

Seattle Department of Transportation

Highland Park Walkshop Community Final 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 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 sidewalk and walkway 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 sidewalk and walkway planning, we hosted a public walk with approximately 10 community members in the Highland Park neighborhood on Wednesday, May 21st, 2025. The walk started at Highland Park Elementary School and included two planned routes that participants joined with City staff. 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, new ideas, and hands-on feedback from the neighborhood. We even had residents pop out of their homes to join us as we walked by! As an outcome of this neighborhood outreach, and criteria of proximity to frequent transit and schools, safety, and equity, SDOT is proceeding with conceptual design of 7 blocks of sidewalk and walkway in Highland Park.



Planned walking routes

REQUESTS AND CONCERNS WE HEARD



WHAT WE HEARD

Location	What We Heard	Good candidate for accelerated neighborhood walkway?	Additional Update
SW Cloverdale St between 7th Ave SW and 5th Ave SW	Request for sidewalk or walkway connecting to the dog park	Yes	Sidewalk or walkway moving forward to conceptual design.
SW Cloverdale between 9th Ave SW and 8th Ave SW	Request for sidewalk or walkway on northside	Yes	Sidewalk or walkway moving forward to conceptual design.
7th Ave SW between SW Thistle St and SW Cloverdale St	Request for sidewalk or walkway to improve access to the park	Yes	Sidewalk or walkway moving forward to conceptual design.
8th Ave SW between SW Thistle St and SW Cloverdale St	Request for sidewalk or walkway to improve access to the park	Yes	Sidewalk or walkway moving forward to conceptual design.
SW Henderson St between 9th Ave SW and 8th Ave SW	Request for sidewalk or walkway	Yes	Sidewalk or walkway moving forward to conceptual design.
8th Ave SW between SW Kenyon St between SW Kenyon St and SW Cloverdale St	Request for traffic calming		Being evaluated for speed humps
7th Ave SW between SW Kenyon St and SW Cloverdale St	Request for traffic calming		Speed humps planned to be installed as soon as 2026 as part of Neighborhood Greenway
14th Ave SW between SW Elmgrove St and SW Henderson 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 the next transportation levy.
14th Ave SW between SW Thistle St and SW Trenton St	Traffic calming	n/a	Being evaluated for traffic calming.
SW Thistle St between 14th Ave SW and 13th Ave SW	Sidewalk repair on south side	n/a	Being reviewed by our Sidewalk Safety Repair Program.
SW Thistle St between 14th Ave SW and 8th Ave SW	Traffic calming	n/a	Being evaluated for traffic calming.
SW Thistle St at 14th Ave SW	Traffic calming; improved lighting	n/a	Being evaluated for traffic calming.

Location	What We Heard	Good candidate for accelerated neighborhood walkway?	Additional Update
SW Sullivan St between 16th Ave SW and 14th Ave SW	Traffic calming	n/a	Being evaluated for traffic calming.
SW Cloverdale St and 7th Ave SW	Intersection daylighting; traffic calming	n/a	Being evaluated for daylighting, marked crossing, and other geometric improvements.
SW Cloverdale St between 11th Ave SW and 12th Ave SW	Sidewalk repair on north side	n/a	Being reviewed by our Sidewalk Safety Repair Program
SW Cloverdale St and 12th Ave SW	Request for all-way stop	n/a	Being evaluated for traffic control.
SW Trenton St between 14th Ave SW and 11th Ave SW	Sidewalk repair on north side	n/a	Being reviewed by our Sidewalk Safety Repair Program
SW Trenton St and 14th Ave SW	ADA curb ramps	n/a	Being evaluated for curb ramps
SW Trenton St and 13th Ave SW	ADA curb ramps	n/a	Being evaluated for curb ramps
SW Trenton St and 12th Ave SW	ADA curb ramps	n/a	Being evaluated for curb ramps
SW Henderson St and 15th Ave SW	Crossing improvements	n/a	Being evaluated for crossing improvements
SW Henderson St and 14th Ave SW	Intersection daylighting on southside	n/a	Being evaluated for crossing improvements
SW Henderson St and 13th Ave SW	All-way stop	n/a	Being evaluated for traffic control.
SW Henderson St and 11th Ave SW	Crossing improvements	n/a	Being evaluated for crossing improvements
SW Henderson St and Henderson Pl SW/9th Ave SW	Crossing improvements; Narrowing of the intersection	n/a	Being evaluated for crossing improvements
SW Henderson Pl and 9th Ave SW	Improve stop sign visibility	n/a	Being evaluated for stop sign conspicuity
SW Barton St and 14th Ave SW	ADA curb ramps; Traffic calming for westbound to northbound turning vehicles	n/a	Being evaluated for curb ramps and traffic calming

WALKWAY PROJECTS MOVING INTO CONCEPTUAL DESIGN



In most cases, sidewalk or walkway will be designed on one side of the street. Sidewalks 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 2026 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 be available on a rolling basis.



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