

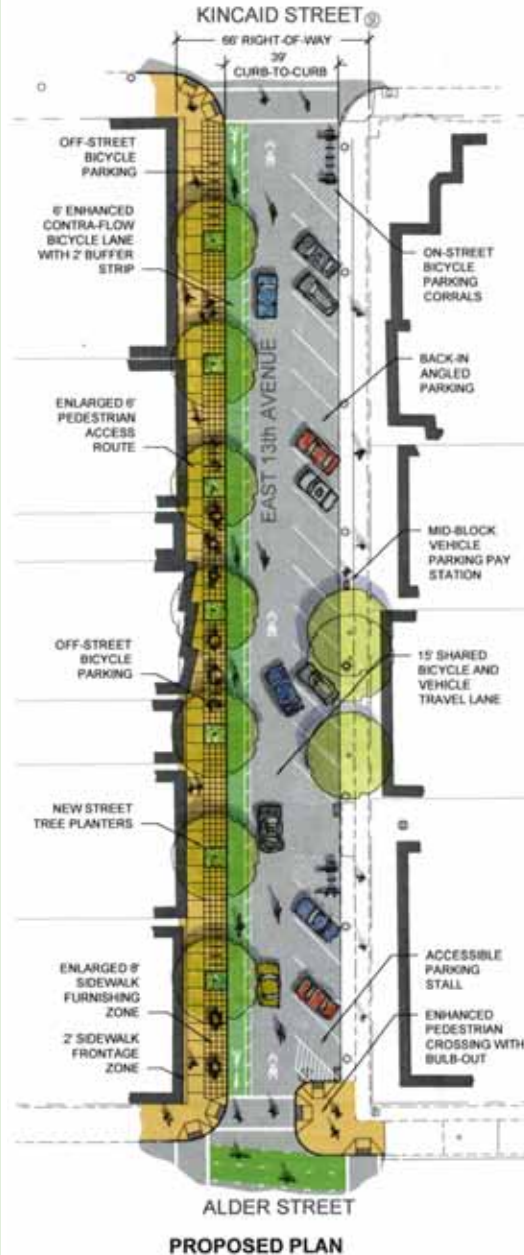
IMPROVEMENTS TO ALDER STREET AND 13TH AVENUE

OVERVIEW

A project to reconstruct Alder Street (Broadway to 18th Avenue) and 13th Avenue (Alder to Kincaid) combines standard pavement repair work and innovative streetscaping improvements to make Alder Street and 13th Avenue safer and friendlier for all road users, including pedestrians and cyclists in the area.

The street repairs will be extensive and will require closing portions of Alder Street and 13th Avenue during construction. City staff is working closely with local businesses, residents, students and other stakeholders to mitigate, as much as possible, construction impacts. The City also is coordinating with other projects in the area, including LTD's UO station renovation project on Kincaid Street (see page 3) and other street repair projects such as Hilyard (24th to 34th) and Pearl Street (4th Avenue to Broadway). By working together we can anticipate and address as much as possible access issues and other construction impacts.

The funding mix includes voter-approved bond funds, local gas tax funds, state bicycle-pedestrian program grant funds, and even private funding for public art elements.



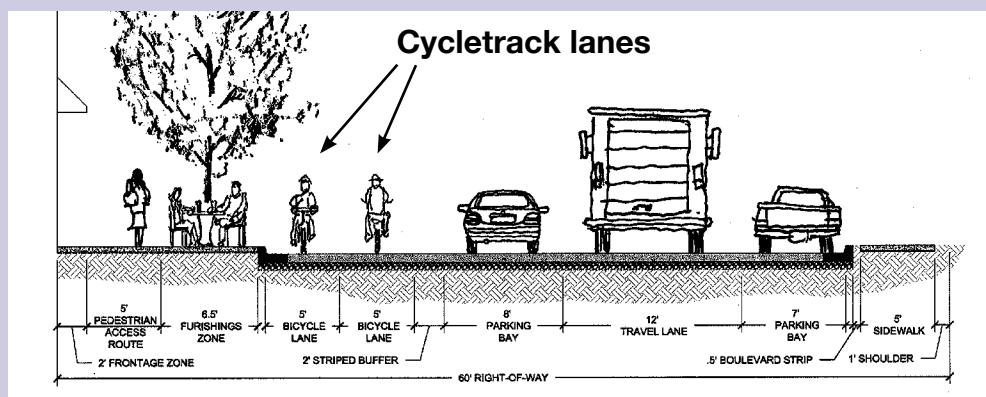
PROJECT DETAILS

The road repairs will require reconstruction, which means digging up the existing surface and roadbed and rebuilding the streets from the ground up. A reinforcing material called “geo-grid” will be used to reduce the amount of excavation. This will also shorten the construction time. The intersection of 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street will be rebuilt using concrete.

In addition to the road repairs, several innovative streetscaping enhancements will be included in the project:

A two-way “cycletrack” on the east side of Alder Street will replace the existing bicycle lane configuration on Alder between 18th Avenue and Franklin Boulevard. A cycletrack is a bike facility that is separated from vehicular traffic by a parking strip or striped buffer area. The cycletrack will add a north-south bicycle facility between 13th Avenue and Franklin; currently northbound cyclists must turn at 13th. By separating cyclists from vehicular traffic, the cycletrack is expected to attract more families and cyclists who are uncomfortable riding in mixed traffic or close to moving vehicles. A new signal at Franklin will enable bicyclists and pedestrians to safely cross Franklin and use a wide sidewalk to access the Ruth Bascom Riverbank Path system.

Back-in diagonal parking will be installed on the south side of 13th Avenue between Alder and Kincaid streets. Back-in diagonal parking increases



Concept plan illustration

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the number of available parking spaces within a set area and it allows vehicles to be loaded and unloaded from the sidewalk. It also increases safety because drivers can see oncoming traffic (including bicycles and pedestrians) when they are pulling out of their space. It reduces the chances of bicyclists getting “doored,” and when vehicle doors are open they shield children who are entering or exiting the car from running out into the travel lane.

Enhancing the tree canopy in the west university area is an important project goal. Twenty-one trees will be replanted in the project area, including new trees on 13th Avenue between Alder and Kincaid.



For More Information

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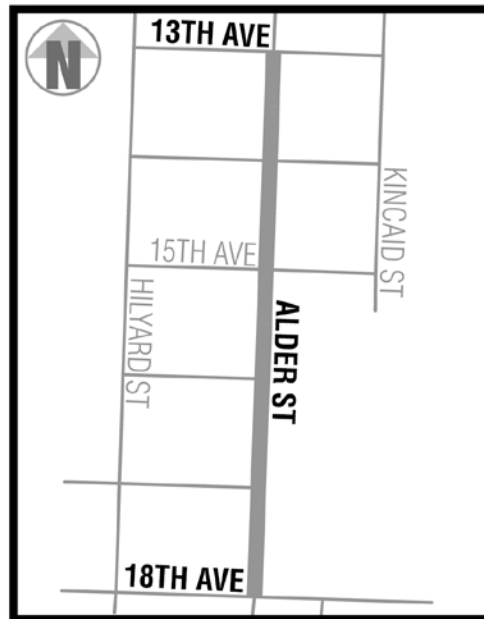
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Project Scheduling This project will be divided into sections (below) to reduce disruptions to traffic and allow access to local businesses while areas are under construction. Each section of construction will be scheduled by the City and its contractors in the order necessary to take advantage of local conditions and other considerations such as availability of materials and specialized equipment.

Alder—13th to 18th Ave.



Alder—11th to 13th Ave.



13th—Alder to Kincaid St.



Alder—11th to Franklin Blvd.

