



Date: February 1, 2021

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Sara Haile, Transportation Design Project Manager

Subject: **NE 12th Street Multipurpose Path – 108th Avenue NE to 112th Avenue NE Update**

The purpose of this memo is to update Park Board on the construction progress of the NE 12th Street Multipurpose Path – 108th Avenue NE to 112th Avenue NE project.

Project Background

The NE 12th Street multipurpose path will replace the existing 5-foot wide concrete sidewalk with a 12-foot wide concrete multiuse pedestrian and bicycle trail with planter strip. This project fills in an important gap in the trail and bicycle network by extending the existing multipurpose path which currently ends at the intersection of NE 12 St and 112th Ave NE westward to 108th Ave NE. This facility will provide a safe route for non-motorized travel to parks, transit, work and other destinations.

The multipurpose path will be the primary non-motorized connection between the Downtown and the Spring District. This trail is a segment of the Downtown-Overlake priority bicycle corridor as identified in the Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan (2009) and is also documented in the Downtown Transportation Plan (2015). This project is funded primarily by the Downtown Transportation Plan/NE 6th Street Station Access (CIP-PW-R-182).

In addition to the new trail, the project will be installing a new wider planter strip with landscaping and irrigation, upgrade ADA ramps and make enhancements to the landscaping and irrigation along the south side of McCormick Park. The project will also remove the bridge footings from the pedestrian bridge that was removed in 2019.

Project Status as of January 26, 2021

Construction work began with removal of the existing sidewalk and landscaping on December 4, 2020. Large trees were removed on December 12th, followed by the removal of the concrete pedestrian bridge footings.

The Holiday Moratorium for downtown traffic lane closures stopped work on the project from December 14, 2020 until January 5, 2021.

In January 2021, the remaining pedestrian bridge footings were removed. During the removal process, it was determined that the removal of one of footings would compromise the roots of three trees that were not originally planned to be removed with the project. An independent arborist evaluated the trees and directed them to be removed.

Ongoing work during January included grading for sidewalk, trenching and installation of road crossings for electrical service and the installation of irrigation sleeves.

The installation of concrete sidewalks will begin in early February followed by the installation of landscaping and irrigation. The project is expected to be completed by the end of March 2021.

Additional information can be found at project website link: [NE 12th St MPP Project Website](#)