

December 18, 2018

Dear Neighbor,

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) is preparing to make seismic improvements to the 8th Ave NW Bridge between NW 132nd St and NW 137th St. This work will reduce the bridge's vulnerability to seismic events. We are in final design for these seismic improvements. Construction will begin as soon as spring 2019.

Project description

Seismic events, like earthquakes, could have a significant detrimental effect on Seattle's infrastructure. To address seismic risks to city infrastructure, the City of Seattle established a bridge seismic retrofit program to assess the seismic vulnerability of the City's bridges and to prioritize limited funding to reduce this transportation infrastructure vulnerability.

As part of the Levy to Move Seattle (www.seattle.gov/transportation/about-sdot/funding/levy-to-move-seattle), 16 bridges were selected for seismic retrofits, including the 8th Ave NW Bridge. The 8th Ave NW Bridge is an older bridge built in 1950 prior to the modernization of the seismic design code. The planned seismic retrofits include several modifications to seismically strengthen existing bridge components and reduce overall vulnerability during a seismic event.

Your feedback requested!

We are developing our construction approach to retrofit the bridge next summer. We will finalize our decision by considering factors such as technical feasibility, efficiency, feasibility, cost, and community impact. We are requesting your input to help us understand how you currently use the 8th Ave NW bridge and to hear your thoughts about our proposed construction approach.

Our **proposed construction approach** prioritizes completing the work as quickly as possible, in approximately **5-6 months**. This requires a complete closure of the bridge to all travelers, including those walking and biking, to provide sufficient space to move equipment during construction and a safe work area. While the detour route has not yet been determined, it would likely use nearby streets such as 3rd Ave NW to NW 137th St to access homes north of the 8th Ave NW bridge.

Type in the following web address in your browser to take the survey:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/8thavenwbridge

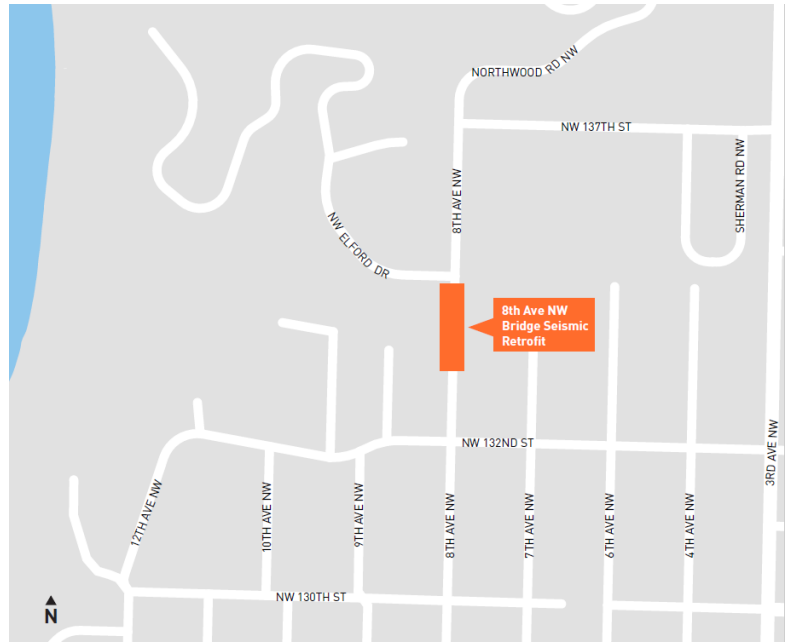
**Please complete the survey no later than
January 4, 2019**

Thank you for providing your input! The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Please complete the survey online by typing the following web address into your browser:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8thavenwbridge>

Please complete the survey no later than January 4, 2019 so we can hear your thoughts about our construction approach to these construction impacts.

Stay informed

- **Visit our webpage:**
<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/projects-and-programs/programs/bridges-stairs-and-other-structures/bridges/8th-ave-nw-bridge-seismic-improvements-project>
- **Email us:** 8thAveNWBridge@seattle.gov
- **Call us:** (206) 775-8734



8th Ave NW Bridge Project Map

We are looking forward to working with you and your community throughout this project. Please feel free to reach out to us with questions or concerns anytime.

Sincerely,

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