

Hello Georgetown and South Park neighbors,

Thank you for your interest and participation in the [Georgetown to South Park Connection](#) project! This has been a great collaboration with Duwamish Valley Safe Streets to spread the word about the project and solicit thoughtful and informed input from neighbors.

### **How did we collect input?**

Following the development of potential alignments, we worked with Duwamish Valley Safe Streets and their community advisory group to collect input to inform the selection of the community's preferred route and its features. We collected input through an online survey (translated into Spanish) and paper survey (translated into Spanish, Vietnamese, and Khmer) with approximately 290 responses total. We also presented to several community groups, spoke with people at various community events, and held a celebration event to collect additional input. Approximately **400 people** participated in sharing feedback and **6 community groups wrote formal letters of support.**

### **What were the results?!**

The route options were segmented into 3 sections: Georgetown Connection, E Marginal Way S Connection, and South Park connection.

- **Georgetown Connection:** Survey results favored the "Ellis, Albro, 13th route." (51% selected "Ellis, Albro, 13th" as "preferred," versus 32% for the "Ellis Ave S" route and 16% for the "Flora Ave S" route.)
- **E Marginal Way S Connection:** Survey results did not strongly favor either route (54% selected the "Trail by Rail" route and 46% selected the "North Side" route.)
- **South Park Connection:** Survey results did not strongly favor either route (51% selected the "West Side Trail" route and 49% selected the "Protected Bike Lane" route.)

We received 6 letters of support from local community groups for the connection and 4 of the letters (from the Georgetown South Park Trail Community Advisory Group, Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition Technical Advisory Group, South Park Neighborhood Association, and the Georgetown Community Council), shared their preference for the following:

- **Georgetown Connection:** A walking/biking path on Ellis Ave S, S Albro Pl, and 13th Ave S
- **E Marginal Way S Connection:** A walking/biking path or two-way protected bike lane on the north side of E Marginal Way S
- **South Park Connection:** One-way protected bike lanes on both sides of 16th Ave S leading to the South Park Bridge

The Georgetown Merchant Association provided a letter of support for a walking/biking path on Ellis Ave S, S Albro Pl, and 13th Ave S, but strongly oppose any loss of parking on S Bailey St between 12th Ave S and 13th Ave S.

The Georgetown Tiny House Village also provided a letter of support for a walking/biking path or two-way protected bike lane on the north side of E Marginal Way S, which would improve access for their residents.



## Survey results on the preferred route!

### Georgetown Connection Options

- 1 Flora Ave S: A neighborhood greenway on Flora Ave S that turns on S Eddy St and continues up Ellis Ave S
- 2 Ellis Ave S: A walking/biking path on Ellis Ave S that becomes a neighborhood greenway within the residential section
- 3 Ellis, Albro, 13th: A walking/biking path on Ellis Ave S, S Albro Pl, and 13th Ave S



Existing: Flora Ave S



Existing: Ellis Ave S



Existing: S Albro Pl

### E Marginal Way S Connection Options

- 4 North side: A walking/biking path or protected bike lane on the north side of E Marginal Way
- 5 Trail by rail: A walking/biking path next to the railroad on the south side of E Marginal Way



Existing: E Marginal Way S

### South Park Connection Options

- 6 West side trail option: Walking/biking path on the west side of 16th Ave S leading to the South Park bridge
- 7 Protected bike lane option: One-way protected bike lanes on both sides of 16th Ave S leading to the South Park bridge



Existing: 16th Ave S (north of South Park Bridge)

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## What are the next steps?

Based on the input from the survey and community groups, our design team is moving forward with developing early design focused on the following route:

- **Georgetown Connection:** A walking/biking path on Ellis Ave S, S Albro Pl, and 13th Ave S
- **E Marginal Way S Connection:** A walking/biking path or two-way protected bike lane on the north side of E Marginal Way S

- **South Park Connection:** One-way protected bike lanes on both sides of 16th Ave S leading to the South Park Bridge

## Community preferred route - Currently being developed into early design

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### Georgetown Connection

- Ellis, Albro, 13th: A walking/ biking path on Ellis Ave S, S Albro Pl, and 13th Ave S



Existing: Ellis Ave S



Existing: S Albro St



Existing: 13th Ave S

### E Marginal Way S Connection

- North side: A walking/ biking path or protected bike lane on the north side of E Marginal Way



Existing: E Marginal Way S

### South Park Connection Options

- Protected bike lane option: One-way protected bike lanes on both sides of 16th Ave S leading to the South Park bridge



Existing: 16th Ave S (north of South Park Bridge)

### **What does early design entail?**

Now that we've selected the preferred route to study, early (30%) design will include a deeper dive into pieces such as street widths, pavement conditions, and street crossings. It also includes developing partnerships with adjacent property owners to identify opportunities and start working through potential setbacks.

### **What about funding?**

We currently have funding to take the project to early (30%) design by the end of 2019 and we will pursue additional funding to take the project to final design and construction.

We also recently received funding to improve the crossing at the 16th Ave S and E Marginal Way S intersection through the [Neighborhood Street Fund](#)! We expect to build that intersection improvement in 2021.

### **What should I do to stay involved?**

Spread the word about the project and encourage neighbors to [sign up for our email updates](#) and updates from [Duwamish Valley Safe Streets](#). Check our [webpage](#) and be on the look out for emails like this one to stay up to speed.

[See the full report](#) for all the conceptual design and outreach details collected so far.

Thank you!

Georgetown to South Park Connection team

*The [Georgetown to South Park Connection](#) is an SDOT project to create a walkable, bikeable connection uniting the Georgetown and South Park neighborhoods. This connection was identified in the City's modal plans, the [Georgetown Mobility Study](#), as well as through community advocacy. Current funding covers the project up to 30% design and engineering.*