

# Olympic Drive

## Non-Motorized Improvements Project

### What to expect during construction

Construction of the Olympic Drive Non-Motorized Improvements Project is expected to begin in mid-April 2019 and last through August 2019.

During construction, you can expect:

**Delays:** At times, this work will require some lane closures. During the morning and afternoon peak hours and weekends, the contractor will prioritize keeping traffic lanes open to minimize the impact on ferry commuters who travel by car. During construction, allow extra time to catch the ferry.

**Sidewalk closures:** During the initial phases of construction, the sidewalk on the west side of Olympic Drive (near Waypoint Park) will be closed. As the work progresses, it is anticipated that sidewalks on both sides of Olympic Drive will need to close for short durations. Detours and alternate walking routes to and from the ferry are shown on the map.

**Noise:** You can expect to hear normal construction noises, such as engines and other equipment, as well as louder noises, such as pavement cutting. Nighttime work may occur.



**Businesses open during construction**

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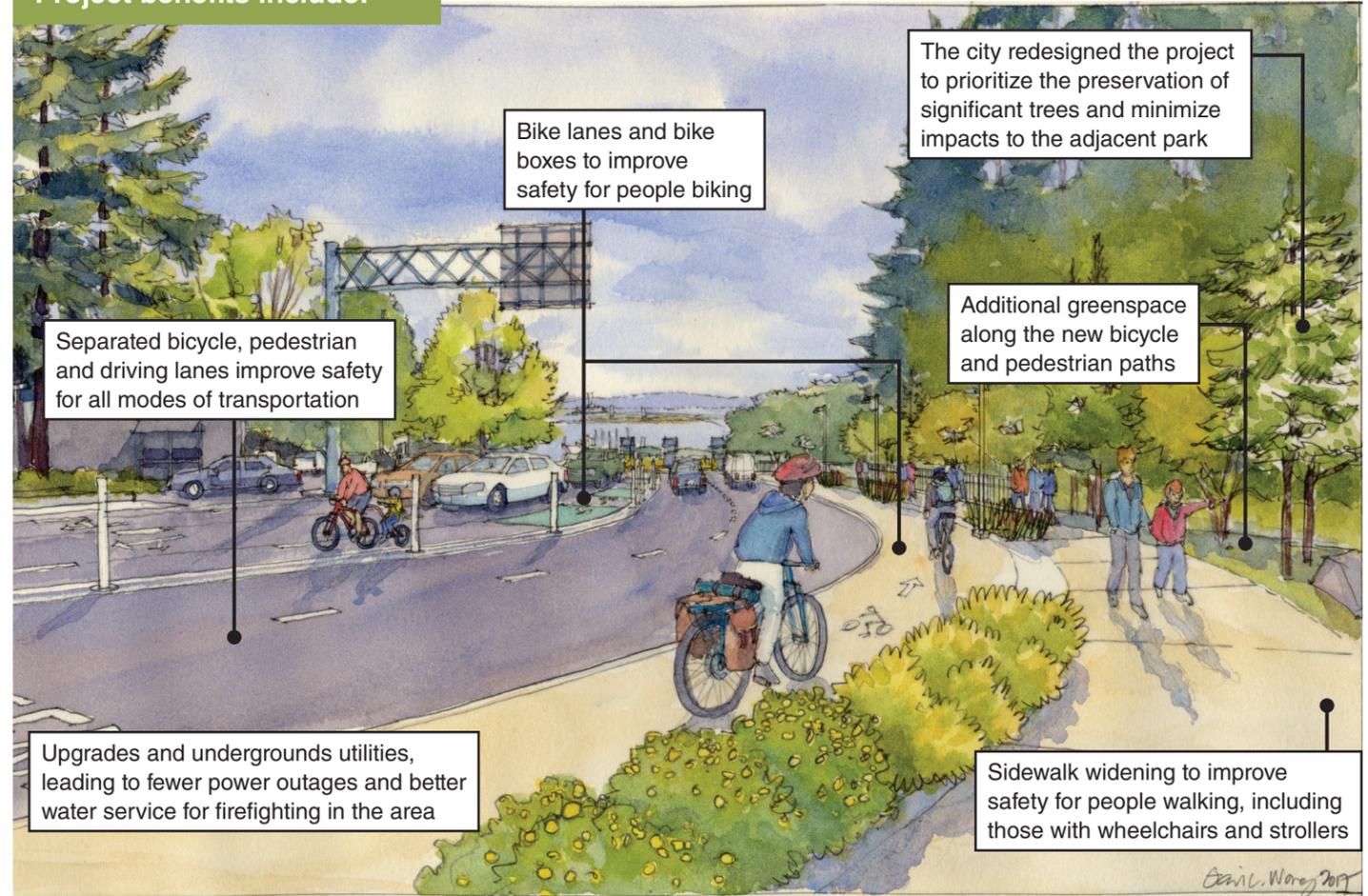
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Safety for walk-on passengers and people biking is at the heart of the Olympic Drive Non-Motorized Improvements Project.

### Project overview

As the busiest ferry route in Washington State, the Seattle-Bainbridge run transports people who ride the bus, visitors, people driving, people walking and people biking through Olympic Drive. The project is designed to improve safety for all users. Wider sidewalks, new bike lanes and other non-motorized improvements will ensure continued safety and accessibility to and from the ferry, while also improving efficiencies for loading and unloading of ferry passengers.

### Project benefits include:



### Funding

Over the course of several years, the city secured \$2 million in grant funding from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Transportation Improvement Board (TIB).

### 2019 Schedule



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## Construction Update: Olympic Drive

When crews complete construction in September, people biking, walking and driving will have their own dedicated paths traveling to and from the ferry to increase safety for all users and efficiency in the loading and unloading of all ferry passengers. There will be new pavement markings along Olympic Drive that may be unfamiliar, so we hope you'll take the time to learn the new features. See the details below and map to the right. Staff are also working on a video project to help people learn to use the new facilities – stay tuned!

- People driving:** You will notice separated bicycle, pedestrian and driving lanes which will improve safety for all modes of transportation. To help you navigate through the new, safer Olympic Drive corridor, you will notice new stop bars (solid white lines) where people driving are required to stop in advance of bike boxes, and additional green pavement markings and bicycle pavement symbols to increase the visibility of people biking.
- People biking:** You will have two dedicated bike lanes exiting the ferry terminal north on Olympic Drive, beginning at Harborview Drive - the northbound right-side bike lane or center bike lane. Bicyclists traveling south to the ferry will have a separated bike lane on the west side, beginning near Waypoint Park.
- Two-stage turn box:** If you travel in the northbound right-side bike lane and would like to turn left on Winslow Way, you will use a two-stage turn box. To use the turn, a person biking enters the box from the SR 305 & Winslow Way intersection. The bicyclist then repositions and waits for another green light to proceed straight onto Winslow Way. See figure to the right with demonstration.
- Bike boxes:** As a person biking, you will also use new bike boxes. A bike box is a dedicated area of pavement that improves safety for people biking by making them more visible to approaching drivers. When the traffic signal is red, people biking ride into the bike box, ahead of people driving, and wait for a green signal. When the traffic signal turns green, people driving must yield to people biking before proceeding or making a turn.
- People walking:** You will use the same walking route to and from the ferry that you used prior to construction. However, you will notice wider sidewalks which will improve safety for people walking, including those with wheelchairs and strollers.

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