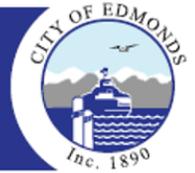


Edmonds Street Waterfront Connector



Frequently Asked Questions

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Why is the Edmonds Street Waterfront Connector needed?

Currently, the Edmonds waterfront can only be accessed by Main Street and Dayton Street. Both cross railroad tracks at street level. With rail traffic projected to grow 50 to 100 percent by 2030, reliable access to the waterfront will become more limited.

The Edmonds Street Waterfront Connector (Connector) will be a single-lane emergency vehicle and pedestrian and cyclist bridge that will connect Edmonds Street to the Brackett's Landing North parking lot.

It will be a long-term solution to street-level railroad crossing conflicts, allowing emergency responders, pedestrians, and cyclists safe and direct access to the waterfront.

How did we get here?

The City of Edmonds and our partners completed the Waterfront At-Grade Crossings Alternatives Analysis in 2016 with significant input from the community. The analysis looked at several options to provide safe and reliable access over the railroad tracks to the waterfront. The analysis recommended the Edmonds Street Waterfront Connector as the preferred solution. Mayor Dave Earling presented this recommendation to City Council who unanimously approved the project in November 2016.

Why was the Edmonds Street Waterfront Connector chosen as the preferred alternative?

Fifty-one (51) options were considered in the analysis to address a variety of problems experienced by Edmonds Waterfront users. Each option was evaluated using effectiveness, cost, construction timing and feasibility as key factors. The analysis recommended the Connector as the most feasible and affordable solution to the increasing problems of congestion, safety and reliable access to the waterfront.



Project area map.

Where will the Connector be located?

The Connector will begin at the intersection of Edmonds Street and Sunset Avenue, cross over the railroad and connect to Brackett's Landing North. Currently, this area is used for a variety of activities. The Edmonds to Kingston ferry terminal, pedestrian paths on Sunset Ave, Brackett's Landing North and Brackett's Landing South, the BNSF Railway, and a marine sanctuary and dive park are near the project site. These various uses will be considered when designing and constructing the Connector.

How will the Connector affect the waterfront and the surrounding areas?

Based on feedback from the community, the design team will choose a bridge shape, alignment and slope which will determine the footprint of the Connector. This project will allow the team to relocate and rebuild the existing restrooms and maintain access to the beach and dive park.

Will parking be impacted by the Connector?

The Connector is planned to land at the north end of the parking lot at Brackett's Landing Park. There are no anticipated impacts to the parking lot at this time.

Parking along Sunset Avenue is expected to remain parallel parking only.

Who's helping to design the Connector?

In addition to engaging the community, the project team has consulted a technical design charrette group and the Mayor's Advisory Committee for the Waterfront Connector (Advisory Committee).

The technical design charrette group consists of representatives from the city and state government, in addition to the agencies that maintain and operate the railway. This group provides the project team with technical considerations during the design development stage of the Connector.

The Advisory Committee recommends courses of action for the project team and helped oversee early analysis. Advisory Committee members include several local transportation agencies and community members.

Based on these conversations and technical considerations, as well as drawing on inspiration from the Edmonds waterfront and community, the design team will continue to develop design concepts for the Connector. Visit our project website for a complete list of the technical design charrette group and Advisory Committee members.

Will cars be able to use the Connector?

The Connector will be a single-lane overpass for emergency responders, pedestrians, and cyclists only that will connect Edmonds Street to the Brackett's Landing North parking lot. The Connector will be ADA accessible.

General traffic will not be allowed to travel on the overpass. During emergencies, the Connector may be used by Washington State Ferries for vehicles to load/off load.

How will my feedback be incorporated into the design?

We will use your feedback, along with feedback from our Advisory Committee and the technical design charrette group, to help select a preferred alternative. The project team will take your input into consideration to develop and recommend one preliminary design for City Council to vote on.

What is the project schedule?

City Council will choose a preliminary design as the preferred alternative. We will further develop the preferred alternative and evaluate it through environmental review. Design is expected to be complete in early 2020.

Construction is expected to be completed in 2023, though the project timeline is dependent upon permitting and funding. The project is being considered for several state and federal grants.



**Want more information about the project?
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You can also visit the City's [Waterfront At-Grade Crossings Alternatives Analysis webpage](#) to learn more about how the Edmonds Waterfront Connector project was selected.

<http://www.edmondswa.gov/community-services/alternatives-analysis.html>