

Seattle Department of Transportation

Arbor Heights Walkshop Community Report



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Seattle is building more blocks of sidewalks and walkways more quickly than we ever have before, thanks to our locally-funded and voter-approved 2024 Seattle Transportation Levy. Throughout the city, the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) has an ambitious plan to build 250 blocks of new sidewalks and walkways over the next four years, with a total of 350 new blocks to be built by the end of the 8-year levy. To be a candidate for accelerated sidewalks and walkways delivery, sites need to be relatively easy to build and affordable. When deciding which sites to recommend for conceptual design, staff evaluate constructability and cost considerations including drainage needs, utility conflicts, slope, retaining walls, encroachments, and right-of-way width.

As part of our accelerated sidewalks and walkways planning, we hosted a public walk with approximately 25 community members in the Arbor Heights neighborhood on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. The walk started at Arbor Heights Elementary School and included two routes that participants walked with City staff. Route B was modified at participants request to include a look at SW 106th St between 39th Ave SW and 35th Ave SW. We heard real-time input on new sidewalk and walkway ideas. We also heard ideas for other improvements and are looking into ways to fund and build them. It was an evening of great conversation, ideas, and hands-on feedback from the neighborhood. As an outcome of this neighborhood outreach, and our criteria of proximity to frequent transit and schools, safety, and equity, SDOT is proceeding with conceptual design of 28 blocks of sidewalks and walkways in Arbor Heights .



REQUESTS AND CONCERNS WE HEARD



WHAT WE HEARD

Location	What We Heard	Good candidate for accelerated neighborhood walkway?	Additional Update
SW Roxbury St between 37th Ave SW and 36th Ave SW	Request for sidewalk or walkway	Yes	Sidewalk or walkway moving forward to conceptual design.
37th Ave SW between SW Cambridge St and SW Roxbury St	Request for sidewalk or walkway	Yes	Sidewalk or walkway moving forward to conceptual design.
37th Ave SW between SW 102nd St and SW 104th St	Request for sidewalk or walkway	Yes	Sidewalk or walkway moving forward to conceptual design.
37th Pl SW between SW 102nd St and SW 104th St	Request for sidewalk or walkway	Yes	Sidewalk or walkway moving forward to conceptual design.
38th Ave SW between SW 102nd St and SW 104th St	Request for sidewalk or walkway	Yes	Sidewalk or walkway moving forward to conceptual design.
39th Ave SW between SW 100th St and SW 105th St	Request for sidewalk or walkway	Yes	Sidewalk or walkway moving forward to conceptual design.
SW 104th St between 39th Ave SW and 41st Ave SW	Request for sidewalk or walkway; drainage improvements	Yes	Sidewalk or walkway moving forward to conceptual design.
SW 105th St between 39th Ave SW and Arbor Heights Elementary School	Request for sidewalk or walkway connection	Yes	Sidewalk or walkway moving forward to conceptual design.
34th Ave SW between SW 104th St and SW 106th St	Request for sidewalk or walkway	Yes	Sidewalk or walkway moving forward to conceptual design.
SW 98th St between 35th Ave SW and 39th Ave SW	Request for sidewalk or walkway	Yes	Sidewalk or walkway moving forward to conceptual design.
SW 102nd St between 42nd Ave SW and 35th Ave SW	Request for sidewalk or walkway	Yes	Sidewalk or walkway moving forward to conceptual design.
SW 106th St between California Ave SW and 31st Ave SW	Request for continuous sidewalk and street trees on one side of the street	Yes	Being evaluated for continuous walkway and street trees on north or south side
35th Ave SW between SW 106th St and SW 108th St	Request for sidewalk or walkway	Yes	Sidewalk or walkway moving forward to conceptual design.
SW 102nd St between California Ave SW and 42nd Ave SW	Request for sidewalk or walkway	No	Steep slope and narrow right of way; would likely take longer than 3 years to design and build and cost would likely exceed budget available. Future opportunities include private development, grants, and additional city funding opportunities for sidewalks and walkways.

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California Ave SW between SW 98th St and SW 106th St	Request for sidewalk or walkway	No	Relative distance from schools, transit, and pedestrian generators make this a lower priority. Future opportunities include private development, grants, and additional city funding opportunities for sidewalks and walkways.
SW 104th St between 41st Ave SW and Marine View Dr SW	Request for sidewalk or walkway	No	Steep slope and narrow right of way; would likely take longer than 3 years to design and build and cost would likely exceed budget available. Future opportunities include private development, grants, and additional city funding opportunities for sidewalks and walkways.
35th Ave SW between SW 108th St and SW 112th St	Request for sidewalk or walkway	No	Steep slope and narrow right of way; would likely take longer than 3 years to design and build and cost would likely exceed budget available. Future opportunities include private development, grants, and additional city funding opportunities for sidewalks and walkways.
37th Ave SW between SW Roxbury St and SW 102th St	Request for sidewalk or walkway	No	Steep slope and narrow right of way; would likely take longer than 3 years to design and build and cost would likely exceed budget available. Future opportunities include private development, grants, and additional city funding opportunities for sidewalks and walkways.
39th Ave SW between SW 100th St and SW 97th St	Request for sidewalk or walkway	No	Steep slope and narrow right of way; would likely take longer than 3 years to design and build and cost would likely exceed budget available. Future opportunities include private development, grants, and additional city funding opportunities for sidewalks and walkways.
44th Ave SW between 43rd Pl SW and Marine View Drive	Request for sidewalk or walkway	No	Steep slope and narrow right of way; would likely take longer than 3 years to design and build and cost would likely exceed budget available. Future opportunities include private development, grants, and additional city funding opportunities for sidewalks and walkways.

