



MLK PROTECTED BIKE LANE

FACT SHEET
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Creating a new bike connection and a safer street

OVERVIEW

As a part of the latest Bike Master Implementation Plan, Martin Luther King Jr Way S was identified as an important Southeast Seattle bike connection. We are currently in the planning phase where we're collecting data on collision patterns, lane widths, driveways, etc.

PROJECT AREA

We're first focusing on the section of Martin Luther King Jr Way S between the I-90 Trail and Mt Baker light rail stations (S Judkins St to Rainier Ave S).

SCHEDULE

We expect to select one of three alternative design options in spring 2020 and plan to build the project by the time the Judkins Park light rail station opens in 2023.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We want this design to work for not just people who love to bike, but people who live and work in the area. SDOT is partnering with the Department of Neighborhoods to engage neighbors. We are discussing the project and seeking feedback from the public this spring.

PROJECT BENEFITS

Connect people to transit and schools: This will be an important connection to both light rail stations as well as the I-90 trail, neighborhood greenways, Franklin High School, and the Metro Transit Center. The I-90 trail is a regional connection that offers access to downtown, the future Judkins Park light rail station, and the region's growing trail network from Southeast Seattle.

Improve safety for people who walk, bike, and drive on MLK: This section of MLK Way has high rates of speeding, head-on collisions, and off-the-road collisions compared to other parts of the city. Redesigning the street will help to reduce speeding and make the street safer, more predictable, and more comfortable for everyone.

RELATED PROJECTS

We're coordinating closely with other projects in the area including:

- **Route 7 Transit-Plus Multimodal Corridor** and Metro RapidRide Line R
- **Accessible Mt Baker** and other public and private projects in the Mt Baker neighborhood

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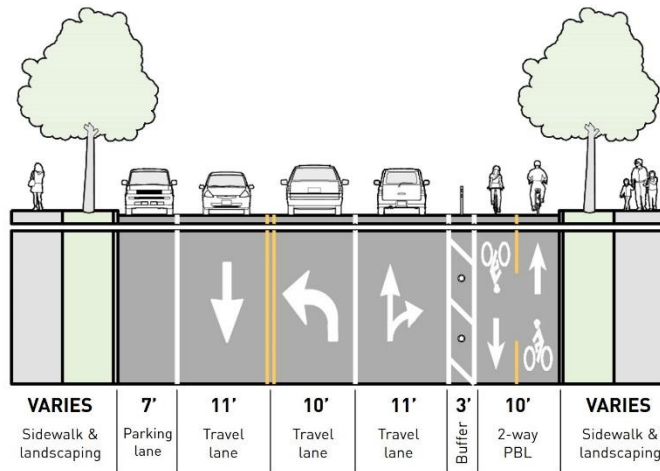
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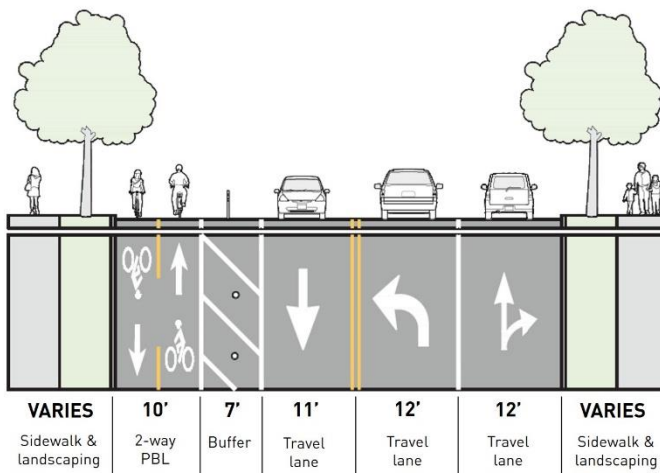
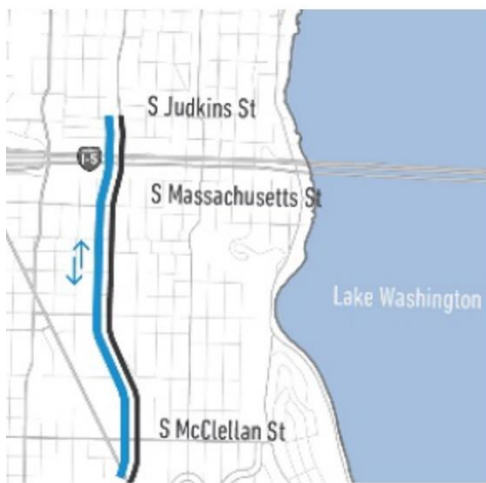
MLK PROTECTED BIKE LANE ALTERNATIVES

We are currently considering three potential ways to make MLK Jr Way safer and add bike lanes. See below for maps and potential street configurations for each of the three alternative designs. Lane widths, configurations, and other details are subject to change as we develop the design further and engage with the public.

ALTERNATIVE 1: TWO-WAY PROTECTED BIKE LANE ON EAST SIDE



ALTERNATIVE 2: TWO-WAY PROTECTED BIKE LANE ON WEST SIDE



ALTERNATIVE 3: ONE-WAY PROTECTED BIKE LANE ON BOTH SIDES

