

NE 65th St Vision Zero Project

December 21, 2017

Drop-in Sessions Summary

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Overview

NE 65th St is an arterial that moves people and goods throughout northeast Seattle. Since 2012, there have been 3 fatalities, 1 serious injury, and 231 collisions along this busy corridor between NE Ravenna Blvd and 39th Ave NE. Seattle is committed to [Vision Zero](#), our plan to end traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2030.

During the second week of December, 2017, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) hosted two public drop-in sessions at Broadcast Coffee (6515 Roosevelt Way NE). Three SDOT project team members were present at each session to provide information on the current design plans to attendees. Each session was two hours.

The drop-in sessions were designed as informal sessions at an accessible, local destination where residents, business owners, and members of the community could review the latest design for NE 65th St and talk with the project team members. The sessions were hosted at varying times to provide multiple opportunities for engagement. Attendees were able to provide comments, and review maps, display boards, and technical design drawings were available. Materials are discussed in later sections (Appendix B).

The session dates and times included:

- Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 5-7 PM
- Thursday, December 14, 2017, 7-9 AM

The community input received at the drop-in sessions include comments submitted on forms during the sessions, in-person discussions, and emails. All input was collated and presented to the full project team for additional design adjustments and considerations.

Notification for the drop-in sessions included a mailer to 4,214 households near the project area (see Appendix A). Online notifications included posts on the City of Seattle and SDOT public meetings calendars, the project website, and social media outlets. Two emails detailing the event were also sent to the NE 65th Vision Zero listserv, which has just over 500 subscribers. SDOT also notified the Roosevelt Neighborhood Association and the Ravenna-Bryant Community Association.

Approximately 35 people attended Tuesday drop-in session and 28 signed in. Approximately 20 attended the Thursday drop-in session and 13 signed in.

Sessions Summary

Most attendees were familiar with the project and are looking forward to implementation of safety features. Many in the community are concerned about safety for all users and would like the corridor improvements to be implemented as quickly as possible.

Many attendees asked about specific elements included in the project's design scope. Over half of the attendees suggested alternatives to the current design plans. All attendees agreed that improvements must be made to make NE 65th St a safer corridor for all modes of travel, but specific suggestions varied from person to person. There were 7 comments submitted via comment forms and 29 emails as a result of the drop-in sessions. These themes include:

- Concern about design of the transit islands, particularly the 4-foot sidewalks
- Desire for additional new marked crosswalks
- Concern about visibility and operations at intersections
- Concern that restriping crosswalks will impact the safety of people walking
- Preference for additional bike improvements
- Preference for reduced speed limit on NE 65th St
- Desire for left turn signals at intersections

These themes are reviewed and expanded in the following section.

Common Themes

Those who attended the drop-in sessions expressed their ideas towards a few common themes. Feedback received includes comments submitted on forms during the sessions, in-person discussions, and emails. The comments can be organized into the various categories:

- Concern about design at transit islands, particularly 4-foot sidewalks
 - Preference for wider sidewalks and reference to Streets Illustrated guidelines
 - Concern that current design will not accommodate a high number of users during peak times, such as school hours
 - Improve integration between buses, people walking, and people biking
- Desire for additional new marked crosswalks
 - Crossing 65th between 15th Ave NE and 20th Ave NE is challenging
 - Interest for additional crossings east of 20th Ave NE, mainly at the bus stops because the streets do not align north/south at intersections.
 - Desire for crossing improvements at NE 65th St and NE Ravenna Blvd
- Concern about visibility and operations at the intersection of NE 65th St and 20th Ave NE causing conflicts between people walking and driving.
 - Concern about the angles of the intersection and visibility for people driving to see oncoming traffic
 - To cross 20th on the north side of 65th, people frequently must walk behind cars due to people driving queuing in the crosswalk to make a right turn
 - Concern that crossing signals don't allow adequate time for the elderly or children to cross the street safely
- Preference for additional bike improvements
 - Desire to extend bike lanes on NE 65th St to the east end of the project corridor to 40th Ave NE.
 - Concern that NE 68th St could prove challenging as a neighborhood greenway route for families and people biking due to the grade
 - Concern that the current design prioritizes people driving over people biking
 - Desire for additional protection for people biking where the protected bike lane crosses intersections
- Concern that the restriping east of 20th Ave NE will have limited impact to vehicle speeds or safety of people walking and biking
 - Desire to increase parking on NE 65th St east of 20th Ave NE to prevent people from using the parking lane to pass other people driving
- Preference to reduce the vehicle speed on NE 65th St to 20 miles per hour
- Desire for protected left turn signals at intersections

Next Steps

Our next steps include reviewing design options for the 4 transit stops in project area and reviewing operations and potential improvements at the intersection of NE 65th and 20th Ave NE.


