

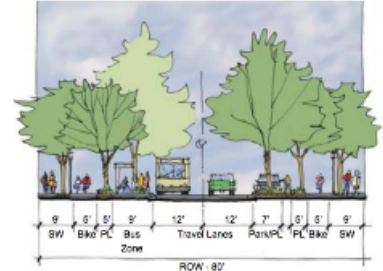
North Beacon Hill Town Center Transportation Plan

BCL #: BCL Neighborhood Enhancements Program

What is currently in the budget? Funding has not been identified for this project.

Additional funding requested: \$150,000 for 2017

Short Summary: The North Beacon Hill Urban Village and light rail station area have significant mobility and safety needs that have been identified by the community and by SDOT. All agree the next step to resolving street conflicts is a multimodal transportation plan. This plan would integrate OPCD's community-based conceptual vision with SDOT's modal plans into a concrete plan for Beacon Avenue and its associated Town Center. This plan will allow several critical Beacon Hill safety projects to move forward. A robust plan will also help leverage contributions from the significant private development that is coming.



A conceptual street layout for Beacon Avenue from the City's 2011 Neighborhood Plan

The Opportunity:

The North Beacon Hill Town Center has tremendous potential as a vibrant, affordable, transit-oriented urban village, but significant safety and access issues leave this vision unrealized. Busy streets, and dangerous, awkward intersections degrade the quality of life and reduce the prosperity of small local businesses (North Beacon Hill Town Center Transportation Plan has the strong support of the Beacon Hill Merchants Association). In January 2016, a woman was killed crossing Beacon Avenue in the heart of the Town Center, less than a block from the light rail station. The Move Seattle strategic plan identifies a "Complete Streets update" of Beacon Avenue as a priority project, noting the need here to "update obsolete infrastructure and roadway designs," "upgrade bicycle facilities and sidewalk improvements," "improve transit services," and provide "major maintenance" and "reconfiguration of travel lanes to improve safety for all users."

A comprehensive transportation plan is needed to create a safer urban village for people who walk, bike, or take transit. The planning and analysis funded by this request would be an important first step towards addressing long-identified safety needs, provide safer and accessible transportation options, and substantially improve the small business environment.

Just \$150,000 pays for

- A multi-modal study to analyze transportation via different modes throughout North Beacon Hill and to integrate the conceptual designs from the neighborhood plan with the City's modal plans. The study would include community engagement and outreach.
- A traffic study and analysis of any proposed changes (e.g., rechannelization, signals, etc.)
- Up to three Street Design Concept Plans for North Beacon Hill, including critical stretches of Beacon Avenue. If adopted, these would be incorporated into the City's Right of Way Improvement Manual and could form the basis for both future public capital projects, and provide significant leveraging opportunities for private development. At least three large residential & retail projects are currently in development in the Town Center and many

more are expected in coming years, but without concrete designs for the corridor, the City will be unable to leverage these private developments for significant safety improvements. Having street-level plans in hand for the corridor will make it significantly easier for the City to ensure a commitment to safety improvements from private developers.

We urge you to support including \$150,000 in funding for Beacon Hill Town Center Safety Planning in the 2017 budget.



High Level Concept plan from the North Beacon Hill Town Center Urban Design Framework