



**Martin Luther King Jr. Way S**  
Protected Bike Lane Project

# Our vision, mission, and core values

**Vision:** Seattle is a thriving equitable community powered by dependable transportation

**Mission:** to deliver a transportation system that provides safe and affordable access to places and opportunities

Committed to **6 core values:**

- Equity
- Safety
- Mobility
- Sustainability
- Livability
- Excellence

# Presentation overview

- Background
- Project Area
- Existing Conditions
- Alternatives
- Next Steps



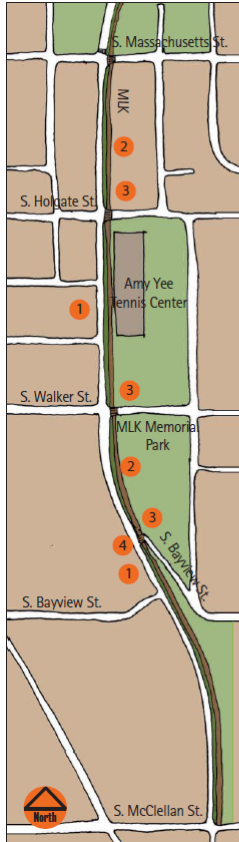
# Background

- Identified as an important Southeast Seattle connection during 2019 outreach for **Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Plan**
- MLK Way has high rates of **speeding and collisions** compared to other parts of the city
- This project is funded by the **Vision Zero** program to address existing safety issues and provide an important bike connection



# Previous Proposals

## 2008 Southeast Transportation Study



### Proposed

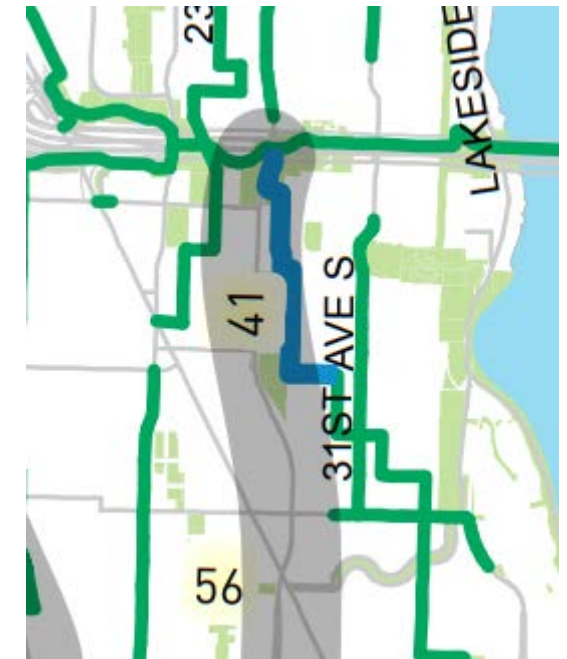
Construct a pedestrian/bicycle facility along the east side of MLK connecting to the Mountains to Sound I-90 multi-use trail, MLK bicycle lanes (to the north), MLK Memorial Park, Amy Yee Tennis Center, and Mt. Baker Station (to the south).

- 1 Reduce the street roadway on MLK from five lanes to three lanes, matching the lane configuration to the north.
- 2 Convert the right-of-way underutilized for vehicular traffic to open space including natural drainage features and a multi-use pedestrian/bicycle facility.
- 3 On the east side of MLK at S. Holgate St, S. Walker St, and S. Bayview St, provide raised crossings to increase motorists' awareness of the trail.
- 4 Reduce the width of the crossing on the east side of MLK at Bayview by realigning Bayview to intersect MLK at a right angle.

