

Seattle Department of Transportation

# Burke-Gilman Trail Missing Link

Segment Workshop Overview  
June - July 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 Missing Link project is to complete the Burke-Gilman Trail through the Ballard industrial and urban hub neighborhoods to create a complete trail that is safe, maintains access to adjacent properties, and improves corridor mobility for all users, including pedestrians, cars, trucks, and bikes.

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. The Missing Link is now moving forward, and the project is currently in the design phase.

In order to engage business and property owners adjacent to SDOT’s preferred alignment in early design work, the project team held a series of “segment workshops.” These in-person workshops allowed stakeholders to share their experiences, highlight opportunity and challenge areas, and provide insight on key design features.



Figure 1: Preferred alignment of the Missing Link with segments highlighted

## SEGMENT WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

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### Meeting format

The workshops served as informal and interactive opportunities for adjacent property and business owners to:

- View informational boards and maps about the project and early design
- Receive a brief presentation by SDOT staff (three presentation times were offered)
- Ask questions and provide feedback to SDOT and SPU staff and project Design Advisory Committee (DAC) members
- Provide written comments to SDOT via roll-plot notes, comment cards, and flipcharts

### Presented information

- 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 is in the early design phase and is interested in learning more about local perceptions of route conditions and potential design suggestions from adjacent property and business owners

### Workshop overview

Overall, the three segment workshops brought in **85 unique attendees** who provided SDOT with **130 unique comments**

<b>Segment 1</b>	<b>Ballard Locks to NW 24th Ave</b>
	<b>When</b> Tuesday June 27, 2017, 3 – 6 PM
	<b>Where</b> Ballard VFW: 2812 NW Market St, Seattle, WA
	<b>Attendance</b> 37 people signed in
	<b>Comments</b> 55 comments received
<b>Segment 2</b>	<b>Shilshole Ave NW</b>
	<b>When</b> Tuesday June 29, 2017, 3 – 6 PM
	<b>Where</b> Ballard VFW: 2812 NW Market St, Seattle, WA
	<b>Attendance</b> 31 people signed in
	<b>Comments</b> 58 comments received
<b>Segment 3</b>	<b>NW 45th St</b>
	<b>When</b> Tuesday July 11, 2017, 3 – 6 PM
	<b>Where</b> Seattle Maritime Academy: 4455 Shilshole Ave NW, Seattle, WA
	<b>Attendance</b> 11 people signed in
	<b>Comments</b> 17 comments received

## Audience

Segment workshop attendees were primarily property owners, business owners, or employees of adjacent businesses. Some individuals associated with bicycle, pedestrian, and transportation advocacy groups also attended.

## Notifications

Stakeholders were directed to the segment workshops in the following ways:

- **Property Owner Surveys** to 87 unique business and property owners along the preferred alignment
- **Announcement posted on project webpage** on June 15, 2017
- **Postcard** to 250 recipients (in mailboxes by June 20, 2017)
- **Email updates** to 171 listserv subscribers on June 23, July 6 and 18, 2017

## Missing Link Design Advisory Committee (DAC) members

- Warren Aakervik, Freight interests
- Tom Friedman, Pedestrians
- Davidya Kasperzyk, Trail users
- Armand MacMurray, Ballard residents
- Jennifer Macuiba, Trail users (alternate)
- Eric Nelson, Cultural and historic interests
- Graham Pruss, Community representative for the unhoused community
- Blake Trask, Bicycle riders
- Eugene Wasserman, Industrial interests

## Staff

- Maribel Cruz, SDOT
- Louisa Galassini, SDOT
- Jill Macik, SDOT
- Mark Mazzola, SDOT
- Peter Trinh, SDOT
- Lorelei Williams, SDOT
- Roque Deherrera, OED
- Hermanus Steyn, Kittelson & Associates
- Andrew Royer, SPU
- Dylan Menes, SPU
- Richard Fernandez, SPU
- Joelle Torre, SPU
- Kristine Edens, EnviroIssues
- Penny Mabie, EnviroIssues
- Nathan Yale, EnviroIssues
- Chris Themelis, EnviroIssues
- Brett Watson, EnviroIssues