



April 8, 2019

Dear Neighbor,

Since planning for the 35th Ave NE Project began in 2016, we've heard from many people advocating for safer ways to travel in northeast Seattle. Paving on the corridor gave us the opportunity to redesign the street to better organize the space. We proposed a design that included bike lanes consistent with recommendations from the Bike Master Plan adopted by City Council in 2014. However, because of the limited street width in much of the corridor, we were only able to fit a protected bike lane on one side of the street while accommodating existing frequent transit service and maintaining some parking for businesses and residents.

New design on 35th Ave NE

In response to the feedback we heard about the design, we have made the tough decision to move forward with a new design, which includes 1 travel lane in each direction, a center turn lane (north of 65th) and parking maintained on the east side of the street (between NE 47th and NE 85th streets). See enclosure for more information.

We've consistently heard the following shared goals from the community: improve pedestrian crossings, calm traffic, and reduce aggressive driving. Compared to the street today, the new design for 35th will help us address those issues, while not precluding future bike connections or other changes to the street. We've seen decreased vehicle speeds and decreased collision rates on streets with 1 lane in each direction and a center turn lane. Examples include NE 75th St, NE 125th St, and Nickerson St.

We're also committed to making enhancements to the 39th Ave NE greenway and continuing our work to improve bike connections in the area with the new NE 68th St greenway. We've also heard requests from the community for additional enhancements along the corridor, which we'll continue to evaluate.

Learn more

We're hosting a drop-in session where you can learn more about the new design and how 35th will operate in the future. This will be an open house event with no formal presentation so please join us at whatever time is most convenient for you. We'll have informational boards and staff available to answer your questions.

35TH AVE NE PROJECT DROP-IN SESSION

Wednesday, April 24

3 – 7 PM

Ravenna-Eckstein Community Center, 6535 Ravenna Ave NE, Seattle

Translation services and accommodations available if requested one week in advance. Can't attend the event? Visit our website for additional information.

Next steps

We are moving forward to implement this new design in order to improve safety on the corridor. Crews plan to complete the final paving work in April with striping anticipated in May. Following construction, we'll review how things are working on the street, including conducting a speed study.

We hope to see you at our event on April 24. If you have questions or concerns in the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely,

35th Ave NE Project Team
Seattle Department of Transportation

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