## 2015 Accessible Mt. Baker Concept

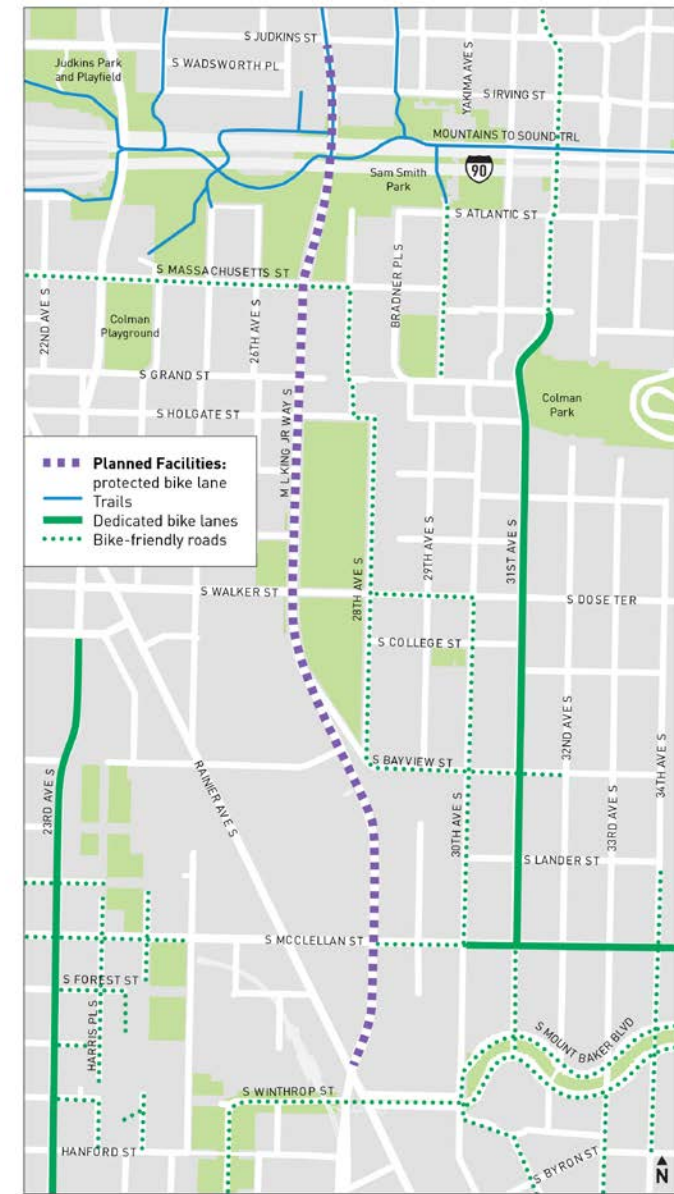


## 2019 Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Plan



# Project Area and Connections

- Mt. Baker and Judkins Park light rail stations
- Accessible Mt. Baker vision
- Destinations along MLK
- North: Continue on MLK or take Central Area Greenway
- East: Mt. Baker Tunnel to regional trail network
- South: Study continuation on MLK
- West: To downtown via trail or greenways

