

## Completing the Missing Link of the Burke-Gilman Trail

*A beloved multi-use trail that benefits Seattle and the region*

### WHAT IS THE MISSING LINK?

The Burke-Gilman Trail is a vibrant, multi-use path loved by people who walk, jog, ride bikes, push strollers and many more; it is part of a regional trail system that runs from Golden Gardens to Redmond. Unfortunately, the trail is disconnected, stopping completely over a 1.2-mile stretch in Ballard known as the “Missing Link.” The Missing Link is not only an absent section of a regional treasure, but poses a serious hazard to trail users. Hundreds of people who bike on the trail have crashed along the Missing Link; and people will continue to crash until it is completed.

### VISION

A safe and intuitive continuation of the current multi-use trail that connects the Burke-Gilman from 11th Ave. NW and NW 45th to 30th Ave. NW at the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks would prevent injuries, connect local neighborhoods, attract top businesses and new residents, promote healthy living and complete a regional trail system.

### TIMELINE

**Summer 2016** — The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was released; the public commented on four potential alternatives, and overwhelmingly supported the Shilshole South Alternative

**Fall 2016** — The City of Seattle is currently reviewing comments and developing a preferred alternative route

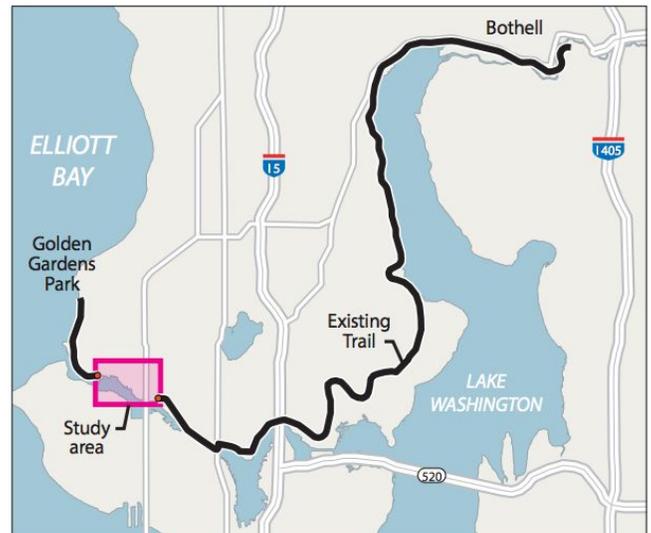
**Winter 2017** — The Final EIS will be released, based upon the selected preferred alternative

### WHO'S INVOLVED

The movement to complete the Missing Link has been building for nearly 20 years. A group of concerned neighbors began Friends of the Burke-Gilman Trail in the late '90s to advocate for finishing the trail; since then supporters have grown to include local businesses and community groups, safe streets advocates, health care providers, organizations that advocate for people who walk, run and bike, as well as the general public. The primary opponents to completing the Missing Link include local industry concerned about the potential impacts to driveway access, freight movement and a railroad line.

### HOW TO HELP

A diverse coalition of community partners is coming together to ensure the Missing Link is completed. To get involved, say you will publicly support building the Missing Link and consider providing a brief statement. Please direct any questions to Kelsey Mesher.



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