



WESTLAKE Protected Bike Lane

Design and construction outreach summary

Updated December 23, 2016

Overview

The Westlake Cycle Track project began in fall 2013 and attracted hundreds of attendees to project open houses and community meetings. Project design was overseen by a Design Advisory Committee, composed of representatives of local businesses, residents, freight, bicycle, and pedestrian communities. Throughout the planning process, the Seattle Department of Transportation got to know the people who live, work, and commute along the corridor, and gained a better understanding of the unique needs of water-dependent businesses.

With a wide variety of community input built into the design, the Westlake protected bike lane helped create a safer, more comfortable corridor for people walking, biking, and driving. Bike ridership doubled in the area compared to the year before and 90% of the parking was preserved.

The tables below show all our outreach activities through design and construction.

Design outreach (fall 2013 to summer 2015)

Our community engagement during planning and design included **3** open houses (ranging from 350-450 attendees), **2** online surveys, **12** meetings with a Design Advisory Committee, dozens of briefings with community groups and community members, and ongoing communication through the project hotline and email.

SDOT reviewed 10 design proposals and several alignment options submitted by community members. We also recorded over **1,500** comments across phone calls, emails, surveys, and open house comment forms. Finally, we hosted **5** community roundtables ranging from 15-25 attendees in a “charrette” style to give project neighbors and businesses the opportunity to dig deeper into the design and parking management plans.

Design Advisory Committee members:

Member Name	Interest Represented
Warren Aakervik	Freight interests
Martha Aldridge	Lake Union Park users
Andrew Austin	Non-vehicular commuters
Devor Barton	Pedestrian interests
Karen Braitmayer	Westlake Ave North business owners
Dave Chappelle	Lake Union floating home and live-aboard residents

Thomas Goldstein	Cascade Bicycle Club
Amalia Leighton	Transportation Engineer
Sarah McGray	Bicycle interests
John Meyer	Air/water transportation/tourism
Martin Nelson	Westlake Stakeholders Group
Peter Schrappen	Lake Union marina operator and boat moorage tenants
Cam Strong	Westlake Stakeholders Group

Outreach activities during planning and design:

Date/Time	Location	Description
Sept. 4, 2013	Seattle City Hall, Room L-280	Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board
Oct. 22, 2013	National Sign Building 1255 Westlake Ave N	Listening Session: Business/neighborhood groups
Oct. 22, 2013	Seattle Municipal Tower	Listening Session: Bicycle groups
Oct. 23, 2013	Seattle Municipal Tower	Listening Session: Pedestrian groups
Oct. 28, 2013	B.F. Day Elementary School 3921 Linden Ave N	Public Open House Fact Sheet Exhibit Boards Presentation Comment Summary
March 3, 2014	History House of Greater Seattle 790 N 34th St	Lake Union District Council Briefing
March 5, 2014	Seattle City Hall, Room L-280	Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board
March 18, 2014	Seattle City Hall, Room L-280	Seattle Freight Advisory Board
March 24, 2014	MOHAI 860 Terry Ave N	Design Advisory Committee Meeting #1 Agenda Presentation Meeting summary
April 7, 2014	MOHAI 860 Terry Ave N	Design Advisory Committee Meeting #2 Agenda Presentation Business and Resident Survey results Design memos: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing Conditions and Design Criteria summary and memo Traffic Circulation summary and memo Parking Utilization summary and memo Business and Resident Survey results Meeting summary
April 15, 2014	Commercial Marine	Commercial Marine Briefing

April 21, 2014	MOHAI 860 Terry Ave N	Design Advisory Committee Meeting #3 Agenda Presentation Concept A Concept B Meeting summary
May 12, 2014	MOHAI 860 Terry Ave N	Design Advisory Committee Meeting #3B Agenda Presentation Meeting summary
May 21, 2014	Fremont Studios, 155 N 35th St	Public Open House Fact Sheet Exhibit Boards Corridor Segments Presentation Comment Summary Compiled Written Comments Compiled Segment Map Comments
May 28, 2014	NBBJ offices 223 Yale Ave	South Lake Union Community Council – Planning & Policy Committee
June 9, 2014	MOHAI 860 Terry Ave N	Design Advisory Committee Meeting #4 Agenda Presentation Business and Resident Survey summary Roundtable document Corridor segment maps Meeting summary
June 23, 2014	MOHAI 860 Terry Ave N	Design Advisory Committee Meeting #5 Agenda Presentation Open House Comment Summary All open house comments 11x17 comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Segment 1 • Segment 2 • Segment 3 • Segment 4 • Segment 5 Meeting summary
June 26, 2014	China Harbor, 2040 Westlake Ave N	Westlake Stakeholders Group Briefing
July 10, 2014	Doric Temple, 619 N. 36th St	Fremont Neighborhood Council Briefing
July 14, 2014	Westlake Corridor	Westlake Stakeholders briefing

