

Seattle Department of Transportation

# Burke-Gilman Trail Missing Link

10/12 Public Event Overview  
October 2017

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## PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Burke-Gilman Trail is one of the most heavily-used walking and bicycling facilities in Seattle. It is a vibrant, 20-mile trail connecting multiple neighborhoods and other City and regional trails. It serves as a major transportation corridor for people riding to work or running errands, as well as providing a space for recreation.

The purpose of the Burke-Gilman Trail Missing Link project is to complete the Burke-Gilman Trail through the Ballard industrial and urban hub neighborhoods to improve safety for all, to support a variety of transportation and recreational uses for people of all ages and abilities, and to preserve freight mobility and access to adjacent properties.

The project has been in development since 2001 following the Seattle City Council's direction to evaluate completing the missing portion of the Burke-Gilman Trail. After many years of planning, stakeholder conversations, and environmental review, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) published a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) in May 2017 which identified a preferred route for the trail. Design of the Missing Link is now moving forward, and the project has reached 60% design.

To engage stakeholders and community members from the Ballard area, SDOT held a second in-person public event to provide opportunity for the public to view the updated design and provide insight on key design features.



Figure 1: Preferred alignment of the Missing Link

## IN-PERSON PUBLIC EVENT OVERVIEW

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### Meeting format

The meeting was an informal and interactive event to allow attendees to:

- View informational boards and the updated corridor design
- Receive a brief presentation by SDOT staff
- Ask questions and provide feedback to SDOT staff and project DAC members
- Provide written comments to SDOT via roll-plot notes and comment cards
- Talk to SPU and SCL staff about their respective projects

### Information presented

- The Missing Link project team is designing a multimodal corridor along SDOT's preferred alignment that is safe for all users and retains access and use for adjacent properties and businesses
- SDOT has reached 60% design and would like to hear community feedback on the updated design, as well as potential design suggestions from members of the Ballard community as well trail users

### Event overview

<b>When</b>	Thursday October 12, 2017 5 – 8 PM
<b>Where</b>	Ballard VFW: 2812 NW Market St Seattle, WA, 98107
<b>Attendance</b>	92 total attendees (56 signed in)
<b>Comments</b>	72 unique comments received

**Audience** Public event attendees were primarily:

- Employees and owners of adjacent businesses
- Individuals of bicycle, pedestrian, and transportation advocacy groups
- Residents of the Ballard neighborhood



*A project team member talks to an attendee at the public event*

## Notifications

The public was directed to the public event in the following ways:

- **Link posted on project webpage** on September 13, 2017
- **Postcard** to 15,893 recipients (in mailboxes by October 3, 2017)
- **SDOT social media posts**
  - Facebook (4,725 followers) on October 10, 11, and 12
  - Twitter (262,000+ followers) on October 5, 10, and 12
- **Email update** to 246 listserv subscribers on October 2 and 9
- **Push signs** at 24 locations along the existing and proposed Burke-Gilman Trail

## Missing Link Design Advisory Committee members

- Warren Aakervik, Freight interests
- Tom Friedman, Pedestrians
- Jennifer Macuiba, Trail users (alternate)
- Blake Trask, Bicycle riders
- Eugene Wasserman, Industrial interests

## Staff

- Maribel Cruz, SDOT
- Louisa Galassini, SDOT
- Mark Mazzola, SDOT
- Peter Trinh, SDOT
- Roque Deherrera, OED
- Richard Fernandez, SPU
- Laura LaBissoniere Miller, PRR
- Dustin DeKoekkoek, Perteet
- Penny Mabie, EnviroIssues
- Kristine Edens, EnviroIssues
- Sophie Cottle, EnviroIssues
- Allan Vann, EnviroIssues
- Chris Themelis, EnviroIssues
- Timothy Croll, SCL