



City of Seattle

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Department of Transportation

Scott Kubly, Director

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Dear Neighbor,

We're reaching out to provide an update on the NE 70th St and I-5 Crossing Improvements project proposed in your neighborhood.

Our goal with this project is to improve safety and predictability for people walking, biking and driving on this east-west overpass connecting the Roosevelt and Green Lake neighborhoods. This includes the installation of protected bike lanes (PBLs) on NE 70th from 6th Ave NE to 12th Ave NE. Between 6th Ave NE and 8th Ave NE, there will be PBLs on both sides of NE 70th St (see Early Design Concept on reverse side).

Between 8th Ave NE and 12th Ave NE, we considered two options for the protected bike lane (see Options Considered below).

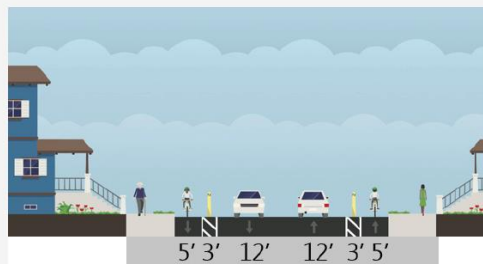
Options Considered

**Preferred
Option:
Option 2**



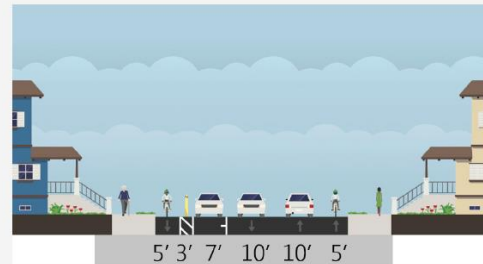
OPTION 1:

Protected bike lanes installed on both sides of the street and parking is removed



OPTION 2:

Protected bike lane is installed in one direction only and parking is consolidated to one side of the street



Facing west

Of the two options considered, we are proposing Option 2, which consolidates parking and the PBL (eastbound) on the south side of the street.

In making this decision, we studied NE 70th St between 8th Ave NE and 12th Ave NE, with a focus on parking availability and use:

- **Parking counts:** We conducted five parking counts to determine how parking is used during the day, overnight, and on weekends (see table below). We learned that on-street parking on NE 70th St and on adjacent streets in the neighborhood is highly utilized, with higher use occurring on weekends and overnight. We also determined that there is enough capacity in the project corridor to accommodate the consolidation of parking on one side of NE 70th St.

Time	NE 70th St Parking Use
Weekday Daytime	50% - 88%
Weekends	71% - 100%
Overnight	71% - 100%

- **Loading and accessibility:** We identified, and confirmed the need for, existing load zones and accessible parking spaces
- **Public input:** We asked about your preferences and how you use NE 70th St. We also heard that many of you would like to maintain at least some parking along NE 70th St between 8th Ave NE and 12th Ave NE. Based on the input we received, people were evenly split between the presented parking options. Thus, we chose the option that preserved the most parking while meeting the corridor's loading and accessibility needs.

Thank you for your emails and suggestions for the project. As design moves forward and we near construction, we'll be back in touch with a schedule and to share final plans. We are continuing to take feedback, so feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. To learn more, visit the project's webpage:

www.seattle.gov/transportation/NSFNE70overpass.htm

The project team will also be at the NE 65th Vision Zero Project Neighborhood Transportation Forum on May 18. Please join us at this event to learn about and provide comment on this and other projects in the neighborhood:

NE 65th Vision Zero Project Neighborhood Transportation Forum

Thursday, May 18, 6 – 7:30 PM

Roosevelt High School Commons

Sincerely,

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Early Design Concept - NE 70th St and I-5 Crossing Improvements