Traffic studies conducted in the area have determined that pedestrian volumes area are under the threshold for adding more crosswalks. While there will not be any additional crosswalks to the scope of this project, that does not preclude future improvements in the area.

We will share the final project design in early 2018 and communicate how community feedback was incorporated.


Appendix A: Notifications

Mailer and notification area:


YOU'RE INVITED!
NE 65TH ST VISION ZERO
DESIGN UPDATE DROP-IN SESSIONS



We want to keep you informed!
Sign up for email updates and learn about the project at:
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In early 2017, we launched a collaborative process to review street conditions along NE 65th St with the goal of improving safety for all modes. We developed a proposed street design concept based on community input, citywide modal plan recommendations, and the results of our traffic modeling. We expect to start construction to implement these improvements in summer 2018.

The project is still in design and we invite you to stop by one of our drop-in sessions to see the latest on design for NE 65th St. Stop by anytime during one of the drop-ins to learn about project progress, review materials, talk with project staff, and share your feedback!

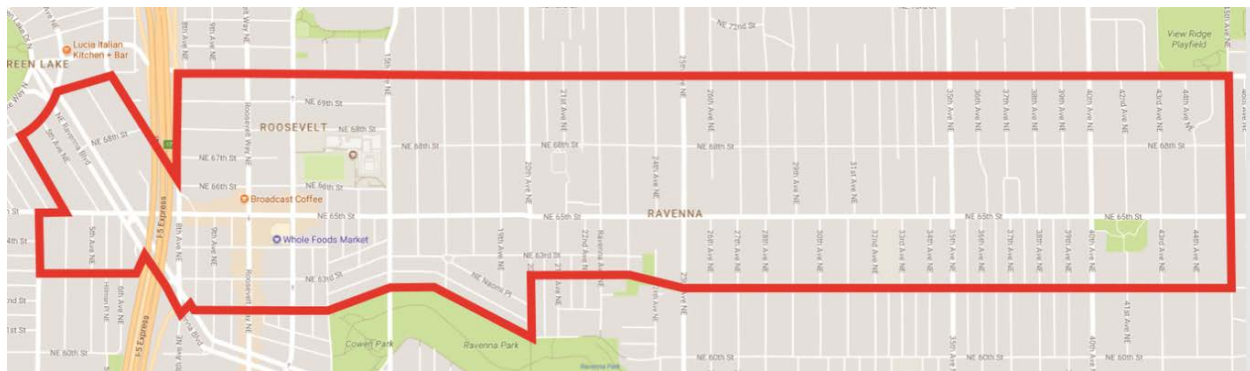
NE 65th St Vision Zero design update drop-in sessions

Tuesday, December 12, 5-7 PM
Thursday, December 14, 7-9 AM

Broadcast Coffee
6515 Roosevelt Way NE
Seattle, WA 98115

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Appendix B: Drop-in Session Materials

Project Fact Sheet:

NE 65TH STREET VISION ZERO PROJECT

FACT SHEET November 2017

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

NE 65th St is an arterial that moves people and goods throughout northeast Seattle. The street supports a diverse collection of retail shopping, restaurants, schools, parks, and activity centers, and the Roosevelt Link Light Rail station will bring additional bustle to the street in 2021.

