

Burke-Gilman Trail “Missing Link” Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

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Project Description

The Burke-Gilman Trail Extension (Missing Link) Project would connect the Burke-Gilman Trail through the Ballard neighborhood, thereby completing the regional facility that otherwise runs continuously from Golden Gardens to Bothell. The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is preparing an EIS to evaluate alternatives and select a preferred route to connect the two segments. (See the map of the Missing Link area on the back side of this sheet.)

Purpose

The purpose is to create a safe, direct, and defined multi-use trail for persons of all abilities, and improve predictability for all motorized and non-motorized users along the project alignment. The project will seek to fulfill related goals of the 2009 Pedestrian Master Plan and the 2013 Seattle Bicycle Master Plan Update, as well as maintain truck and freight facilities and access as outlined in the 2015 Freight Master Plan (under development).



Comments

Citizens commented on potential routes and topics to be covered in the EIS during a scoping meeting held in August 2013. A summary of those comments can be found on the website referenced on the back side.

Public comments on the Draft EIS will be accepted at a public hearing and in writing once it is published.

Viable Alternatives

Potential routes were screened to identify a manageable number of viable alternatives. Criteria used in this selection process included:

- Purpose and need for the connection
- Directness of route
- Number and types of trail crossings (driveways and intersections)
- Street and arterial classifications
- Adjacent land uses
- Right-of-way widths

The back of this fact sheet shows the routes considered, three alternatives that will be evaluated further, and the connections between these alternatives that may possibly be used to combine different options.

EIS Schedule

Below is the general time frame for the EIS:

	2015			2016			
	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4
Three viable routes identified for evaluation in Draft EIS	◆						
Draft EIS available to the public					◆		
Public hearing on Draft EIS						◆	
Final EIS with responses to comments and preferred alternative							◆