July 14, 2014	Westlake Corridor	Design Advisory Committee corridor tour Tour summary
July 28, 2014	MOHAI 860 Terry Ave N	Design Advisory Committee Meeting #6 Agenda Presentation Moorage Survey summary Meeting summary
Aug. 5, 2014	AGC Building 1200 Westlake Ave N	Sound-end Community Roundtable
Aug. 8, 2014	South Lake Union	South Lake Union Block Party booth
Aug. 11, 2014	Electric Boat Company 2046 Westlake Ave N	North-end Resident Roundtable
Aug. 14, 2014	Nautical Landing 2500 Westlake Ave N	North-end Business Roundtable
Aug. 25, 2014	MOHAI 860 Terry Ave N	Design Advisory Committee Meeting #7 Agenda Presentation Community Roundtable summary Moorage Survey summary - Update Meeting summary
Sept. 18, 2014	AGC Building 1200 Westlake Ave N	South-end stakeholder meeting
Sept. 22, 2014	Railroad Park Westlake Ave N	Railroad Park stakeholder meeting
Sept. 29, 2014	Seattle Municipal Tower	North-end stakeholder meeting
Sept. 30, 2014	MOHAI 860 Terry Ave N	Design Advisory Committee Meeting #8 Agenda Presentation Meeting summary Sidewalk Alignment maps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driveway 1-5 • Driveway 5-9 • Driveway 9-14
Oct. 9, 2014	AGC Building 1200 Westlake Ave N	Parking Management Roundtable #1 Presentation Summary August Parking Study
Oct. 14, 2014	Boathouse Deli 1818 Westlake Avenue N	Central area loading needs drop-in session
Oct. 17, 2014	Nautical Landing 2500 Westlake Ave N	North-end loading needs meetings
Oct. 22, 2014	Fremont Studios 155 N 35th St	Public Open House Fact Sheet Exhibit Boards Community Proposals and SDOT Responses

		August 2014 Parking Study Corridor Segments Presentation Comment Form Comment Summary
Nov. 3, 2014	Nautical Landing 2500 Westlake Ave N	Parking Management Roundtable #2 Presentation Summary
Nov. 19, 2014	Swedish Club 1920 Dexter Ave N	Design Advisory Committee Meeting #9 Agenda Presentation Meeting summary Cycle track alignment maps Open House comment summary Parking Roundtable #2 summary
Dec. 9, 2014	China Harbor 2040 Westlake Ave N	Driveways 9-10 access needs meetings
Jan. 26, 2015	North end of corridor	Fuel truck operations meeting
Feb. 2, 2015	Nautical Landing 2500 Westlake Ave N	North-end stakeholder meeting
March 4, 2015	Swedish Club 1920 Dexter Ave N	Design Advisory Committee Meeting #10 Agenda Presentation Meeting summary
April 8, 2015	Western Yacht Harbor 2412 Westlake Ave N	Corridor stakeholder meeting
April 8, 2015	AGC Building 1200 Westlake Ave N	South-end stakeholder meeting
April 28, 2015	Seattle Municipal Tower	North-end stakeholder meeting
April 29, 2015	Seattle Municipal Tower	Corridor stakeholder meeting
May 4, 2015	Railroad Park Westlake Ave N	Railroad Park stakeholder meeting
June 2, 2015	Swedish Club 1920 Dexter Ave N	Design Advisory Committee Meeting #11 Agenda Presentation Westlake Cycle Track channelization plans Westlake Cycle Track roll plot Meeting summary

Construction outreach (winter 2015-fall 2016)

Project construction began in January 2016. SDOT launched the construction process with a preconstruction drop-in session on the corridor so businesses and residents could meet the contractor, view final plans, and review a high-level construction schedule.

Once construction began, SDOT sent weekly email updates, met with project neighbors, delivered flyers, posted detour signs, “businesses are open” signs, and No Park notices on vehicle dashboards, and provided ongoing communication through the project hotline and email. We logged over **800** communications total during **9 months** of construction, averaging approximately **20** calls, emails, or in-person meetings per week.

Outreach activities during construction:

Date/Time	Location	Description
Nov. 2015	Westlake businesses	In-person preconstruction surveys
Nov. 19, 2015	AGC Building 1200 Westlake Ave N	Construction drop-in session Fact Sheet Exhibit Boards
March 11, 2016	Construction work zone near Nautical Landing	Stakeholder meeting to discuss Phase 2 construction
April 29, 2016	AGC Building 1200 Westlake Ave N	Stakeholder meeting to discuss upcoming Phase 3 of construction
May 26, 2016	AGC Building 1200 Westlake Ave N	Project team met with AGC building owner, David D'Hondt to discuss charter bus loading and Starbucks access
June 1, 2016	AGC Building 1200 Westlake Ave N	Stakeholder meeting to discuss upcoming Highland Drive closure
July 1, 2016	Railroad Park	Project team met with Railroad Park neighbors to discuss construction and design
Aug. 24, 2016	China Harbor 1200 Westlake Ave N	Project team met with owners of Westlake businesses - Electric Boat Co., China Harbor and Safe N' Sound Swimming – to discuss ongoing parking concerns during construction
Sept. 15, 2016	Lake Union Park	Opening celebration
Sept. 29, 2016	China Harbor 1200 Westlake Ave N	Project team met with owners of Westlake businesses - Electric Boat Co., China Harbor and Safe N' Sound Swimming – to discuss ongoing parking concerns during construction
Jan.- Sept. 2016	Project listserv and website	Weekly construction updates to listserv of approx. 1,600 people and project website