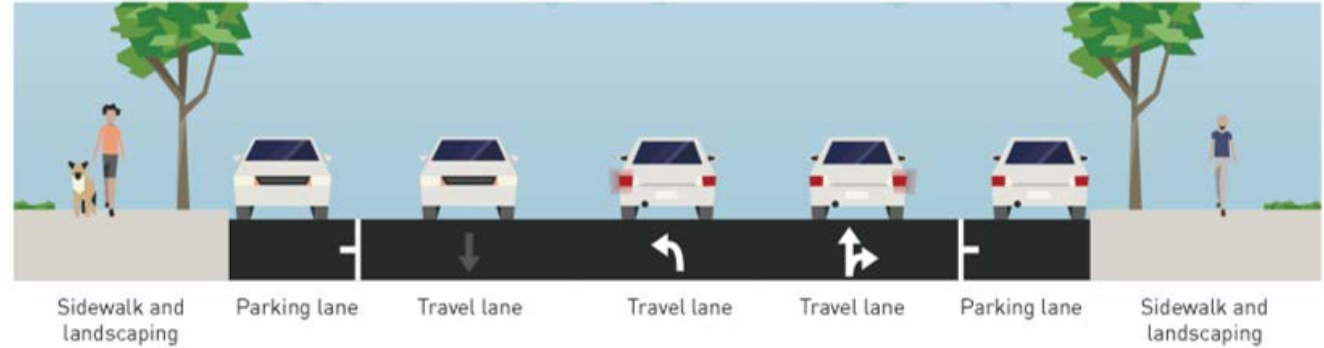


# Existing conditions

## Residential Context

(S Judkins St to S Holgate St)  
3 lanes, parking on both sides

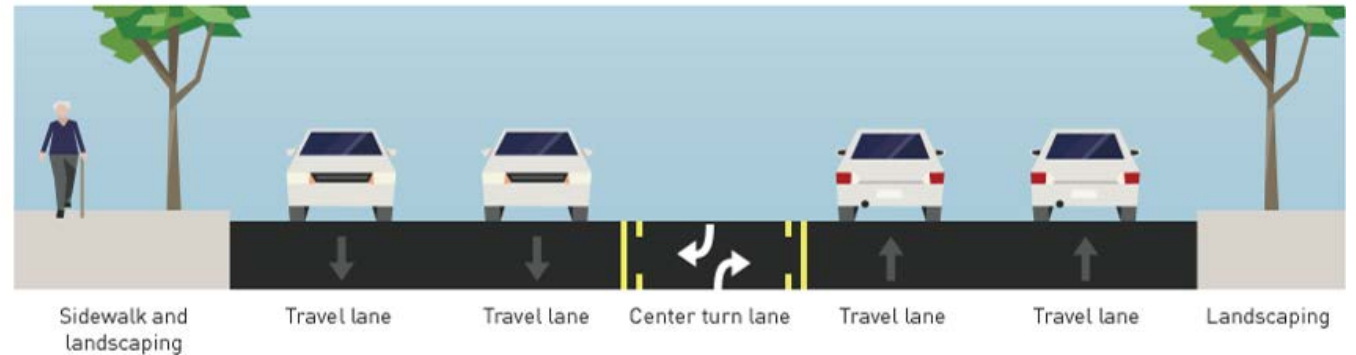
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## Arterial Context

(S Holgate St to Rainier Ave S)  
5 lanes, no parking

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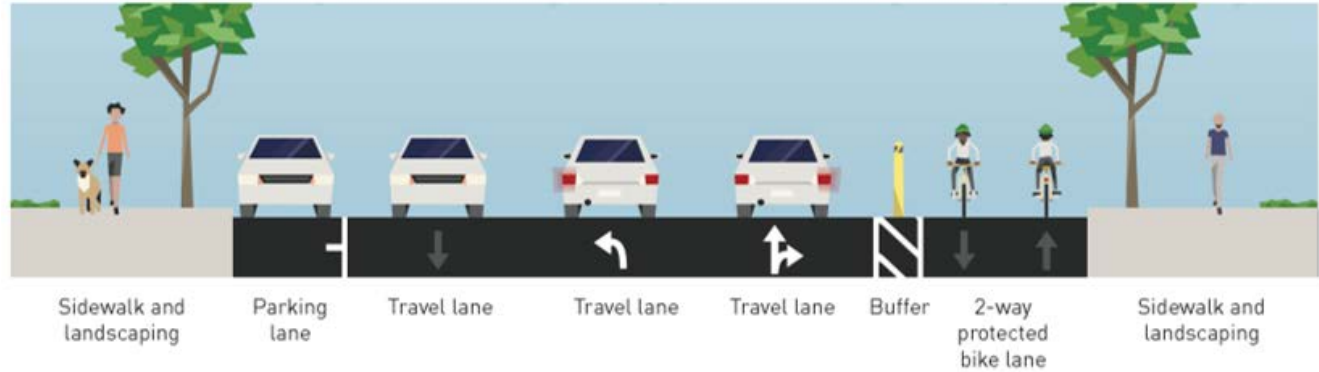


# Alternative 1: 2-way PBL on east side

## Residential Context

(S Judkins St to S Holgate St)  
3 lanes, parking on west side

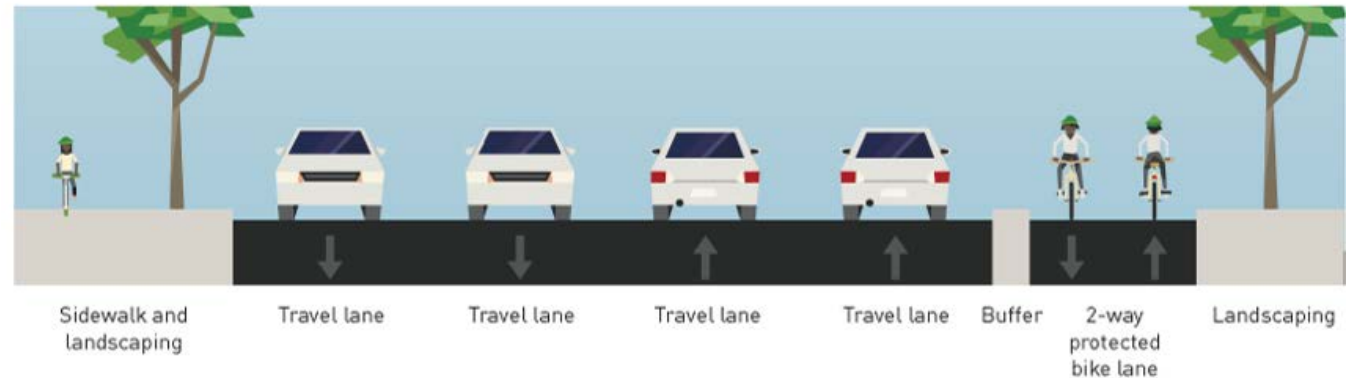
RESIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVE 1: PROTECTED BIKE LANE ON EAST SIDE



