

NE 43rd St: Roosevelt Way NE to 15th Ave NE Concept

Existing Roadway Parameters
 Right of way: 60'
 Sidewalks: 5'-6'
 Curb to Curb: Approximately 36'
 Bicycle Facilities: None
 Landscaping: Almost none
 Street Trees: Almost none
 Parking: On both sides of the street.
 Lighting: Intermittent cobra heads street lights
 Overhead Utilities: None

NE 43rd St is an important east-west connector. In its current configuration, sidewalks on 43rd are undersized and cluttered. There are no trees or landscaping on this section of 43rd St.

After the completion of the Northgate Link, approximately 12,000 daily boardings are expected at the U District Link Station. Pedestrian volumes are therefore expected to increase dramatically along 43rd between Brooklyn and 15th Avenues. From a transit perspective, NE 43rd St provides the potential for a direct bus-Link Station connection for King County Metro routes going to and from the U District. In the future, a limited number of westbound routes might use NE 43rd St.

A safe comfortable and attractive street for pedestrians is the highest priority for this section of NE 43rd St.

Preferred Configuration

Pedestrians
 Clear sidewalk path of travel: 10' minimum pedestrian zone. Raised intersections at Brooklyn Ave and University Way.

Curb Bulbs
 8' curb bulbs between 12th Ave and 15th Ave. 6' intersection and mid-block curb bulbs between Roosevelt Way and 12th Ave.

Landscaping
 Introduce generous park like landscaping on this section of NE 43rd St as per plan drawing.

Parking
 Maintain parking except between Brooklyn Ave and 15th Ave on the north side of the street, where sidewalks should be sized to accommodate pedestrian traffic from the Link Station. Parking lane is 8' wide.

Bicycles
 The existing location of the Pronto bike share station between University

Way and the alley to its west should be maintained.

Travel Lanes/ Roadway Width
 Maintain existing one travel lane in each direction. The recommended west bound travel lane is 11' and the east bound travel lane is 10' wide. Parking lanes are recommended to be 8' wide.

Pedestrian Lighting
 Pedestrian scale lighting is recommended on both sides of NE 43rd St. Where possible, consideration should be given to using a single pole with both, a street light fixture at mounting height 30'-35' and a lower pedestrian scale fixture at 12'-16'.

Raised Intersections
 To increase intersection visibility to drivers and to create a pleasant walking environment, the intersections of NE 43rd St and Brooklyn Ave and University Way should be raised to the level of the curb and treated with a material or textural change. While the intersection of 15th Ave and NE 43rd St should not be raised, a change in paving texture is recommended to increase this intersection's visibility to drivers.

Preferred Section between Roosevelt Way and 12th Ave: Looking East at A

