

## SR 99 Tunnel Project Parking Mitigation Plan

### Strategy 3.4: Improve key walking routes within public rights of way

#### Potential Improvements for 2013

**Strategy Objective:** *Make physical improvements to walking paths that access facilities to enhance the customer experience.*

The first set of recommended improvements has been completed. These included improving the linkage between the Pike Place Market Garage and Alaskan Way with new sidewalk, curb ramps, pavement markings and lighting. It also included decorative lighting along University Street between Western Avenue and Alaskan Way.

**The Parking Mitigation Plan also includes additional elements that could be implemented in 2013 including:**

- Adding pedestrian-scale lighting at corners of intersections under the viaduct north of Madison Street (intersections south of Spring Street will be upgraded by AWV program).
- Adding pedestrian-scale lighting along south side of Columbia Street between Alaskan Way and First Avenue. Consider murals or other art in the section adjacent to the First and Columbia Parking Garage.
- Improving connections from First Avenue in Pioneer Square to the Waterfront, if needed.
- Adding curb bulbs to corners on Western Avenue at Columbia and Marion streets to enhance pedestrian crossing of Western Avenue.
- During holiday season, installing holiday-themed lighting along key walking routes.

On February 7, SDOT and WSDOT revisited these concepts in the field. The following list summarizes potential 2013 improvement concepts based on observations.

#### **Yesler Way**

- Adding pedestrian lights on the north side of Yesler Way between Western Avenue and Alaskan Way to augment the one triple light standard that currently exists.
- Repainting existing crosswalks at the intersection of Yesler Way and Western Avenue.

#### **Columbia Street**

- Adding pedestrian-scale lighting on the south side of Columbia Street between First and Western avenues, particularly on the south side of the street. Temporary lights could be hung from the existing ramp structure.

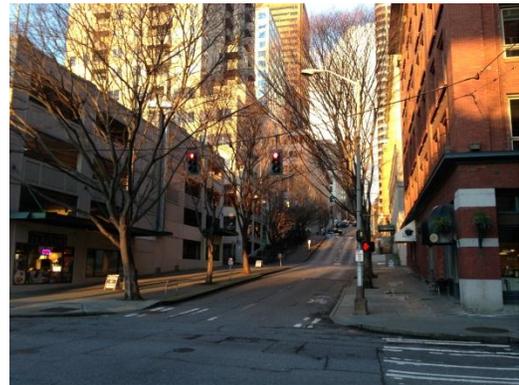


*Columbia Street off-ramp (south side).*

- Adding decorative lighting such as LED wash-lights, colored fiber-wraps or traditional holiday string lights to ramp columns and/or trees along corridor, as well as along blank wall of First and Columbia Parking Garage.
- Constructing new pedestrian curb ramp on the northwest corner of the Columbia Street and Western Avenue intersection (to serve the east-west crossing).
- Painting a mural on the north façade of the First and Columbia Parking Garage and/or installing temporary art in the garage façade recesses.
- Adding a pedestrian wayfinding sign at the corner of Columbia Street and Western Avenue directing pedestrians to use Western Avenue to reach waterfront, and/or providing pavement marking wayfinding.

**Spring Street**

- Adding pedestrian-scale lights along Spring Street west of Western Avenue.
- Adding decorative tree lighting (LED wraps or more traditional branch lighting) to the trees on both sides of Spring Street between First and Western avenues.
- Adding overhead lighting under the viaduct to illuminate the crosswalk across the north side of the Spring Street and Western Avenue intersection.



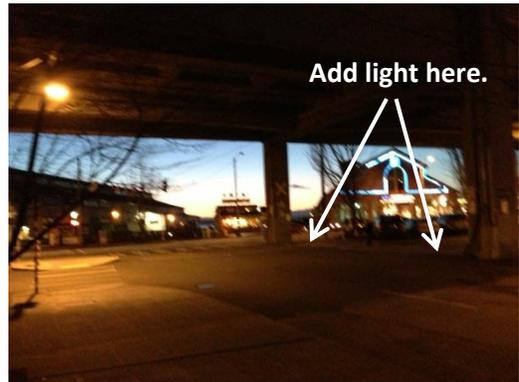
*Spring Street at Western Avenue (facing east).*

**University Street**

- Repainting the crosswalks at University Street and Western Avenue intersection.
- Adding pedestrian wayfinding signs just northwest of the University Street and Alaskan Way intersection (near western column).

**Pike Place Market Garage**

- Adding footprints along routes to access the interior elevator to the Market.
- Adding a pedestrian wayfinding sign where routes split to interior elevator (to Market level) or exterior elevator (to garage and Western Avenue).



*Spring Street under the viaduct.*

**Crosswalks**

- Repainting crosswalks as needed.