## Arterial Context

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BUSINESS ALTERNATIVE 1: PROTECTED BIKE LANE ON EAST SIDE



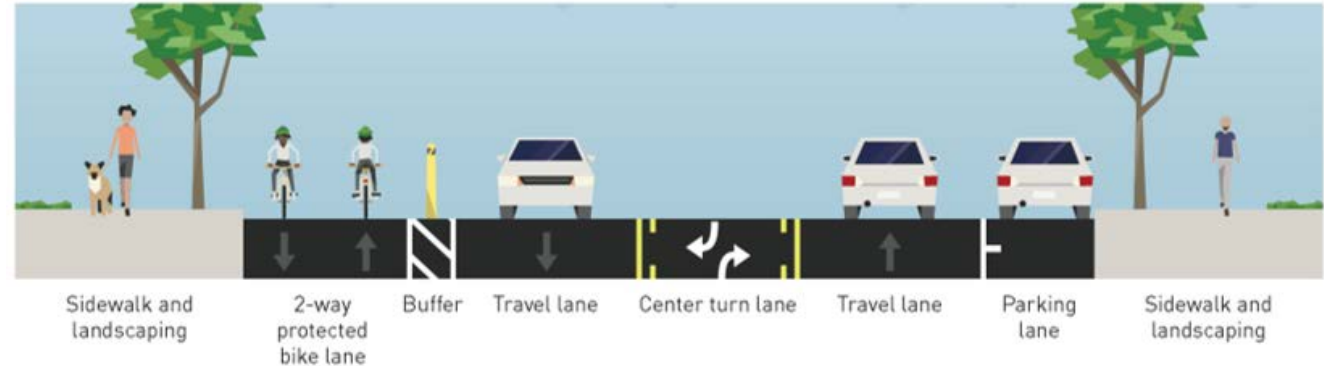


# Alternative 2: 2-way PBL on west side

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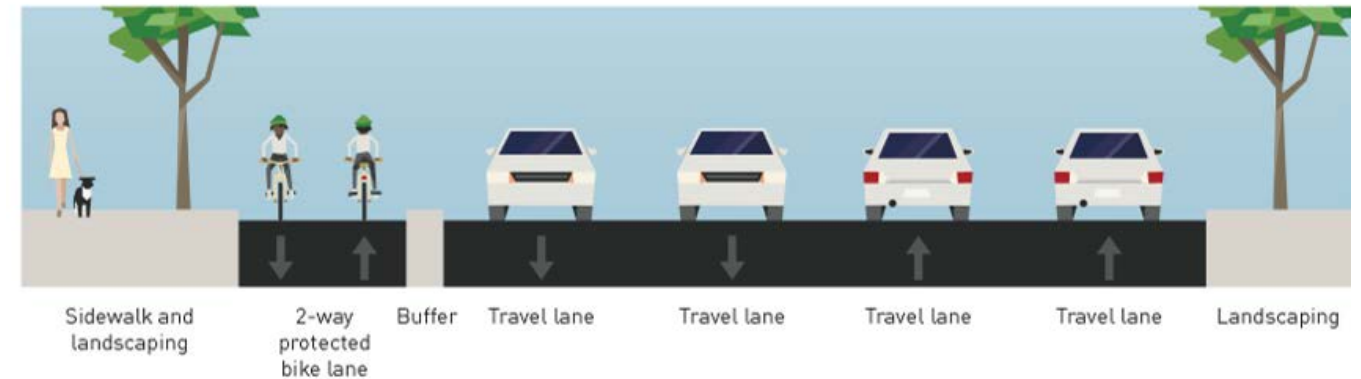
RESIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVE 2: PROTECTED BIKE LANE ON WEST SIDE



