

## **U District Station Area Mobility Plan**

A holistic, multi-modal mobility plan for the U District

Light rail is coming to the U District in 2021 and the U District Mobility Group is developing a community-driven mobility plan that will coordinate and accelerate investments in the neighborhood that will help ensure safe and convenient access to the new U District Station for all.

To coordinate transportation improvement around U District Station, ensuring safe and reliable access for all, we need a coordinated plan to consider how people will safely and comfortably get to the station by: walking, biking, transit, & driving.

The project will engage the U District community in a planning effort to create a holistic, community-driven station area vision with actionable recommendations that address access, safety and livability around the future light rail station.

### **Guiding Principles for Access, Safety, Livability:**

- Safe, comfortable, reliable access to light rail & buses for all
- Prioritize walking, biking, and transit near the station
- Great network of movement through and throughout the U District for every mode
- Transform right-of-way into active, public open space in the heart of the U District
- Ensure bus routes have reliable access and convenient transfers
- Accommodate people of all abilities
- Maintain short-term car and truck access where most needed and at safe speeds

### **Why is this work important?**

The University District is undergoing significant changes, with the opening of light rail in 2021, the recently-approved rezone, the pending campus master plan, and other planned infrastructure projects. Our community wants to have a say in shaping how our neighborhood will be transformed.

The plan will build upon existing plans, frameworks, and investigations, such as the U District Urban Design Framework, U District Parks Plan Update, Sound Transit's U District Station Plan, recently-adopted city and county modal plans, among others.

### **What is the timeline?**

A series of interactive community meetings are planned during the first part of 2018 to collect community feedback, identify barriers and opportunities, and brainstorm on potential solutions along with representatives from the city and transit agencies. The product of the process will be a vision and set of prioritized investments to guide transportation improvement around U District Station that will be released in the summer of 2018.

### **How will we collect feedback?**

Our group will work closely with our consultant on community outreach to help gather feedback to inform the proposed station area design. In February, we will begin a series of public workshops and online surveys as well as smaller meetings with neighborhood groups. If you represent a group and are interested in hosting a meeting to learn more, please contact us at [info@udistrictmobility.org](mailto:info@udistrictmobility.org).

### **How is the work funded?**

The U District Mobility Group has raised \$80,000+ to fund the project from various sources: Seattle Children's, U District Partnership, U District Advocates, Seattle Department of Transportation, University of Washington, and Sound Transit. Funding is provided by the Neighborhood Matching Fund from the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods. You may also donate online. U District Mobility is a project of U District Advocates, a 501c3 nonprofit, and donations to the project are tax-deductible. Donate at [https://cash.me/\\$udistrictmobility](https://cash.me/$udistrictmobility)

### **Who is the U District Mobility Group?**

The U District Mobility Group is a volunteer group who represent the following stakeholders: U District Advocates, Seattle Children's, University of Washington, U District Partnership, Seattle Neighborhood Greenways, U District Small Businesses, University Park Community Club, University District Community Council and Transportation Choices Coalition. We are working with the support of Seattle Department of Transportation, King County Metro, Commute Seattle, Washington Department of Transportation, Sound Transit, Office of Planning & Community Development, and Seattle City Councilmember Rob Johnson.

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