

STW-381 21st Ave SW

STAIRWAY REHABILITATION

2023-24

Improving Safety and Accessibility at

Many City-owned stairways were built in the mid-1900s, with some of them built as early as the 1920s. SDOT's Roadway Structures division conducts periodic inspections to inventory the condition of each stairway and identify a list of repairs that are needed.

This stairway has been prioritized for safety improvements and is scheduled to be replaced. These repairs will ensure the stairs meet current safety standards and is a step forward in improving pedestrian connections and accessibility in your community.

Project Benefits

- Removing and replace the existing stairs with a new staircase made of reinforced concrete.
- Installing new handrails on each side.

Project Funding

Stairway repair projects are funded through the voter-approved move Seattle levy, and capital project stairway maintenance program.

Next steps:

- Engineers will be on site to take measurements and do survey work.
- Crews will put up a construction notice 2-4 weeks before stairway is closed, and construction begins.

Public Comments are welcomed.



Stairway Maintenance Program

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) owns and maintains more than 500 stairways as part of their Stairway Maintenance Program. Totalling over six miles, these City-owned stairways are used by pedestrians to "shortcut" their way up or down a hill; to get from one street to another; to serve a public area such as schools, parks, playgrounds, senior centers, and bus stops; or, even as a place to exercise. Due to the steep and sloping nature of Seattle's landscape, many of Seattle's streets are connected by these pedestrian stairways, serving as a vital resource to our communities.

Want more information?

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