## Arterial Context

(S Holgate St to Rainier Ave S)  
4 lanes, no parking

BUSINESS ALTERNATIVE 2: PROTECTED BIKE LANE ON WEST SIDE

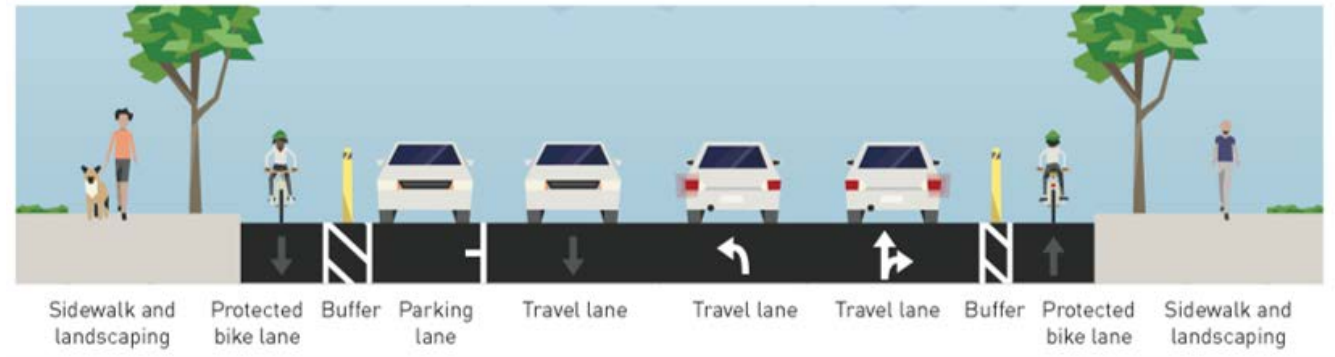


# Alternative 3: PBLs on both sides

## Residential Context

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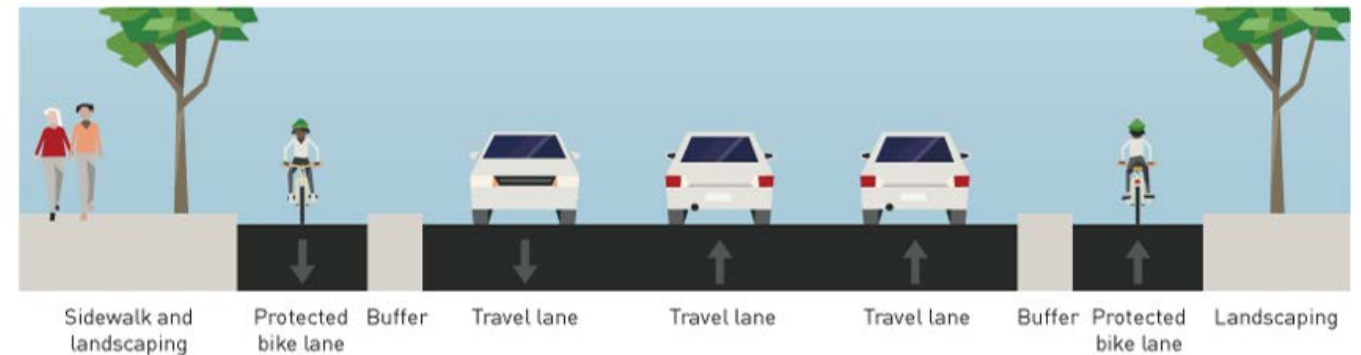
RESIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVE 3: PROTECTED BIKE LANES ON BOTH SIDES



## Arterial Context

(S Holgate St to Rainier Ave S)  
3 lanes, no parking

BUSINESS ALTERNATIVE 3: PROTECTED BIKE LANES ON BOTH SIDES



# Alternatives

## Alternative 1 (East 2-Way)

- + Could fill block of missing sidewalk
- + Best access to parks
- Requires new signals
- Least access to destinations west of MLK

## Alternative 2 (West 2-Way)

- + Accessible Mt. Baker
- + Fewest driveway crossings
- Requires new signals
- Most impact to traffic and transit at signals

## Alternative 3 (One-Way)

- + Community preference to date
- + Most affordable
- Most bus stops

# Next steps

Date	Activity/action
May 2020	Select Preferred Alternative
Summer 2020	Develop 30% Design
Fall 2020	Finalize 30% design
2023	Construction

# Questions?

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