

# PIONEER SQUARE EAST WEST PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Seattle's **Office of the Waterfront & Civic Projects** is working with community partner **Alliance for Pioneer Square** to construct improvements on four east-west streets in the heart of Pioneer Square. The changes will prioritize pedestrians, improve sidewalks, and increase greenery on portions of Main, Washington, King and Yesler streets between 2nd Avenue and Alaskan Way.

This project will connect historic Pioneer Square to the new 20-acre waterfront park, improve accessibility for people of all ages and abilities, and move vehicles away from structurally vulnerable areaways to improve the pedestrian experience. The project will help strengthen the renewal of public spaces such as Occidental Park, and support the economic vitality and culture of the district as a whole.

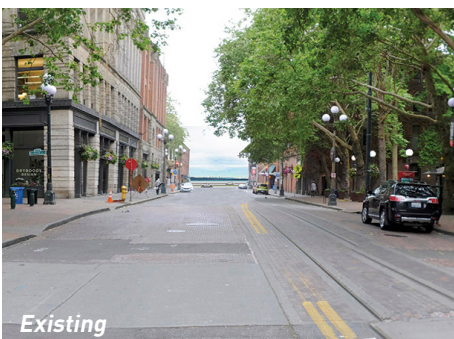


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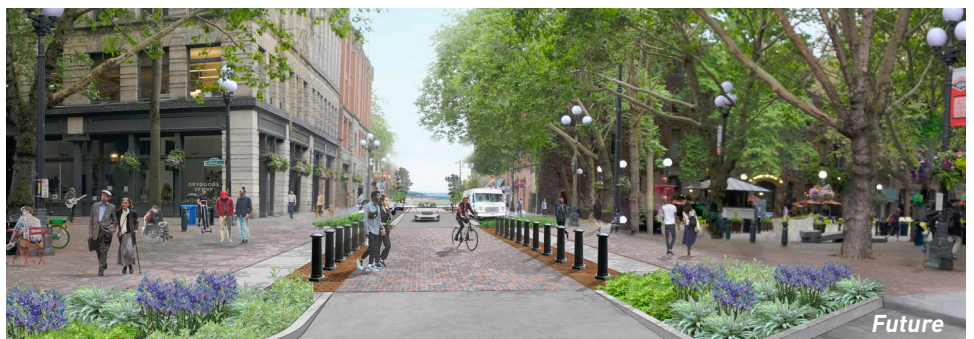


Future

View at Washington St facing west from 1st Ave



Existing



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View from Main St facing west at Occidental Ave





## PROJECT TIMELINE

Thanks to hundreds of comments and coordination with the community since 2018, we have a final design. We anticipate that construction will start in 2023 and take approximately one year to complete.



### Key improvements



- Wider sidewalks including more space for cafés
- Safer and shorter street crossings
- Raised intersections at Occidental Ave to strengthen the north-south pedestrian connection



- A curbless design that calms traffic and creates a slow-moving environment that is safe for pedestrians and bikes
- Retaining parking and loading opportunities for neighborhood businesses



- “Shoreline alley” pavings laid out in a design marking the original coastline of the waterfront before settlers arrived.
- In collaboration with Valerie Segrest, native foods nutritionist and member of the Muckleshoot Tribe:
  - Explanations of plant history and usage etched into wooden kickrails beside sidewalk planters
  - Interpretive panels featuring illustrations and storytelling to honor Indigenous histories in the current project area



- More greenery and native plants, some of which contributed to traditional Indigenous practices that are carried out to this day, such as the weaving of cordage.

## QUESTIONS?

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