# Airport Station Area Pedestrian Improvement Project



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## **Project overview**

The Airport Station Pedestrian Improvement Projects seeks to increase safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and cars in the immediate area surrounding the Airport Link Light Rail Station. Improvements will focus on 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S (between 170<sup>th</sup> and 180<sup>th</sup>), S. 180<sup>th</sup> St, and S. 176<sup>th</sup> St (between International Boulevard and 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.).

## Background/description

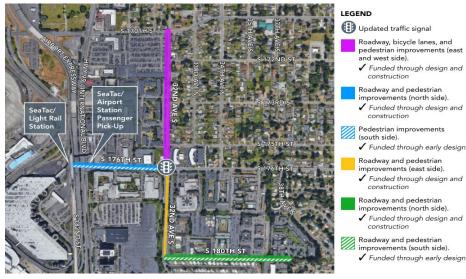
The immediate area surrounding the Airport Light Rail Station, formally referred to as the Airport District and Neighborhood, has a unique combination of commercial and residential properties. Current Right of way conditions are not suitable for the current level of foot and bike traffic in the area.

#### **Project elements**

- Installation/improvement of sidewalks
- Standalone bike lanes separating bicycles from vehicle traffic
- Undergrounding poled utilities and removing existing utility poles.

#### **PROJECT AREA MAP**

### City of SeaTac Airport Station Area Pedestrian Improvement Project



- Improving the 176<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave Intersection
- Installation of decorative light fixtures, street furniture, and artwork.

## **Project benefits**

 Provides pedestrians and cyclists with safe, clear, access to the Airport Light Rail Station from the communities surrounding S. 180<sup>th</sup> Street and 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S.

- Improves upon existing sidewalk infrastructure with landscape buffers and ADA compliant walkways.
- Establishes a clear identity for the streetscapes in this area. Decorative fixtures, landscaping, street furniture, and artwork will update and improve the look and feel of the surrounding area and create a more inviting atmosphere.
- Creates a functional street section that will better support a growing area.

#### PROJECT WEB PAGE:

https://www.seatacwa.gov/government/city-departments/public-works/current-projects/airport-station-area-pedestrian-improvement-project

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## What's happening now

90% Design plans and specifications are being completed by our design consultant and should be finished in April 2022.

The urban design plans for the Airport Station Overlay district, first unveiled to the public via the online open house, is expected to be adopted by City Council in the coming weeks.

City staff are pursuing grant opportunities from local and federal monies to help support construction of the project.

## Project design

Links to the contents of the 1<sup>st</sup> Open house can be found on the project webpage.

## Project cost and funding

Design and construction is made possible through the City's Transportation Capital Improvement (CIP) fund.

Currently, the City has entered a \$1.5-Million-dollar design contract focused on preliminary engineering and permitting services.

The city has received \$1.9-million dollars from PSRC as part of the TAP grant. This will be used towards costs specifically related to Right-of-Way. More grant funding is being pursued.

50% design estimates a project cost totaling \$18-Million dollars.

#### Other Projects near Airport Station

The City has several ongoing projects in close proximity to the Airport Station Area Pedestrian Project.

- International Boulevard
  Pedestrian Safety Study
  <a href="https://www.seatacwa.gov/government/city-departments/public-works/ib-pedestrian-crossings-safety-plan">https://www.seatacwa.gov/government/city-departments/public-works/ib-pedestrian-crossings-safety-plan</a>
- City Center Phase 1 Plan
  Update
  https://www.seatacwa.gov/go
  vernment/city departments/community-and-economic development/planning-division/planning-projects-underway/city-center-plan-update-project

## Notable Upcoming Dates:

April 2022:

90% Design Plans

**Summer 2022:** 

100% Design Plans

December 2022:

Right-of-Way negotiations to be completed

TBD 2023:

Construction to Commence

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