



FACT SHEET

9TH AVE N SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Supporting a thriving urban street in South Lake Union

Fall 2016

PROJECT BACKGROUND

South Lake Union (SLU) is rapidly becoming the gateway to Downtown Seattle. As the area attracts major employers and residents, we have to create a flexible transportation system that gives people real travel choices.

Over the last year, we've worked with the South Lake Union community to upgrade existing bike lanes throughout the neighborhood. With the Westlake Protected Bike Lane fully open and operating, we are ready to implement protected bike lane connections from Westlake to Denny Way.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Ninth Ave N is a desirable location for people to bike because it is relatively flat and south of Mercer St has a low volume of vehicles. The project maintains a travel lane in each direction on 9th Ave N. All on-street parking will be consolidated to the east side of the street. The project upgrades existing bike lanes to include a 3-foot buffer with white plastic posts and fills the gap between Westlake Ave N and Roy St, creating a family friendly facility. Ninth Ave N will remain a reliable option for other modes (driving and walking).

WHAT IS A PROTECTED BIKE LANE?

Protected bike lanes combine the comfort of a multi-use trail with a conventional bike lane. These lanes physically separate people riding bikes from people driving and are distinct from the sidewalk. Learn more at www.seattle.gov/transportation/pbl.htm

PROJECT FEATURES AND BENEFITS



Upgrade bike lanes to include a painted buffer and white plastic posts for a safer, more comfortable connection to SLU that is away from the streetcar tracks

Benefits: Supports more affordable and flexible transportation options by expanding the citywide bike network and connects people biking from the Westlake Ave protected bike lane to downtown



Organize streets by clearly defining space for people biking, walking, driving, and parking

Benefits: Improves predictability for all travelers



Improve intersections by reducing the distance people have to cross the street using paint and white posts

Benefits: Increases safety and mobility for pedestrians crossing the street

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- **Construction of phase 1 will happen late 2016 or spring 2017** and includes installation of a protected bike lane on 9th Ave N from Westlake Ave to Mercer St and along Roy St between 9th Ave N and Dexter Ave N.
- **Construction on phase 2 will begin in 2017** and includes implementation of a protected bike lane on 9th Ave N from Mercer St to Harrison St.
- During the same timeframe, a separate project will install upgraded signal systems at the Mercer St and Denny Way intersections.

This project is funded by the 9-year Levy to Move Seattle, approved by voters in 2015. Learn more about the levy at www.seattle.gov/LevytoMoveSeattle.



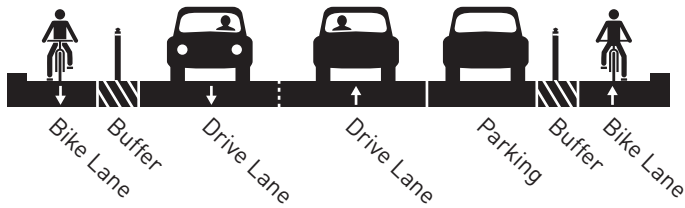
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9TH AVE N AFTER



PROJECT SCHEDULE

- Winter 2016/spring 2017:** Phase 1 construction
- Early 2017:** Outreach about Phase 2 construction
- End-of-summer 2017:** Phase 2 construction begins
- 2018:** Phase 3 construction begins

This work is part of our council-approved Bicycle Master Plan and 2015 Bike Master Plan Implementation Plan, and is required as part of the expansion of the city's bike share program. Find out more at www.seattle.gov/transportation/bikemaster.htm

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LEGEND

Phasing

- Existing PBLs
- Phase 1 - 2016
- Phase 2 - 2017
- Phase 3 - 2018

Development

- Upcoming Development
- Recently Completed
- Denny Substation