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30th Ave SW between SW 102nd St and SW 97th St	Request for sidewalk or walkway	No	Steep slope and narrow right of way; would likely take longer than 3 years to design and build and cost would likely exceed budget available. Future opportunities include private development, grants, and additional city funding opportunities for sidewalks and walkways.
31st Ave SW between SW 106th St and SW 111th St	Request for sidewalk or walkway	No	Steep slope and narrow right of way; would likely take longer than 3 years to design and build and cost would likely exceed budget available. Future opportunities include private development, grants, and additional city funding opportunities for sidewalks and walkways.
SW 100th St between California Ave SW and 35th Ave SW	Request for sidewalk or walkway	No	Existing walkway will be evaluated for spot transit improvements
SW 102nd St between California Ave SW and Marine View Drive	Request for sidewalk or walkway	No	Steep slope and narrow right of way; would likely take longer than 3 years to design and build and cost would likely exceed budget available. Future opportunities include private development, grants, and additional city funding opportunities for sidewalks and walkways.
Marine View Dr SW between SW 106th St and SW 100th St	Request for sidewalk or walkway	No	Steep slope and narrow right of way; would likely take longer than 3 years to design and build and cost would likely exceed budget available. Future opportunities include private development, grants, and additional city funding opportunities for sidewalks and walkways.
SW 98th St between 39th Ave SW and California Ave SW	Request for sidewalk or walkway	No	Steep slope and narrow right of way; would likely take longer than 3 years to design and build and cost would likely exceed budget available. Future opportunities include private development, grants, and additional city funding opportunities for sidewalks and walkways.
30th Ave SW between SW 102nd St and SW 106th St	Request for neighborhood greenway	n/a	Unimproved right-of-way; Future opportunities include private development, grants, and additional city funding opportunities for sidewalks and walkways.
34th Ave SW and SW 104th St	Request for stop sign and crosswalk	n/a	Being evaluated for traffic control and crossing improvements

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35th Ave SW and SW 108th St	Request for marked crosswalk	n/a	Being evaluated for crossing improvements
37th Ave SW and SW 98th St	Request for intersection improvements	n/a	Will be evaluated for intersection daylighting as part of walkway project
37th Ave SW and SW 102nd St	Request for marked crosswalk and stop sign	n/a	Will be evaluated for crossing improvements and traffic control as part of walkway project
37th Ave SW and SW 99th St	Request for stop sign or traffic calming	n/a	Will be evaluated for traffic control and traffic calming
37th Ave SW and SW Roxbury St	Request for all-way stop	n/a	Will be evaluated for traffic control as part of walkway project
37th Ave SW between SW 102nd St and SW 98th St	Request for traffic calming	n/a	Will be evaluated for traffic calming
California Ave SW between SW 100th St and SW 105th St	Request for traffic calming	n/a	Will be evaluated for traffic calming
SW 100th St and 37th Ave SW	Request for crossing improvement; intersection daylighting	n/a	Will be evaluated for crossing improvement
SW 100th St and 39th Ave SW	Request for crosswalk	n/a	Will be evaluated for crosswalk
SW 102nd St between 35th Ave SW and Marine View Dr SW	Request for traffic calming	n/a	Will be evaluated for traffic calming
SW 104th St between 35th Ave SW and Marine View Dr SW	Request for traffic calming	n/a	Will be evaluated for traffic calming
SW 105th St between 39th Ave SW and 35th Ave SW	Request for traffic calming	n/a	Will be evaluated for traffic calming
SW 106th St and 31st Ave SW	Request for crossing improvement	n/a	Will be evaluated for crossing improvement
SW 106th St between 35th Ave SW and Marine View Dr SW	Request for traffic calming	n/a	Will be evaluated for traffic calming
SW 98th St and 39th Ave SW	Request for all way stop sign	n/a	Will be evaluated for traffic control
SW 98th St and California Ave SW	Request for stop sign for eastbound traffic	n/a	Will be evaluated for traffic control
SW 98th St between 35th Ave SW and California Ave SW	Request for traffic calming	n/a	Will be evaluated for traffic calming

SIDEWALK OR WALKWAY PROJECTS MOVING INTO CONCEPTUAL DESIGN



In most cases, sidewalk or walkway will be designed on one side of the street. Sidewalk and walkways may be constructed from a variety of materials including paint, asphalt, concrete and barriers. Specific design treatments are decided based on factors including the space available on the street, drainage needs, existing infrastructure, impacts to parking, slopes, and estimated construction costs. Projects will be in construction between 2027 and 2029. We will be working closely with adjacent property owners as design progresses. Updates will also be provided on our project website. Project schedules will begin to be available as soon as 2026.



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