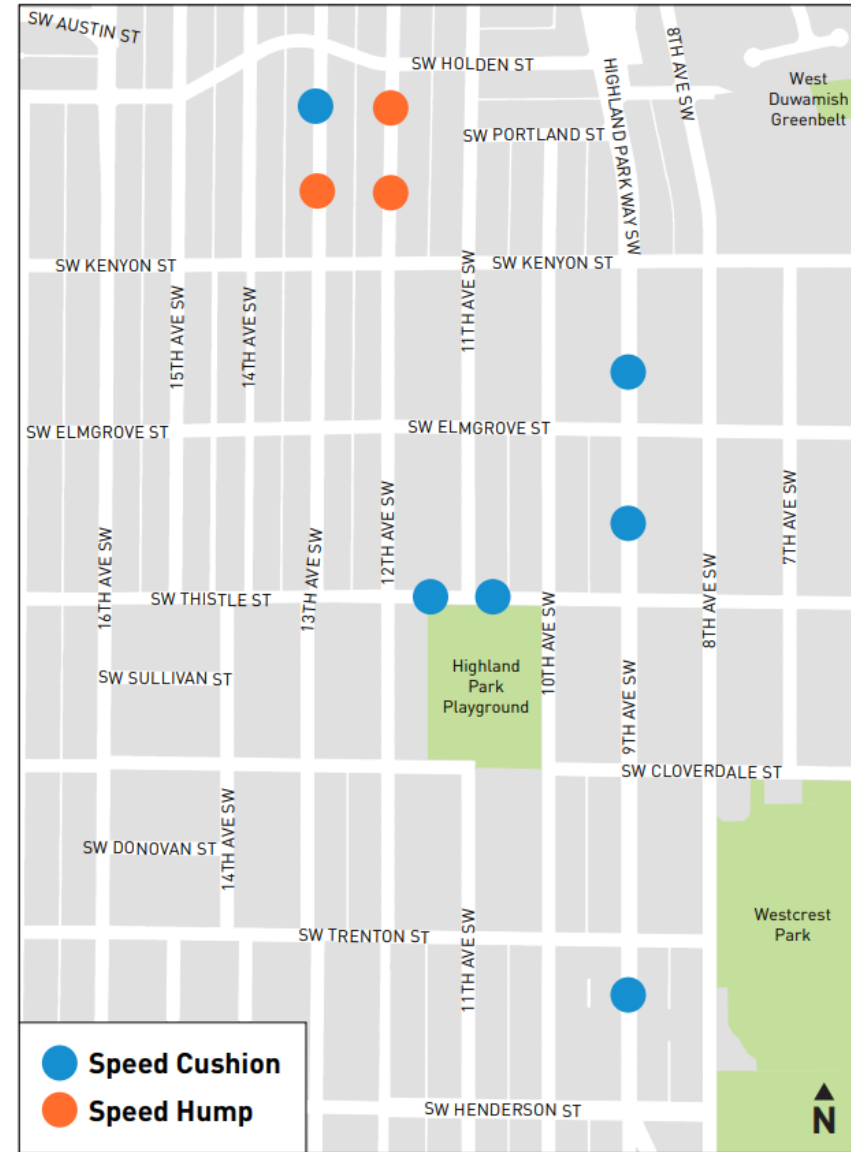


# HIGHLAND PARK WAY SW & SW HOLDEN ST SAFETY PROJECT

We're working to make Highland Park safer for everyone by installing speed humps and cushions to reduce speeds and calm traffic. **This work is expected to start as early as 6/22/2020** and is scheduled to be completed by 2020. Schedule changes are expected due to limited crew resources during the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to follow statewide guidelines to ensure employee safety.

**Speed humps** are designed to slow traffic speeds on low volume, low speed streets. They are a solid hump across the travel lane and are installed near streetlights where they will be visible to people driving and biking.

**Speed cushions** are typically installed where average speeds are 5 mph higher than the speed limit. Speed cushions leave space for emergency vehicles to pass through quickly and are used on designated fire and emergency routes on residential streets.



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2	W51	<b>Repair potholes and other road issues</b> on 35th Ave, W Marginal Way, SW Delridge Way, SW Holden St	
3	62063	<b>Add left-turn lanes</b> for the northbound and southbound directions at 16th Avenue SW and SW Holden Street	
4	W16*	<b>Update signals</b> to address traffic backups at 16th Ave SW and SW Holden	
5	W24	<b>Mitigate difficult turning</b> onto SW Holden St from streets both east and west of Delridge Way	
6	W60	<b>Add a left-hand turn signal</b> at the 8th Ave SW and SW Roxbury St intersection	
7	W27*	<b>Update signals</b> to address traffic backups at 8th Ave SW and SW Roxbury	
8	W61	<b>Restripe the 15th Ave SW and SW Roxbury St</b> to mark a left-hand turn lane	
9	W25	<b>Update signals to address traffic backups</b> at Orchard St. and Delridge Way SW	
10	W28*	<b>Add extra traction</b> on the uphill, southbound lane on Highland Park Way SW approaching the SW Holden St intersection	

# Feedback received

- **Speed concerns.** Community members noted concern with speed at several intersections, calling for modified speeds and signage, and better enforcement throughout the neighborhood. Of specific concern:
  - The speed bumps along 13<sup>th</sup> are causing additional speed concerns
  - SW Barton (community members expressed this area is already busy with pedestrians and vehicles due to the shopping center and Park & Ride, and traffic on the street has gotten worse since it was chosen as a detour route)
  - Webster, near 12<sup>th</sup>
  - 15<sup>th</sup> and Roxbury
  - Highland Park Way SW and SW Holden St intersection
- **Alternative transportation options.** Community members expressed interest in alternative forms of transportation and being part of future conversations around bike route planning and connection routes.
- **Signal timing and pedestrian crossings.** Residents shared a variety of specific suggestions for signal timing and pedestrian crossings in the neighborhood and asked to be involved in future work.
- **Wayfinding recommendations.** Residents recommended:
  - Request for Park & Ride in South Park/Georgetown
  - Consider traffic coming from Myers Way into the neighborhoods
- **Interventions.** Request to move the Stay Healthy Streets on Trenton to Cloverdale or 16<sup>th</sup> and Delridge