

# NE 70TH ST AND I-5 CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS

**FACT SHEET** 

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# **PROJECT BACKGROUND**

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) will make improvements along NE 70th St between 6th Ave NE and 12th Ave NE to improve safety for people walking, biking and driving on this east-west overpass connecting the Roosevelt and Green Lake neighborhoods.

The NE 70th St and I-5 Crossing project was one of 12 selected by the Levy to Move Seattle Oversight Committee to be funded through the SDOT's Neighborhood Street Fund (NSF) program. The NSF program funds projects requested by the community. This funding is allocated toward the installation of crossing improvements and a protected bike lane (PBL) on NE 70th between 6th Ave NE and 8th Ave NE. This project is scheduled for construction and completion in 2018.

Seattle's Bicycle Master Plan Implementation Plan for 2017 proposes to extend these PBLs from 8th Ave NE to 12th Ave NE to connect to the bike lane on 12th Ave NE and east of 12th Ave NW where NE 70th St turns into a calm, residential street.

#### **PROJECT ELEMENTS**

- A new all-way stop at the intersection of NE 70th St and 8th Ave NE
- New curb bulbs and ramps at 6th Ave NE and 8th Ave NE
- A painted walkway on the north side of the I-5 overpass
- Protected bike lanes in both directions between 6th Ave NE and 8th Ave NE
- Protected bike lane between 8th Ave NE and 12th Ave NE.



Looking west on NE 70th St toward 6th Ave NE



#### **BENEFITS**

- Predictability for all travelers as they move through the NE 70th St and 8th Ave NE intersection
- Improved safety for people walking by making them more visible and reducing crossing distances
- New walkway between 6th Ave NE and 8th Ave NE will provide a continuous sidewalk network on the north side of the street
- Separation between people biking and driving over the overpass will improve safety

## PROJECT INFORMATION AND CONTACT

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#### **EARLY DESIGN OPTION**



# OPTIONS FOR PROTECTED BIKE LANES ON NE 70TH ST BETWEEN 8TH AVE NE AND 12TH AVE NE

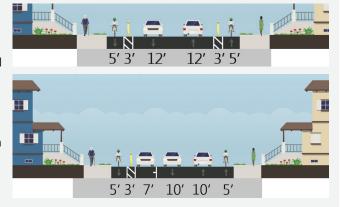
We considered two options for the protected bike lane (PBL). We are proposing to install Option 2, which consolidates parking and the PBL (eastbound) on the south side of the street. In making this decision, we considered public input, and studied NE 70th between 8th Ave NE and 12th Ave NE, with a focus on parking availability and use. More information on how this decision was made can be found on the project webpage.

**OPTION 1:** Protected bike lanes installed on both sides of the street and parking is removed

#### **OPTION 2:**

#### PREFERRED OPTION

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



### **SCHEDULE**

| 2016                                   | 2017           | 2018                 | 2019                 |
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| NSF applications and project selection |                |                      |                      |
|  | Project design |                      |                      |
|  |                | Project construction |                      |
|  |                |                      | NSF applications and |

# **SCHEDULE AND FUNDING**

Funding comes from the 2015 voter-approved, nine-year Levy to Move Seattle which will improve safety for all travelers, maintain streets and bridges, and invest in reliable, affordable travel options for a growing city. The levy includes \$24 million to continue the Neighborhood Street Fund program over the nine years.

# **STAY INVOLVED!**

We are committed to keeping you informed throughout the life of the project and will be engaging with the community in multiple ways. Feel free to contact us and be on the lookout for more information.

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