

SEATTLE TRAILS UPGRADE PLAN

Increasing safety and encouraging use of our trails!

Summer 2015

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

SDOT is preparing a Trails Upgrade Plan for the city's multi-use trail network to improve the trails and encourage their use. Work includes:

- Assessing existing trail conditions
- Updating maintenance plan
- Evaluating trail expansion needs
- Updating to design guidelines and policies
- Designing concepts for three to five locations
- Determining prioritization at trail crossings (e.g. who goes first?)

The Seattle Trails Upgrade Plan builds from the Seattle Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plans and supports safety, social equity, economic productivity, sustainability and livable communities. Maintenance and improvement of the trails will increase the use of the network by making them safer and reducing barriers to use.

WHAT'S A MULTI-USE TRAIL?

A multi-use trail allows for two-way, off-street pedestrian and bicycle use. Wheelchairs, joggers, cyclists, skaters and other non-motorized users are also welcome. These trails are frequently found in parks, along waterfronts, in greenbelts,

old railroad right of way, or utility corridors where there are few conflicts with motorized vehicles.

Seattle's multi-use trails are an essential part of the city's transportation network. They provide convenient access to neighborhoods, parks, schools, shopping areas and employment centers for all ages and abilities. That is why it is important to make our trails the best they can be.



Project team collecting trail conditions via a specially equipped bicycle

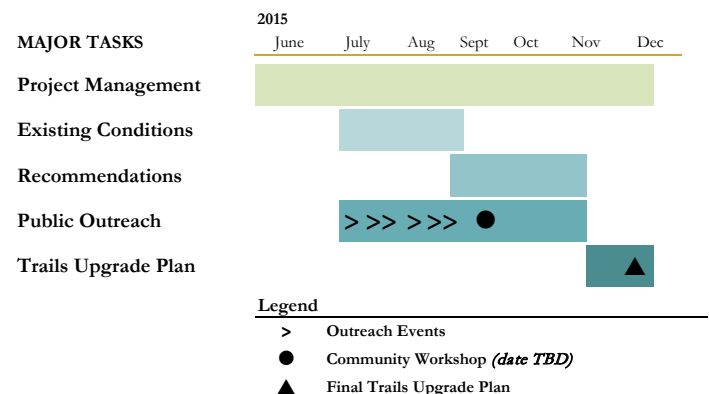
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

You'll be seeing project team members in the field over the summer doing trail assessments, user surveys and asking for your feedback.

In early Fall 2015, SDOT will host a community workshop to get your input on draft recommendations for trail improvements and maintenance upgrades.

Major project milestones are included in the project's timeline. For more specific dates about upcoming outreach activities, please visit the project webpage.

PROJECT TIMELINE



PROJECT INFORMATION & CONTACT

www.seattle.gov/transportation/trailsupgrade.htm

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