VISION ZERO AND SAFETY

Since 2012, there have been 3 fatalities, 1 serious injury, and 231 collisions along this busy corridor between NE Ravenna Blvd and 39th Ave NE. Seattle is committed to Vision Zero, our plan to end traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2020. Learn more at: www.seattle.gov/visionzero

To address issues while we design long-term improvements for NE 65th St, we implemented several short-term improvements in early 2017

- Lower the speed limit on NE 65th St from 30 to 25 MPH between 8th Ave NE and 12th Ave NE
- Repainted all crosswalks on the corridor, increased traffic signal size, and added reflective backing to traffic signals to enhance visibility
- Added pedestrian countdown timers to all signalized intersections from Ravenna-39th
- Added a center-line median with posts at 65th and Roosevelt to enhance the safety of southbound to eastbound left turns

PROJECT SCHEDULE

February 28, 2017: 1st Community Forum to review existing conditions, share travel experience, and gather input on possible safety strategies

March-May 2017: Implemented short-term safety improvements

May 18, 2017: 2nd Community Forum to review possible concepts and get input on what to include in final concept

Summer/Fall 2017: Identified preferred corridor-wide plan

Winter 2018: Finalize design and continue outreach to corridor stakeholders

Summer-Fall 2018: Implement corridor-wide improvements

DESIGN PROCESS

Earlier this year, we launched a collaborative process to review street conditions along NE 65th St with the goal of improving safety for all modes along 65th. We hosted 2 neighborhood transportation forums and went door-to-door to local businesses to identify possible engineering strategies to make NE 65th St safer, learn about community concerns and ideas, and discuss strategies to lower vehicle speeds and reduce crashes on 65th. We developed the street design based on community input, citywide modal plan recommendations, and traffic modeling results.

See reverse for more info.

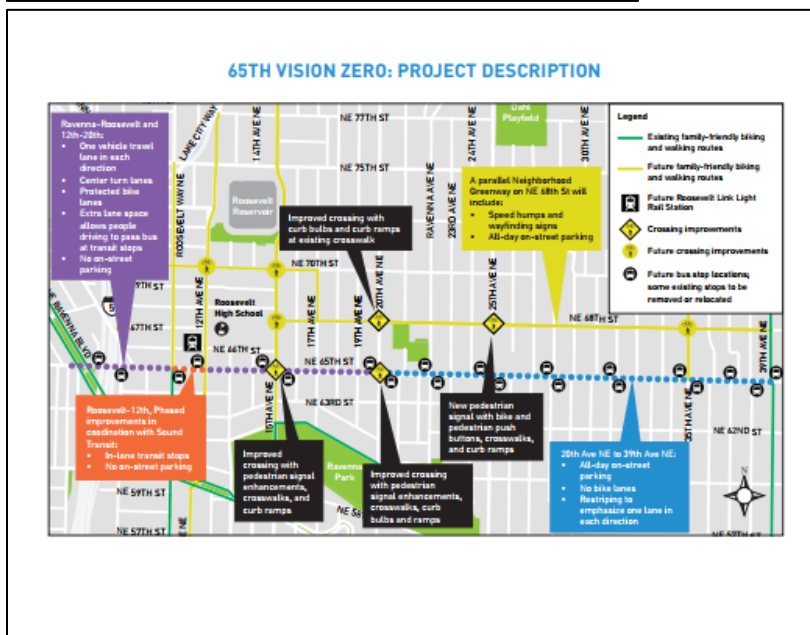
These projects are funded by the 3-year Levy to Move Seattle, approved by voters in 2015. Learn more about the levy at: www.seattle.gov/levytohouses

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Display Board:

NE 65TH STREET VISION ZERO PROJECT

PROJECT MAP

OVERVIEW

Vision Zero is our plan to end traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2030. There have been several serious pedestrian and bicycle collisions on NE 65th Street over the last three years.

We launched a collaborative process to review street conditions along NE 65th St with the goal of improving safety for all modes along 65th and we've developed the street design based on community input, citywide modal plan recommendations, and traffic modeling results.

Project Goals

- Improve safety for people walking, biking, driving, and taking transit
- Improve access to Roosevelt Link station
- Improve transit service
- Improve bicycling and walking
- Maintain business access

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Street illustration at NE 65th St and 15th Ave NE:

Street improvements include:

- 1 Transit island
- 2 Extra lane space to allow people driving to pass bus at transit stops
- 3 Protected bike lanes
- 4 Turn lane
- 5 Green pavement indicates mixing zone between people biking and driving at intersections and driveways

NE 65th St Vision Zero
 Rechannelization improvements from 14th Ave NE to 15th Ave NE

Street illustration at NE 65th St and 25th Ave NE:

